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**NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**

**19<sup>th</sup> July, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Chase (in the Chair)  
Councillors Barber, Barfield, Beasant, Bolton, Brookes, Cairns, Cracknell, Dickerson, Fenty, Freeston, Goodwin, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hyldon-King, Jackson, James, Lindley, Mickleburgh, Nichols, Nici, Oxby, Parkinson, Pettigrew, Procter, Rodwell, Rogers, Rudd, Shepherd, Shreeve, Silvester, Swinburn, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson.

<b>OFFICERS:</b>	Rob Walsh	Chief Executive
	Simon Jones	Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer
	Sharon Wroot	Director of Finance, Operations and Resources - Section 151 Officer
	Paul Windley	Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager

NEL.19 **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor welcomed all those present to this meeting.

The Mayor reminded Members of the forthcoming by-election in Freshney ward. She advised that any comments touching upon that particular ward should be restricted to the proper discharge of the Council's business and this meeting should not be used to promote a particular candidate or party for that ward.

The Mayor provided an update on engagements that she had attended. The Mayor announced that she would be holding a coffee morning on 27<sup>th</sup> July at Grimsby Town Hall in aid of her charities and she thanked Members who had already donated raffle prizes for the event. She added that it was not too late for any additional donations.

The Mayor took the opportunity to congratulate the Immingham In Bloom team who on their first ever entry in the RHS Flower Show at Tatton came away with a Gold Medal for their display of the Port of Immingham plus a best in class, beating another 11 entries. The Chamber joined her in a round of applause for the team.

NEL.20 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillors Darby, Patrick and Sheridan.

NEL.21 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on March 22nd 2018, the mayor making meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on May 17th 2018, the annual meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on May 24th 2018 and the special meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on June 19th 2018. were approved as correct records.

NEL.22 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Mayor noted that at NEL.25, reference would be made to a youth mental health film that had been made with the assistance of Estuary TV and Grimsby Town Football Club. She reported that the Monitoring Officer had advised that, as this merely formed part of a general update to Council, it was not a declarable interest for any Member involved, either directly or indirectly, in the film's production.

Upon a question being asked at NEL.38, Councillor Lindley declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as an employee of the Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust (NLAG).

Upon a question being asked at NEL.38, Councillor Rodwell declared a personal interest as a stakeholder governor of NLAG.

Upon a question being asked at NEL.39, Councillor Rogers declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as an employee of the North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

NEL.23 **THE LEADER'S STATEMENT**

The Council received a statement from the Leader of the Council.

The focus of the Leader's statement was on the Town Deal. He reported that work was well underway, supported by our partners and building on our private sector led economic strategy and fully adopted local plan, to deliver the Council's vision of strengthening the local economy and raising the aspiration of our communities by:

- maximising the growth opportunity presented by a resurgent Humber estuary
- revitalising our rich heritage as a seafaring town and linking it to a very exciting future

- delivering a skills offer that sends a clear signal about our ambition to retain, grow and attract the brightest and the best
- positioning Grimsby Town Centre and the waterfront as the fulcrum of our regeneration ambition.

Key areas of focus included the South Humber Industrial Investment Programme, a higher education presence, housing, heritage, and reconnecting the town to its waterfront.

It was recognised that this scale of change and ambition could only be progressed and delivered in partnership and by attracting investors who resonated with our ambition and the work of the Greater Grimsby Board. The Leader reported that the Council's relationship with key private sector partners had never been better and the Council had never enjoyed such strong, effective and open relationships with the private sector. This was exemplified by the UK Managing Director of Orsted making the time to travel up here to witness the signing of the Town Deal; a huge vote of confidence in this Council and the potential of our Borough.

A long term partnership with Government was essential if our collective ambition to take this town and place forward was to be credible and sustainable. He stressed that this was not about going to Government with a begging bowl as funding support would only be sought where there was a clear market failure and a funding gap to get our ambitious plans over the line. He added that both of our MPs had worked tremendously well together to support this endeavour and the blend of challenge and support from the members of the Greater Grimsby Board, chaired by David Ross, had been second to none.

