

West Lindsey District Council

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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 29 April 2013 at 7pm**, and your attendance at such meeting is hereby requested to transact the following business.

To: Members of West Lindsey District Council

- PRAYERS
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- 3. COUNCIL MINUTES
 - i) To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 February 2013.

PAPER A herewith

ii) To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 4 March 2013.

PAPER B herewith

- 4. 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.
- 5. MATTERS ARISING **PAPER C herewith**
- 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - i) Chairman of the Council
 - ii) Leader of the Council
 - iii) Head of Paid Service

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- 7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
- 8. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9
- NOTICE OF MOTION PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10

Madam Chairman

On the twentieth of March we held a training meeting ref "the sustainable communities act". A very interesting piece of legislation, creating a route by which local communities (ie) West Lindsey can at speed present a proposal to national government ref a local need.

I am concerned that many rural businesses responding to higher energy prices and the needs of their customers are looking to erect wind turbines. Whilst I am not against these wind turbines in principle I do believe they need to be located close to the businesses they are intended to serve and not scattered randomly across our precious countryside. At present local planning policy does not address this issue and national policy is also lacking. In order to protect the beautiful landscapes of this District we need to use the Sustainable Communities Act to get national government to change guidance so that it is clear proposals for small scale wind turbines should be located within 50 metres of the businesses they are intended to serve.

It appeared from the training we received that the government would approve such requests provided they contained merit and were supported locally. Madam Chairman.

I propose we contact with haste our neighbouring authorities, particularly Bassetlaw and the East Riding of Yorkshire asking them if they would join us in making a request via the sustainable communities act for more appropriate government guidance to be approved for our rural areas. This guidance would ensure wind turbines are located in positions less sensitive to local communities and our natural landscapes.

I so move. Councillor Jeff Summers

- 10. PRESENTATION OF CHERRY WILLINGHAM (CW2020) PARISH PLAN
- 11. PRESENTATION BY THE PRINCES TRUST
- 12. APPOINTMENT TO REMUNERATION PANEL PAPER D herewith
- 13. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS PUBLISHED SINCE THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 4 MARCH 2013.

M Gill Chief Executive The Guildhall Gainsborough

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