

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Full Council** held on  
Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012 at 7:00pm  
in The Source, Southgate, Sleaford

**PRESENT: Councillor J Charlesworth (Chairman)**

Cllr T Mayfield (Deputy Mayor)	Cllr M Allan (7:05pm)	Cllr D Birks
Cllr B Dunbar-Beckford	Cllr K Dolby	Cllr D Croker
Cllr K Fernandes	Cllr M Graves	Cllr G Jackson
Cllr J Mathieson	Cllr D Suiter (7:05pm)	Cllr G Titmus
Cllr D Vere-Critchier	Cllr J Titmus	
Cllr B Watson (Leader)		

**Also Present:** Mrs S McIntyre (Clerk) and Mrs M Waddingam (Assistant Clerk)

**FC.1 APOLOGIES.** Apologies, with reasons, had been given to the Clerk by Councillor D Andrews. This was accepted.

**FC.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** There were none.

**FC.3 COUNCIL CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN – MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR.** Look at and update the protocols for selection of Chairman and Vice Chairman of STC.

The Clerk spoke and clarified the statutory duty of electing a Mayor and said there is no obligation to adhere to Guidelines that were produced a number of years ago.

The Chairman asked Cllr B Watson to speak about the reasons for calling this meeting. Cllr B Watson said in the last Full Council Meeting when this item was discussed, it was quickly debated and voted for and some Councillors did not fully understand what they were voting for.

The Clerk explained again the legal requirements for the election of a Chairman/Mayor. A nomination for “Mayor elect” has not occurred in the last 2 years and is not a requirement. A new Mayor will not be elected, in 2012, until May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

There was discussion about present guidelines discriminating new Councillors and the difference between The Guidelines and Standing Order.

After further discussion, Cllr M Allan proposed that the Council waits for the results of the Working Group which will look at all Standing Orders and Guidelines, alongside all current legislation. A new Mayor not be elected until May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The rules will remain the same as they are at the moment. Seconded by Cllr J Charlesworth.

Vote – 13 for and 3 abstentions. The Resolution was passed.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:45pm.