Ministers have been effusive about the work being done and this work will continue as fresh challenges are thrown our way, not least the challenges faced in many town centres and high streets across the country. The Leader commented that the House of Fraser announcement was not an issue unique to Grimsby and officers had already met with their landlords and discussions would continue. The Leader suggested that there needed to be a conversation about how we seek to re-imagine our town centre.

The setting of the Town Deal signing ceremony at ABPs 21<sup>st</sup> century multi-million pound marine control centre was hugely relevant. In the immediate background, the iconic Dock Tower and adjacent to it, the near completed £10m Orsted off-shore wind operations and maintenance hub, serving the largest off-shore wind farms in the world. The Leader felt that this linked our proud heritage with a very exciting future, the very essence of the Town Deal. He concluded by noting that change was happening, it was real and there was confidence in this Council and this Borough, like never before.

A question had been submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures from Mr Peter Mills. Mr Mills attended the meeting and put the first question, as set out below, to the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Transport and Energy:

"Is it appropriate for a Planning Officer, having made a recommendation, to then direct members as to how they should vote as the vote is taking place?"

In the absence of the portfolio holder, Councillor Watson, Deputy Leader of the Council, responded that the order of business of the Planning Committee is set out in the Constitution. After representations by objectors; developers/applicants; ward members; and parish councillors; the opportunity exists for the Director of Economy and Growth or her representatives to respond to any issues raised. Thereafter, Planning Committee members debate and are able to ask questions of officers present. There is then a proposal, which needs to be seconded before a vote is taken. Therefore, it is constitutionally sound that officer input is heard immediately prior to a vote. He added that, at paragraph 9.3 of the Members Planning Code of Good Practice, Members are reminded that planning officers' views, opinions and recommendations will be presented on the basis of their overriding obligation of professional independence, which may on occasion be at odds with the views, opinions or decisions of the Committee or its Members.

NEL.25

### **UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT MEMBER UPDATE**

The Council received an update from Zach Steels, North East Lincolnshire Member of the UK Youth Parliament, and his deputy Max Kerrigan, on current issues affecting children and young people in the Borough.

Zach reported that he was due to attend the Youth Parliament's annual sitting in Nottingham at the end of this month. Debates were due to be held on 52 topics with a view to choosing ten to consult with young people as part of the Make Your Mark campaign during November. Zach had attended last week's careers show to gather young people's views. Following the sitting he would be making a start on the consultation, which he noted attracted 6,000 votes last year, and his aim was to increase this further. He welcomed any ideas from Members on this.

Max reported on other work that they had been carrying out. This included the production of six short films on youth mental health, the latest with the support of Grimsby Town Football Club. Further films were planned ahead of World Mental Health Day. Further meetings had been held with Stagecoach to promote reduced fares for young people up to the age of 18. Other campaigns included bullying and promoting the recycling of plastics. A mental health group had been established with its youngest member being 11 years old and it had articles published in the Grimsby Telegraph each week.

Zach and Max thanked the Council for its continued support and looked forward to providing their next update.

NEL.26

### **AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18**

Council received a report detailing the activities of the Audit and Governance Committee during the Council year and setting out how it has discharged its responsibilities. This report was referred to Council by the Audit and Governance Committee at its meeting on 26th April, 2018.

The Mayor welcomed the independent Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee, Mr. Tim Render, to the meeting and invited him to introduce his report. Standing Orders were suspended for this purpose.

Mr Render set out the scale of the Audit and Governance Committee's work; acting as the Council's eyes and ears to make sure its rules are followed on anything from how officers make a claim for petty cash to how decisions are made on multi-million pound contracts. This was in addition to its role in reviewing and approving the Council's financial accounts (including the £273m spent on services last year as well as assets worth £325m) and monitoring the Treasury strategy (noting that during the year treasury transactions totalled £715m).

He set the context for the Committee's work over the past year, including the continuing need to manage finances during a period of further resource constraints and grant reductions, the change the Council had been taking towards being a "commissioning" council for the delivery of services and the creation of the Union with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). On the latter he declared that he chaired the CCG audit committee as well and was therefore able to bring together the perspectives of both organisations to this work.

The committee was well supported in its work with a particular reliance on the Internal Audit service and he congratulated the service on recently being awarded the top rating available for conforming to auditing standards.

