

**SLEAFORD TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Full Council** held on
Wednesday January 18th 2012 at 7:00pm
in The Source, Southgate, Sleaford

PRESENT: Councillor J Charlesworth (Mayor)

Cllr T Mayfield (Deputy Mayor)	Cllr D Andrews	Cllr D Birks
Cllr B Watson (Leader)	Cllr D Croker	Cllr I Dolby
Cllr B Dunbar-Beckford	Cllr K Fernandes	Cllr M Graves
Cllr J Mathieson	Cllr D Suiter	Cllr J Titmus
Cllr D Vere-Critchler	Cllr M Allan (7.30pm)	
Cllr G Jackson		

Also Present: Mrs S McIntyre (Clerk)

FC.1 APOLOGIES. Apologies, with reasons, had been given to the Clerk by Councillors G Titmus and K Dolby. These were accepted.

FC.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Item 5 (Money's Yard Toilets) – Cllr D Suiter – personal – NKDC Cllr.

Item 5 (Money's Yard Toilets) – Cllr K Fernandes – personal – prepared leaflets against the closure.

Item 5 (Money's Yard Toilets) – Cllr B Watson – personal – prepared 'e' petition.

Item 5 (Money's Yard Toilets) – Cllr I Dolby – personal – NKDC Cllr and knows potential contract cleaners.

FC.3 NEW COUNCILLOR . To accept Cllr G Jackson's Declaration of Acceptance: Cllr G Jackson to take his seat. Resolution on that Cllr G Jackson replaces Mr G Hazelwood on Committees.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr G Jackson. He had signed his Declarations of Acceptance and Declaration of Interest and took his seat.

It was proposed by Cllr D Suiter and seconded by Cllr T Mayfield that Cllr G Jackson replaces Mr G Hazelwood on the Finance and Strategy Committee.

Vote – 15 for. The Resolution was passed.

FC.4 RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION.

It was proposed by Cllr D Vere-Critchler that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. Seconded by Cllr B Dunbar-Beckford.

Vote – 15 for. The Resolution was passed.

FC.5 MONEY'S YARD TOILETS. To examine proposals for the toilet block received from NKDC.

A letter of offer from NKDC had been circulated. Cllr B Watson outlined the public opposition to the closure. He had obtained some details of the running costs.

It was resolved that the Leader, the Chairman of Finance & Strategy and the Clerk are authorised to negotiate with NKDC, with regard to the lease of the toilets. The Council continues to examine other alternative toilet provision within the Town.

In principle the Council would seek to operate the toilets. The letter of offer is to be considered the basis for negotiation. But with the following to be considered:

- Point (2) That there be some financial benefit, perhaps a reduction of the business rates.
- Point (3) The peppercorn rent to be £1 annually.
- Point (4) The lease can be terminated by either party at 6 months' notice.
- Point (5) There to be 'exclusive use' of the office by the Town Council.

Enquiries into the actual running costs to be made with NKDC. Town Council officers to investigate budget implications.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:33pm.