

GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of Council held in the Ceremony Room, Richmond House, Richmond Park, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough on Tuesday 8 January 2019 at 7:07pm

Present: Councillor Keith Panter (In the Chair)

Councillor Matthew Boles
Councillor Harry Clarke
Councillor Liz Clews – arrived at 7.10pm
Councillor Caz Davies
Councillor Tim Davies
Councillor Paul Key
Councillor Denise Schofield
Councillor Steven Ward

In Attendance:

Claire Hill	Town Clerk
Rachel Allbones	Deputy Clerk to the Council
Sean Alcock	Operations Manager

Also In Attendance:

Marc Jones	Police and Crime Commissioner
Chief Inspector Stewart Brinn	Chief Inspector for the Lincoln and West Lindsey policing area
Inspector Simon Outen	Inspector for the West Lindsey policing area

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN

Councillor Liz Clews advised she would be arriving late
Councillor Neil Cook
Councillor Richard Craig
Councillor David Dobbie
Councillor Michael Hopper
Councillor Cynthia Isherwood
Councillor Sally Loates
Councillor Aaron Taylor advised he would be arriving late
Councillor Kenneth Woolley

RESOLVED to receive the apologies for absence and accept the reasons given.

2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND TO RECEIVE ANY APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

Applications for dispensation were received and approved for Councillors C Davies, Schofield and Ward to enable them to take part in the discussion and vote for agenda item 8i.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None received.

Note: Councillor Clews arrived at the meeting at 7.10pm

4. COUNCIL MINUTES (Paper A & B)

i. Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 4 September 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 September 2018 be approved and signed as a correct record.

Note: Councillor Ward abstained from voting on the above resolution.

ii. Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 4 December 2018

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5. LOCAL POLICING

PCC Marc Jones to address the Council regarding his role & remit as PCC and Chief Inspector Stewart Brinn and Inspector Simon Outen to respond to local operational policing points.

PCC Marc Jones highlighted to Members some of the work currently being undertaken: -

- Combating social issues being led from LCC, employment, reoffending, mental health
- 2million Youth Intervention Fund from Home Office, Lincolnshire want to be at the forefront of bidding
- 1227 mental health interventions in last 12 months, mental health nurses now based in the control room and a triage vehicle carrying a mental health nurse now available
- 122 primary schools taking part in Mini Police, bidding for additional funds to extend further to every primary school within the county, the project links directly to the school curriculum, engaging with young children will provide a positive outlook on policing

Consultation ongoing regarding council tax and local policing, Marc Jones requested that members complete his online survey – a link to which was emailed to members following the meeting.

5.1million reserves propped up Lincolnshire Police 2018/19 budget, with a 1million reserve to prop up 2019/20 budget. Lincolnshire Police is the lowest funded force per head of population.

A Member asked if Police Officer mental health issues are catered for and was advised that interventions are in place to support the mental health of officers.

Chief Inspector Stewart Brinn and Inspector Simon Outen then responded to Member concerns, questions and comments. Inspector Outen detailed key recent issues within the town:

- Major drug issue within the town in early December 2018 with a high level of escalating violence, ongoing issue which is being tackled
- Youth ASB, two gangs of youths causing general problems. The Police are dealing with the youths and engaging with their families, building case escalation process, lack of evidence and statements.
- ASB is to be led by WLDC Anti-Social team if non-criminal activity. Team is not as well funded as other areas.
- Police did request that all incidents are reported to the Police, not via third parties or social media

Members thanked the Officers for attending the meeting. PCC Marc Jones, Chief Inspector Stewart Brinn and Inspector Simon Outen then left the meeting.

6. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE PERSON PRESIDING MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL (Paper C)

RESOLVED to note the Mayors Diary.

7. TO RECEIVE THE DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Paper D)

RESOLVED to **NOTE** draft minutes.

8. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MOTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS

i. Recommendation from Management & Finance Committee (Paper E)

RESOLVED to RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL to approve the draft budget for 2019/2020

The Clerk informed Members that following the recent tax base cut from WLDC a further £4,300 could be added to the budget to keep a 2% increase. The current budget stands at 1.09% increase.

Members discussed where within the budget further funds could be allocated. A Member suggested moving to item 11 before making any further decisions.

RESOLVED under Standing Order 14d to alter the order of the agenda and take item 11 next.

11. ROSES SPORTS GROUND (Paper G)

RESOLVED under Standing Order 14n to exclude press and public for this item. Members received the progress update from the Clerk.

Members **RESOLVED** the following: -

1. That Council create a budget from to make provision for legal costs associated with the sub lease and service agreements of £3,000
2. That Council notes the potential for the use of funds from earmarked reserves to renovate the wicket at Marshalls Sports Ground
3. Stipulates the requirement for Gainsborough Trinity Foundation to present at least annually a review of its business case to Gainsborough Town Council (said review to include performance against targets and plans for mitigation should performance be below target)
4. Stipulates that the Town Council is allocated a place within the site steering group
5. Notes the potential requirement for an extraordinary meeting to review (with legal advice in attendance) the proposed sub- lease to align with bid submission deadlines

RESOLVED to allow press and public back into the meeting.

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RESOLVED to increase the budget to align to the 2% increase as previously agreed of £4,300 as follows: -

- Increase Local Town Event Support by £1,000
- Create a new Roses Legal Costs budget of £3,000
- Increase Community Grants by £300

ii. Recommendation from Management & Finance Committee (Paper F)

RESOLVED to RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL to approve the quotation received from Continental Landscapes for highway verge cutting for 6 occasions per annum for the 2019 cutting season.

RESOLVED to under Standing Order 14n exclude press and public.

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RESOLVED to allow press and public back into the meeting.

iii. Recommendation from Management & Finance Committee

RESOLVED to RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL to transfer £130 from General Reserves to Publications in order to purchase Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration Eleventh edition

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9. COMMITTEE VACANCIES

x1 Community Services Committee

NOTE that the vacancy still stands.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Clerk provided Members with a brief update, advising Members that the Draft Neighbourhood Plan will be present for Members to view at the March Full Council meeting ahead of Regulation 14 consultation.

Members **NOTED** the update.

12. GAINSBOROUGH TOWN CENTRE

RESOLVED understanding Order 14n to exclude press and public.

Members received an update from the Clerk in relation to the proposals from WLDC regarding Gainsborough town centre and market.

Members **NOTED** to update.

RESOLVED to allow press and public back into the meeting.

13. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (Paper H)

Members considered arrangements and content for annual public meeting to be held between 1 March 2019 and 1 June 2019, Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12.

The Clerk advised that if the Neighbourhood Plan consultation formed part of the meeting it could attract a number of local residents.

RESOLVED to hold the Annual Public Meeting on Wednesday 20 March 2019 and to explore opportunities of larger venues and the possibility of holding said meeting in a licenced premises.

14. REPORT FROM THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL (Paper I)

The Clerk distributed the report and presented same to members accordingly.

Meeting concluded at 9.30pm