Mr Render was pleased to be able to provide substantial assurance about the Council's arrangements for managing risk and controlling what the organisation does. That conclusion followed specific exercises looking at treasury management, the Council's accounts, and monitoring and reviewing the governance effectiveness of well-established partnerships.

The committee continued to look for ways of working that could improve its effectiveness, and members of the committee had attended external and internal training to help keep on top of the changing agenda for local authorities and their role in it.

Mr Render then set out particular activities of the committee during the course of the year. This included its regular core activities; approving the plan for Internal Audit, approving the annual accounts which were again given a clean audit by the external auditors, continuing the new approach to monitoring how the council manages risks, reviewing the Council's "assurance map", and acting as the independent review mechanism for treasury management work. The committee continued to monitor the arrangements for all the council's key partnerships, including the developing Union with the CCG and the leisure partnership with Lincs

Inspire. The committee was pleased with the way the formal shared service arrangement with North Lincolnshire Council had developed in the past year.

For this municipal year, the committee's work programme was being shared with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to ensure that their respective work was complementary and added to the effective functioning of the Authority.

In conclusion, he thanked the Head of Internal Audit and his staff for their support of the committee's work, as well as the Director of Finance, Operations and Resources and the Director of Governance, Democracy and Community Engagement, for their contribution to the committee's agenda. He remained grateful to members of the Committee and it was sad to record the death of Councillor Mike Burton, who had served the committee conscientiously for as long as Mr Render had been chair. Councillors had demonstrated both enthusiasm in developing a more effective audit function; and tenacity in following through issues. The committee had a significant level of continuity of membership in the past few years which he felt had made its contribution more effective.

RESOLVED – That the Audit and Governance Committee annual report for 2017/18 be approved.

NEL.27

### **NOTICE OF MOTION 1**

Council considered a Notice of Motion, to be proposed by Councillor Fenty and seconded by Councillor Jackson, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders as set out below:

A Border Inspection Post (BIP) is a facility designed and approved in line with European Union (EU) legislation for undertaking checks on animals and animal products arriving from non-EU nations at an EU border. The checks are designed to protect public and animal health and animal welfare.

The BIP currently serving the Ports of Grimsby and Immingham is inadequate to meet the existing needs of local food processing industries, including those located within "Grimsby – Europe's Food Town", let alone any potential future growth. There has been procrastination for years over the construction of a replacement fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

This Council requests that priority is given to progressing the building of such a new facility, able to satisfactorily service the industry and to adapt to the very important needs and opportunities that Brexit will offer.

An amendment to the Motion had been received, in accordance with the Constitution, and was moved by Councillor Oxby, seconded by Councillor Watson, requesting that the motion be re-worded as follows:

Paragraph 2 – delete the final sentence beginning "There has been.....".

Paragraph 3 – delete and replace with “This Council resolves that a new Border Inspection Post is a priority for our Borough and that the work already underway between the Council and ABP continues with a view to delivering a fit for purpose facility.”

Members debated this amendment and at the conclusion of the debate, with the agreement of the Chamber, the agreed amended substantive motion was put to the vote. A recorded vote was held in accordance with the requirements of the Council’s Standing Orders; the votes cast were recorded as follows:

For the Amended Substantive Motion

Councillors Barber, Barfield, Beasant, Bolton, Brookes, Cairns, Chase, Cracknell, Dickerson, Fenty, Freeston, Goodwin, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hyldon-King, Jackson, James, Lindley, Mickleburgh, Nichols, Nici, Oxby, Parkinson, Pettigrew, Procter, Rodwell, Rogers, Rudd, Shepherd, Shreeve, Silvester, Swinburn, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson (37 votes).

Against the Amended Substantive Motion

None.

It was therefore

RESOLVED - That a new Border Inspection Post is a priority for our Borough and that the work already underway between the Council and ABP continue with a view to delivering a fit for purpose facility.

NEL.28

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

The Mayor invited Councillor Shreeve to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Transport and Energy, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council’s Standing Orders.

“As a member of the neighbourhood services working group in the last Municipal year I am aware that in addition to the revised collection arrangements for Recycling and Residual waste a number of other proposals were made to both mitigate the impact of less frequent collections and to discourage fly tipping and other anti-social behaviour. In specific, these were:

- Relaxation of restrictions on the number of daily visits a resident can make to the community recycling facility.
- Reduced charges and speedy response for collection of bulky items.
- Accessible directory of reputable scrap dealers who will take redundant white goods and other scrap items at no cost.
- Review of number, type and location of litter bins along with enforcement of fines for littering.

