

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

Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on
Wednesday 15 August 2007 at 7.30 pm
At Carre's Grammar School, Sleaford

PRESENT: Councillor David Suiter (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Ron Ball
Councillor Sally Benthall
Councillor Ian Dolby
Councillor Bernice Heppell
Councillor John Kyte (Leader)
Councillor Trevor Mayfield
Councillor Derek Tomlinson

Also In Attendance: Mr John Coster – Services Manager

Councillor Gordon Blythe
Councillor Jack Collings
Councillor Tim Conning
Councillor Geoff Hazelwood
Councillor Ada Trethewey

GP.07 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS (Agenda Item 1)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

GP..07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 2)

No Apologies for Absence were received.

**GP..07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
2000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (Agenda Item 3)**

Councillor David Suiter declared a Prejudicial Interest in Agenda Item No. 6, due to being a Committee Member.

Councillor John Kyte declared a Personal Interest in Agenda Item No. 9 as his wife is Chairman of Sleaford In Bloom.

**GP..07 NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 JUNE 2007 TO BE
APPROVED AS MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)**

Page No. 30, Minute No. GP.063.07 be amended to read
"Councillor George Grout reminded Members that new Members could not vote upon the accuracy of the notes of the previous meeting."

Councillor George Grout seconded by Councillor Trevor Mayfield proposed that the Notes of the Meeting held on 20 June 2007, be accepted, with the amendments, as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to accept the above.

GP..07 MANAGEMENT REPORT (Agenda Item 6)

This report was received and noted.

GP..07 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES: REQUEST FROM SLEAFORD & DISTRICT CAR DRIVING SCHEME (Agenda Item 6)

Councillor David Suiter left the room.

Councillor George Grout seconded by Councillor Ian Dolby proposed that no Council representative be nominated at this time.

RESOLVED: By eight votes for to accept the above.

Councillor David Suiter re-entered the room.

GP..07 COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES: REPORTS FROM NKDC REMUNERATION PANEL (Agenda Item 7)

Councillor John Kyte spoke regarding allowances.

Councillor John Kyte seconded by Councillor Bernice Heppell proposed to accept the document.

RESOLVED: By eight votes for and one abstention to accept the above.

GP..07 HER MAJESTY'S COURT SERVICE: LETTER FROM THE AREA DIRECTOR (Agenda Item 8)

Councillor John Kyte spoke on the possible use of the building as a Town Hall with the aim of retaining the building in use.

Councillor John Kyte seconded by Councillor David Suiter proposed that the Council writes to HMCS and send a copy to the press to state the Council's objections to closure. Copies also to be sent to other Towns.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to accept the above.

**GP..07 SLEAFORD IN BLOOM: LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN
(Agenda Item 9)**

This item was received and noted.

**GP..07 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:
RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE ADVISORY GROUP
(Agenda Item 10)**

Councillor John Kyte seconded by Councillor Sally Benthall proposed that the Sleaford Cricket Club, Sleaford Army Cadets, 3rd Sleaford Scout Group, are paid as RECOMMENDED.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to accept the above.

**GP..07 LETTER FROM MR M TANNER: CASTLE CAUSEWAY BUS
STOP (Agenda Item 11)**

Councillor John Kyte has written a letter in reply.

At 7.58pm, Councillor George Grout seconded by Councillor Trevor Mayfield proposed to suspend Standing Orders for ten minutes.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to accept the above.

**GP..07 SLEAFORD ARTS FESTIVAL: REQUEST TO USE CASTLE
CAUSEWAY, FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY (Agenda Item 12)**

Mrs Debbie Scott, spoke on the plans for the Arts event.

Councillor John Kyte seconded by Councillor David Suiter proposed that permission be given for the use of Easgate Green and also Castle Causeway (subject to the fireworks company satisfying the safety requirements)

Mr John Coster, the Services Manager, is to speak with the fireworks company, regarding the site usage and safety issues.

RESOLVED: Unanimously to accept the above.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

These minutes are a true and accurate record of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 15 August 2007 at Carre's Grammar School, Sleaford.

Signed _____
(Chairman)

Date _____