

**SLEAFORD TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on
Wednesday 18th November 2015 at 7.00pm, at
The Source, Southgate, Sleaford.

PRESENT: Cllr A Snookes (Vice Chairman)

Cllr B Allan	Cllr K Fernandes (7.20pm)	Cllr D Suiter
Cllr J Brealeycook	Cllr P McCallum	Cllr G Titmus
Cllr J Charlesworth	Cllr M Suffield	

Also in attendance:

Council Officers: Office Manager
Councillors K Dolby
Press (1) Members of Public (3).

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, Cllr A Snookes, took the chair for this meeting only.

GP1. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all present.

The Vice Chairman informed the Committee that the recent Twinning event was very successful and there was a good turnout.

The Vice Chairman also reported that a meeting had been held with NKDC about the Market. Comments are awaited from NKDC but all is seemingly positive at the moment.

GP2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies, with a reason, had been received from Councillor G Jackson.

GP3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were received.

GP4. MINUTES

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Notes of the meeting held on 16th September 2015, be accepted as Minutes of that meeting.

Vote – 7 for and 1 abstention.

GP5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

5.1 The Vice Chairman informed the Committee that agenda item number 12.2 would be taken in closed session. Any members of the press or public who may be present, will be asked to leave.

GP6. CLERK'S REPORT

6.1 The Action Log was received and noted.

GP7. FINANCE

7.1 Finance Report – Cllr J Charlesworth queried when the money for the new Christmas lights would go out. The RFO to be asked about this.

GP8. SOCIAL MEDIA WORKING GROUP

8.1 The Committee received a detailed written report from Councillor S Clegg. Councillor Clegg also gave a verbal report.

Councillor K Fernandes joined the meeting at 7.20pm.

After discussion, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the report be accepted and the recommendations be put forward to the next General Purposes meeting.

Vote – Unanimous. The Resolution was carried.

GP.9 SLEAFORD COMMUNITY RADIO STATION

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the meeting goes out of formal session.

Vote - Unanimous. The Resolution was carried.

The Vice Chairman welcomed Mr Sumpton and his two team members to the meeting and invited them to give a presentation for their proposal of a Sleaford Community Radio Station.

After a detailed presentation and very positive discussion, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the proposal be put forward to Full Council, that the Town Council support this proposal in principle and that Mr Sumpton put in writing what the radio team would require from the Town Council.

Vote – Unanimous. The Resolution was carried.

The meeting moved back into formal session.

GP.10 SLEAFORD IN BLOOM

10.1 East Midlands in Bloom Judge's Report 2015 – the Committee agreed that this was a very pleasing report and that it showed community spirit and participation. Comments regarding condition of street furniture were noted for referral to Services Committee, together with request that man hours of the Services team towards Sleaford in Bloom work be calculated.

10.2 Funding – **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** funding for Sleaford in Bloom be granted for the year 2015/2016.

Vote – Unanimous. The Resolution was carried.

GP11. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

11.1 A verbal report was given by Cllr J Brealeycook on the new Christmas lights. She informed the Committee that they would be delivered and erected within the next few days. Cllr J Brealeycook also reported that the large

Christmas tree in the Market Place had been erected in its usual place, next to St Denys' Church.

GP12. CHRISTMAS MARKET

12.1 Councillor J Brealeycook updated the Committee about the Christmas Market. 120 plus stalls are booked and the road closures and other paperwork were now all finalised. Councillor J Brealeycook has sufficient volunteers to marshal on the day, but that in future years, more marshalls will be required. A volunteer briefing meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 25th November at The Source, from 6pm to 7pm.

Cllr A Snookes thanked Cllr J Brealeycook for all her hard work and to the volunteers. Cllr J Brealeycook thanked the office staff for their input.

GP.13 RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION.

IT WAS RESOLVED 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 the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw".

Vote – Unanimous. The Resolution was carried.

GP.14 HONORARIUM PAYMENT

14.1 Taking into consideration the confidential nature of the business, and following a discussion, ***IT WAS RESOLVED THAT*** an honorarium payment for expenses is made to a named volunteer. The honorarium will be effective 2015 and continue for future years if the volunteer is still involved in the organisation of the Christmas Market event.

Vote – unanimous. The Resolution was carried and this to be put forward to Full Council.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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