- Alternative methods of collection for terraced and communal residences (block of flats).

Given the state of the borough it seems that these proposals have yet to be actioned. Can the portfolio holder confirm the status of each of these proposals?"

In the absence of the portfolio holder, Councillor Watson, Deputy Leader of the Council, responded that large vans and trailers can only visit once per day and are asked to complete a declaration form. Box vans and Luton vans are not accepted. Car usage was being looked at as part of the review of the community recycling centre sites. Options were currently being considered as part of the development of a detailed business case for the collection of bulky items. A further report would then be submitted to Cabinet by October, 2018. In the meantime, a short term solution was being considered. A list of reputable scrap dealers was available on the Environment Agency's website. Councillor Watson reported that the outcome of the litter bin review would be considered by the Smarter Neighbourhoods Select Committee prior to being received by Cabinet. Cabinet had agreed to procure an external partner to deliver dog fouling and litter enforcement. This expected to be launched by October, 2018. Councillor Watson set out current enforcement activity that was taking place. On the alternative methods of collection, it was reported that a hessian sack trial had been carried out in the East Marsh and Immingham wards. The results were being fed into the work currently being carried out as part of phase two of the Smarter Neighbourhoods work programme. Councillor Watson concluded by noting that Cabinet were still awaiting any recommendations on the Smarter Neighbourhoods Next Steps report that it referred to scrutiny in March, 2018.

The Mayor invited Councillor Lindley to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Transport and Energy, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

"Work commenced on Scartho Road on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the junction with Forsythia Drive which accesses the Diana, Princess of Wales Hospital. The works, which were predominantly for road widening purposes, were scheduled to last for 14 weeks, but the scheme has over run by another 4 weeks. Can I ask the Portfolio Holder does he believe that the massive level of disruption that these roadworks have caused is justified, given that there seems little visible evidence of major change at this junction?"

In the absence of the portfolio holder, Councillor Watson, Deputy Leader of the Council, responded by quoting from a press release issued by the council which clearly explained how the project was progressing. While there had been a delay as a result of Northern Power Grid needing to make a number of design changes to their planned diversion, once finished the improvement works to the junction would ease congestion in the area, improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists and improve access to the hospital. Councillor Watson felt that ample opportunity had been given for both ward councillors and scrutiny to raise any concerns ahead of the works being carried out.



In a supplementary question, Councillor Lindley asked if an assurance could be given that other traffic schemes would be considered to relieve congestion on Scartho Road, which he felt was only likely to get worse as a result of significant housing developments in the surrounding areas.

Councillor Watson responded that there were policies in place for consultation on major road schemes.

The Mayor invited Councillor Shepherd to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Transport and Energy, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

"As the new Portfolio Holder responsible for highways, is Councillor Patrick sympathetic to the abolition of the bus lane on Scartho Road in order to tackle congestion and keep North East Lincolnshire's roads moving?"

In the absence of the portfolio holder, Councillor Watson, Deputy Leader of the Council, responded that he could not speak for Councillor Patrick but he did remind Members that, in September 2017, the Council debated a motion asking for a review of bus lanes but this was rejected. As Councillor Patrick voted against the review at that meeting, he could only assume he would not be supportive of the abolition of this bus lane now.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Lindley asked if the current roadworks had negated the need for the bus lane.

Councillor Watson was not aware of any evidence to support this but agreed to ask Councillor Patrick to provide a written response.

The Mayor invited Councillor Procter to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Transport and Energy, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

"I have had many complaints from residents regarding grass cutting and litter within my ward. My particular concern is what effect the huge litter and grass cutting problem is having on our drains. Could the portfolio holder explain what action the council is taking to ensure our streets are clean and that drainage in Freshney Ward is fit for purpose?"

