

## **West Lindsey District Council**

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## This meeting will be Recorded and published on the Council's website

**AGENDA** 

Prayers will be conducted prior to the start of the meeting. Members are welcome to attend.

**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 November 2014 at 7pm**, and your attendance at such meeting is hereby requested to transact the following business.

To: Members of West Lindsey District Council

- APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- LONE WORKING PRESENTATION
   Recommendation from Policy & Resources Committee 4 September 2014
- 3. COUNCIL MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 8 September 2014.

## **PAPER A herewith**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 8 September 2014.

## PAPER B herewith

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 October 2014.

**PAPER C 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 D herewith**

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- 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - i) Chairman of the Council
  - ii) Leader of the Council
  - iii) Head of Paid Service
- 7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
- 8. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9
- 9. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10

Chairman.

On Friday 10th of October 2014 I attended an East Midlands rail summit at Loughborough accompanied by Councillor Lewis Strange. In excess of 100 delegates from the East Midlands were addressed by ELEVEN speakers. It was a full and very interesting day. The speakers were:

The Right Honourable Nicky Morgan MP Anna Walker office of rail regulation Phil Verster network rail David Horne East Midlands trains John Smith GB Railfreight Alison Munro HS2limited

Councillor Jon Collins chair of East Midlands HS2 programme board Lilian Greenwood MP shadow rail minister Bridget Roundswell Volterra Ltd George Cowcher Derbyshire Notts and Leicestershire chamber of commerce Michelle Craven-Faulkner Derby and Derbyshire rail Forum.

The main driver for the summit was HS2. But it very soon became apparent there would be fringe benefits for places like Gainsborough and Lincoln. Lincoln city is a city destined for growth, you can see it happening right before your eyes. Growth is inevitable once the economy begins to move forward and this is where we as the local authority must influence how and where expansion occurs. With that growth will come increased pressures on accessibility mainly highways. Unless we shape the future.

I put some questions to the panel following presentations and during our lunch break Phil Verster of network rail approached me to say, "if you require rail improvements for the future you must begin lobbying now".

Mr Chairman it is obvious to me we have a number of areas in which we could lobby. The A158 coming in from the coast via Horncastle and Wragby through Langworth is an extremely busy route in a morning and evening. A station at Langworth would enable commuters to park their cars at Langworth and ride on to Lincoln Central Station reducing the amount of congestion for the city. Another potential stop would be in the region of Fiskerton/Cherry Willingham. This Feeder Line comes all the way from Grimsby through Market Rasen .These facilities would need to be DDA compliant for obvious reasons.

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Serious consideration should also be given to the rail link between Lincoln and Finningly airport via Saxilby and Gainsborough. It was also noted how one speaker made a joke of Gainsborough Central Station pointing out the coach service arrived one minute after the train had left.

Mr Chairman.

I propose this Council forms a working group to build a case of justification for rail improvements through West Lindsey. This working group will work collaboratively with Lincoln City Council, Lincolnshire County Council and Bassetlaw District Council to formulate a representation to The HS2 program board, network rail, East Midlands trains and the Minister for rail.

I so move JJ Summers

- 10. APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODY PAPER E HEREWITH
- 11. CENTRAL LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL PLAN RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION PAPER F HEREWITH
- 12. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS PUBLISHED SINCE THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2014.

M Gill Chief Executive The Guildhall Gainsborough

31 October 2014