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AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, Marshall's Yard, Gainsborough, on **Monday 10 December 2012 at 7pm**, and your attendance at such meeting is hereby requested to transact the following business.

To: Members of West Lindsey District Council

1. PRAYERS
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. TO APPOINT A VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL for the remainder of the 2012-13 year following which the Vice-Chairman appointed will make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
4. COUNCIL MINUTES
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 22 October 2012
PAPER A herewith
5. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Members may make any declarations of interest at this point but may also make them at any point during the meeting.
6. MATTERS ARISING
PAPER B herewith
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - i) Chairman of the Council
 - ii) Leader of the Council
 - iii) Head of Paid Service

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

9. NOTICE OF MOTION PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10.

Motion from Councillor Anne Welburn

Madam Chairman

West Lindsey DC is leading the way in developing an approach to Localism – supporting and empowering our communities to take control and drive action in their local areas.

The Sustainable Communities Act agreed by the last government has recently been reviewed with new regulations being passed in June 2012 to streamline and improve the processes which underpin it.

Overall the Act is an empowering piece of legislation which gives local authorities the power to challenge central government to further assist local communities by unblocking barriers or reducing complexity – in any of the following areas ;

- To improve the local economy
- To protect the environment
- To promote social inclusion
- And to increase participation in civic, political and democratic activity

The Act can be a great tool to help improve the sustainability of our local communities.

West Lindsey District Council needs to consider how the Sustainable Communities Act can be used within the context of our Localism Programme to drive further community action and I would like Council to ask for a speaker to be invited to address all Members to increase our understanding and opportunities to utilise the Act's provision within our district.

I so move

Motion from Councillor Lewis Strange

Councillors will be aware of the very difficult financial constraints that this and other authorities face, especially those in Rural areas who traditionally receive far less in rate support grant than the metropolitan councils, The SPARSE group of mainly rural councils has asked all member councils to write to their MPs asking for their support in lobbying treasury ministers not to remove hard won concessions on funding, to redress by a small amount of funding from the urban to the Rural authorities. These concessions are now threatened by the damping formula, and negates practically all advantages gained with Government ministers over many months, by the Sparse group.

I am therefore asking for cross party support tonight, for the motion to be sent to Edward Leigh MP from the elected West Lindsey members, on behalf of the residents of West Lindsey, asking him to bring, what- ever pressure he can to bear, in collaboration with other MPs from Sparse districts (5 in Lincolnshire) on government treasury ministers. This is desperately important for the finance of this authority.

I so move.

Second Motion from Councillor Lewis Strange

Chairman,

Several Shire Counties and District councils, including Milton Keynes, Stratford upon Avon, Cherwell, Wiltshire and Staffordshire, are using planning rules to create separation zones between settlements and wind farms. These ban new turbines within 2 kilometres of homes. Many others including South Kesteven are reported to be considering this option.

Bearing in mind the planning blight on the values of local residents' property, the visual impact, evidence of noise and flicker, and not least reported health risks to children suffering from Autism and other learning difficulties, this council should do all in its power to oppose any proposed wind farm development within this exclusion zone, and that this council stands fore square in its stance and will at once take this motion, to the joint planning board comprising of West Lindsey and North Kesteven district councils in conjunction with the City of Lincoln and Lincolnshire county council, and ask for the support of the three other authorities, for a joint approach, whilst making clear it is the desire of West Lindsey's elected members, that action is needed to protect residents from something they simply do not want, a proven fact in the villages of the cliff, where plebiscites have taken place, of votes of five or six to one against such developments.

I so move

10. APPOINTMENT OF VACANCY TO THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
PAPER C herewith

11. MID YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT
PAPER D herewith

12. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS PUBLISHED SINCE THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 22 OCTOBER 2012.

At around 7.45pm

13. WEST LINDSEY COMMUNITY AWARDS CEREMONY

M Gill
Chief Executive
The Guildhall
Gainsborough
30 November 2012