In the absence of the portfolio holder, Councillor Watson, Deputy Leader of the Council, detailed the schedule for street cleaning and litter bin emptying within Freshney ward. He noted that any reported incidents of flooded gullies would be responded to. Councillor Watson was aware that a recent ward walk had identified issues with large accumulations of litter on Lincolnshire Housing Partnership (LHP) land. Discussions were being held with LHP to look at improving relationships to ensure responsibilities were being fulfilled.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Procter enquired what measures the Council were taking to ensure LHP were doing their job.

Councillor Watson responded that the portfolio holder and officers had already met with them and they were doing all they could to achieve a better working relationship.

The Mayor invited Councillor Brookes to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Transport and Energy, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

"I have been informed by many members of the public that they have reported the footpath at the rear of the Cleethorpes leisure centre that leads to the footpath on the boating lake is unusable owing to it not being cleared of sand, this makes extremely dangerous for the elderly people in wheel chairs and push chairs. Would you assure me this will be dealt with as a matter of urgency?"

In the absence of the portfolio holder, Councillor Watson, Deputy Leader of the Council, responded that public safety is a high priority for this administration and, he hoped, for all its members. He suggested that Councillor Brookes could have dealt with the matter himself if it was as dangerous as he stated, rather than waiting to bring it to this meeting. He commented that ward members should be community champions ensuring that all residents can enjoy the area and return home safely. He added that he had asked officers to check the area to ensure that it was safe.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Brookes reported that many pensioners in the area had been clearing the footpath but they had found it very difficult as the sand was very heavy and he asked whether the area in question could be included on a rota for checking on a regular basis.

Councillor Watson thanked the public for responding to this issue and agreed to ask the portfolio holder to discuss this with officers.

The Mayor invited Councillor Brookes to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Housing, Skills and Assets, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

"Portfolio Holder, I am asking the following question of the new contract for cleaning public toilets. I and residents are concerned about the opening times and standard of cleanliness could I have details and the cost to use them?"

Councillor P. Wheatley, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Housing, Skills and Assets, responded that the answer to this question could be found within the report submitted to the Economy Scrutiny Panel on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. The procurement was in the process of being awarded but he confirmed that the current price of 20p would be maintained and opening times would be in line with existing arrangements.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Brookes enquired whether appropriate clauses were in place to prevent any renegeing on the contract.

Councillor P. Wheatley was confident that the contract would include sufficient clauses to resolve such matters and added that the company due to be awarded the contract were highly reputable and had won awards for their work.

The Mayor invited Councillor Jackson to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Transport and Energy, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

"At Full Council on 22 March, 2018 it was resolved that the future of Tollbar roundabout would be referred back to Cabinet for further consideration. Four months later, we have heard nothing and the uncertainty remains. What is the current situation?"

In the absence of the portfolio holder, Councillor Watson, Deputy Leader of the Council, responded that the Council resolution raised some issues which had resulted in complex engineering appraisals. The portfolio holder didn't want to merely pay lip service to the proposals but wanted a robust and properly analysed response. Further, given the sensitivity of the proposed scheme, that any response would stand up to forensic examination. This had taken time to be brought to fruition but as soon as a report was ready, this would be brought before Cabinet to be progressed.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Jackson asked for an estimate of when this was likely to return to Cabinet.

Councillor Watson confirmed that this would happen as soon as the report was finished.

The Mayor invited Councillor Nici to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Housing, Skills and Assets, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

"How much private sector funding has North East Lincolnshire Council attracted for the Town Deal?"

Councillor P. Wheatley, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Housing, Skills and Assets, responded that it had been recognised from the outset that the scale and ambition of the project could only be progressed in partnership. This was being overseen by the Greater Grimsby Project Board and he confirmed that the relationship with key partners had never been better. In addition, the project had been recognised by the government as a long term partnership. However, the information requested was commercially sensitive until the company chose to release their plans.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Nici enquired about the measure of success as she felt this needed to be clearer.

Councillor P. Wheatley responded that it was time to stop knocking things as we were on the brink of something very large. Members had already heard at this meeting how well respected the Council was and he felt that it was time embrace this opportunity.

NEL.29

### **MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

At CB.120, Housing Strategy 2018-2022, Councillor Shreeve enquired whether the pump-priming use of potential new homes bonus to bring empty home back into use would be progressed.

Councillor P. Wheatley, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Housing, Skills and Assets, responded that this was being worked on by officers.

At CB.120, Councillor Fenty asked for an explanation of the comment from the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Housing, Skills and Assets that he wouldn't want the council to become a social housing provider.

Councillor P. Wheatley responded that until there was a change of policy by the government he did not think the Council should become a social housing provider. He felt that the Council could not afford to keep borrowing money while there was always the threat that residents could just keep buying the properties.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Fenty asked how it was possible that so many other councils were managing to deliver huge numbers of social housing.

Councillor P. Wheatley responded that this was because they were already social housing providers while this council wasn't.

At CB.120, Councillor Jackson enquired why the new homes bonus proposal had been rejected.

Councillor P. Wheatley responded that the amounts collected on new homes bonus was decided by the government and he believed that any money received was better used on other proposals.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Jackson enquired whether the portfolio holder had looked into the financing of this option as he believed it would be self-financing.

Councillor P. Wheatley responded that there was no budget for this and there would be a reliance on persuading owners to bring properties back into use. While there had been some success with this, it did require proper funding.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Watson and seconded by Councillor Hyldon-King.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 14th March, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.30 **MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2018**

At CB.131, Freehold Disposal of Welholme Galleries, Councillor Dickerson enquired whether the Steinway piano had been recovered.

Councillor Watson agreed to investigate and provide a written response.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Dickerson asked if it could be confirmed where the piano was and that it was safe and insured to the correct value.

Councillor Watson agreed to include this within the written response.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Oxby and seconded by Councillor Watson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 11th April, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.31 **MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Watson and seconded by Councillor Oxby.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Portfolio Holder Energy and Environment meeting held on 5th March, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.32 **MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

At PH.EE.40, Play Streets, Councillor Jackson enquired whether the consultation exercise, due to finish by July 2018, had been completed.

Councillor Watson responded that it hadn't as we were still in July.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Jackson noted that it was agreed that it would be completed by July and asked why it hadn't been completed.

Councillor Watson agreed to ask Councillor Patrick to provide a written response.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Watson and seconded by Councillor Oxby.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Portfolio Holder Energy and Environment meeting held on 19th March, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.33 **MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND ENERGY MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2018**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Watson and seconded by Councillor Oxby.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Portfolio Holder Environment, Transport and Energy meeting held on 11th June, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.34 **MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH, 2018**

On a point of accuracy, it was noted that Councillor Lindley was in attendance and did chair this panel meeting.

At SPCLL.60, Education Post 16 Destinations, Councillor K. Wheatley asked the Chair if he could confirm that year 11 pupils were being given proper advice.

Councillor Lindley agreed that they were.

In a supplementary question, Councillor K. Wheatley enquired if the Chair agreed that students were not being failed but were being supported.

Councillor Lindley supported this.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Lindley and seconded by Councillor Cracknell.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel – Children and Young People meeting held on 22nd March, 2018 be approved and adopted subject to the amendment of the attendance record to show that Councillor Lindley was in attendance and chaired the meeting.

NEL.35 **MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2018**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Lindley and seconded by Councillor Cracknell.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel – Children and Young People meeting held on 18th April, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.36 **MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL – COMMUNITIES MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2018**

At SPC.72, Anti-Social Behaviour in North East Lincolnshire, Councillor Bolton enquired whether the Chair accepted that, notwithstanding the increase in police officer numbers, the national crime figures published today showed an increase in reported crime.

Councillor Shreeve, as Chair of that panel meeting, responded that he was unable to comment on figures that had only been published today.

At SPC.70, Killed or Seriously Injured Data, Councillor Dickerson enquired when the review of data for pedestrian and cyclist safety would be reported back to the panel as it was concerning that this area was one of the worse performing local authorities on this issue.

Councillor Shreeve responded that the work was being undertaken and he expected a report to come back to the next meeting of this panel.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Dickerson enquired whether a definitive map was available setting out where the accidents were occurring.

Councillor Shreeve responded that a report had been made available by Engie and Public Health.

At SPC.73, Smarter Neighbourhoods Next Steps, Councillor Cracknell enquired when the findings of the litter bin review would be known as she was aware that broken bins were not currently being replaced.

Councillor Watson responded that he was unaware that broken bins were not being replaced and agreed to take that up. The outcome of the litter bin review was due to be reported to Cabinet later in the year.

At SPC.70, Councillor Jackson referred to the slightly higher incidence of collisions at controlled junctions and enquired whether the Chair agreed that this meant that there were fewer collisions with roundabouts and, if so, that this had implications for the future of Toll Bar roundabout.

Councillor Shreeve responded that the statistics clearly showed that there were fewer collisions involving roundabouts. As a ward councillor for the area around Toll Bar roundabout, he felt that Councillor Jackson would know his answer on that matter.

At SPC.72, Councillor Jackson noted that only two sets of parents had been fined since the introduction of community protection notices and asked the Chair if he agreed that greater use needed to be made of them.

Councillor Shreeve agreed.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Jackson asked if this could be maintained on the panel's agenda for regular monitoring.

Councillor Shreeve was confident that the new panel chair, Councillor Shepherd, would make sure that there was continued focus on this issue.

At SPC.70, Councillor Rogers asked the Chair whether the report on school 20mph zones had been received.

Councillor Shreeve responded that he anticipated that the report would be made available at the next meeting of this panel.

At SPC.73, Councillor Jackson noted the administration's support for the introduction of weekly recycling collections and enquired when this would happen.

Councillor Watson responded that a pilot scheme was about to commence and a further announcement would be made soon.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Shreeve and seconded by Councillor Beasant.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel – Communities meeting held on 5th April, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.37

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL – ECONOMY MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

At SPE.83, A16 Toll Bar Junction Improvement, Councillor Harness asked the Chair if he agreed that the installation of temporary traffic lights at Peaks Lane had challenged the profitability of small businesses in New Waltham.

Councillor Jackson, Chair of the Economy Scrutiny Panel, agreed and had heard that there had been a significant downturn in business due to the recent roadworks.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Harness asked if the Chair would agree that a construction period of 6-8 months for the Toll Bar junction improvement works could result in some businesses becoming unviable.

Councillor Jackson responded that it was the case that businesses were very concerned by the potential effect of the closure, so it was extremely important that any closures were kept to the minimum, whatever was finally agreed.

At SPE.78, Tracking of Recommendations, Councillor Hasthorpe commented that it had been nearly a year since the Car Parking Strategy had been adopted with apparently little progress and he asked if Cabinet could give urgent attention to a review of parking charges in Grimsby town centre to make it more attractive to visitors.

Councillor Jackson responded that the panel had made it very clear that it would like rapid progress.

Councillor Oxby restated that there was a need to look at re-imagining the town centre and this could be included as part of that. On being pushed for a timescale, he noted that there were a number of issues to be considered and it would require



consultation with residents, so it would be foolish to commit to a timescale at this stage.

At SPE.83, Councillor Fenty enquired what the current situation was with the Toll Bar roundabout improvements.

Councillor Oxby responded that, as stated earlier in the meeting, this was being taken very seriously and explored further by our professional engineers. He expected it to be resolved within the next eight weeks and he was keen to bring it to an early resolution.

At SPE.80, 20mph Review, Councillor Parkinson enquired about the effectiveness of 20mph zones around schools.

Councillor Watson considered this to be a public safety priority and felt that they were a good idea.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Parkinson enquired whether flashing 20mph signs would be more effective.

Councillor Watson responded that such safety ideas could be presented as part of the formal portfolio holder meeting process but he agreed to speak to the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Transport and Energy to see if he was willing to look at it.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Barber.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel – Economy meeting held on 6th March, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.38

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL – HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

At SPH.65, Ear, Nose and Throat and Urology Service Change Update, Councillor Hyldon-King asked the Chair how important transport considerations were within any review.

Councillor Dickerson, Chair of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel at the time of the meeting, responded that they were vital considerations.

On the same minute, Councillor Jackson asked Councillor Hyldon-King, as Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care, whether it was part of her role to pursue such issues as well.

Councillor Hyldon-King responded that it was and she had been lobbying on this issue for a number of years.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Dickerson and seconded by Councillor Pettigrew.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel – Health and Adult Social Care meeting held on 14th March, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.39

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL – HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2018**

At SPH.74, East Midlands Ambulance Service, Councillor K. Wheatley asked the Chair whether she was aware that there was more than one ambulance service operating in this area.

Councillor Dickerson responded that she was not sure about other providers operating in the area.

In a supplementary question, Councillor K. Wheatley asked whether she would invite representatives from Thames Ambulance Service to a future meeting to explain why they were operating in this area.

Councillor Dickerson responded that she had in fact taken advice on this matter from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and decided it wasn't appropriate at the time. She added that she had been more concerned about the East Midlands Ambulance Service.

At SPH.73, Humber Acute Service Review, Councillor K. Wheatley enquired how the cutting edge approach provided by the development of the Union between the CCG and the Council would ultimately benefit the communities of North East Lincolnshire and our reputation further afield.

Councillor Hyldon-King, Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care, responded that this innovative approach would go a long way in meeting the future needs of the community and through her recent attendance at a Local Government Association event in York, she was aware that the council was being recognised as an exemplar authority in this respect.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Dickerson and seconded by Councillor Pettigrew.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel – Health and Adult Social Care meeting held on 11th April, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.40

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL – TOURISM AND VISITOR ECONOMY MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

At SPTVE.60, Cleethorpes Market Working Group, Councillor Shepherd asked the portfolio holder for an update on progress with the development of the new market.

Councillor Rogers, Portfolio Holder for Tourism, Heritage, Culture and Inclusive Communities, responded that this had been further discussed the meeting of the Tourism and Visitor Economy Scrutiny Panel earlier that day and she was due to

meet with the Director of Finance, Operations and Resources next week. The outcome would be reported to the Tourism and Visitor Economy Scrutiny Panel.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Shepherd asked the portfolio holder whether she agreed that this was one of the more important issues she needed to deal with.

Councillor Rogers agreed to provide a written response to Councillor Shepherd setting out next steps.

On the same minute, Councillor P. Wheatley asked the portfolio holder whether she was aware of the cost of the market and that there was no provision in the budget for any additional funding.

Councillor Rogers was aware of difficulties with the business case for the proposal and agreed to look further into the matter.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Brookes and seconded by Councillor Mickleburgh.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel – Tourism and Visitor Economy meeting held on 29th March, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.41 **MINUTES OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Beasant and seconded by Councillor Barber.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Crime and Disorder Committee held on 15th March, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.42 **MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2018**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Shreeve and seconded by Councillor Barfield.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 26th April, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.43 **MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2018**

At AC.10, Focused Review Area, Councillor Hasthorpe, as Chair of the Town and Parish Council Liaison Committee, noted ongoing issues with compliance with the Town and Parish Charter and enquired when the proposed invite for him to attend a meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee was due to be issued.

Councillor Shreeve, Deputy Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee, responded that he was happy to meet with Councillor Hasthorpe at his convenience.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Shreeve and seconded by Councillor Barfield.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 18th June, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.44 **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Lindley and seconded by Councillor Shreeve.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 28th March, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.45 **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2018**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Lindley and seconded by Councillor Shreeve.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 25th April, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.46 **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY, 2018**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Shreeve and seconded by Councillor Mickleburgh.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 23rd May, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.47 **MINUTES OF THE LICENSING AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION COMMITTEE HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2018**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Barfield and seconded by Councillor Shepherd.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Licensing and Community Protection Committee held on 13th June, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.48 **MINUTES OF THE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Mickleburgh and seconded by Councillor Rogers.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 7th March, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.49 **MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS AND ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Walker and seconded by Councillor Goodwin.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Standards and Adjudication Committee held on 7th March, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.50 **MINUTES OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2018**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Oxby and seconded by Councillor Watson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Appointments Committee held on 9th April, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.51 **MINUTES OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2018**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Watson and seconded by Councillor P. Wheatley.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Appointments Committee held on 11th June, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.52 **OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENT**

The Council considered a report from the Monitoring Officer advising of the appointment to an outside body to which there were insufficient nominations when the matter was considered at the Annual Meeting of Council on 24th May, 2018.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Cairns be appointed as the Council's representative on the Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum.

NEL.53 **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF HUMBERSIDE FIRE AUTHORITY**

The Council received the minutes of the meetings of the Humberside Fire Authority held on 16th March and 23rd April, 2018 and the annual meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings of the Humberside Fire Authority held on 16th March and 23rd April, 2018 and the annual meeting held on 4th June, 2018, be noted.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.