

West Lindsey District Council

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This meeting will be held via MS Teams and streamed live to our website (address below)

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 via MS Teams at https://west-lindsey.public-i.tv/core/portal/home, on **Monday, 25th January, 2021 at 7.00 pm**, and your attendance at such meeting is hereby requested to transact the following business.

To: Members of West Lindsey District Council

- 1. REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE
- MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
 To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 November 2020.
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- 3. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

 Members may make any declarations of interest at this point and may also make them at any point during the meeting.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING (PAGES 28 35)

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

 Motion 1

Fly Posting

"Mr Chairman, recently the Circus visited the town of Gainsborough, and despite the current restrictions had a period of putting on shows.

Everyone would expect them to advertise their presence before arrival and display of posters in shops and so on is acceptable.

What is not acceptable is the amount of fly posting that was done by the circus, not only to advertise their coming to Gainsborough; but also as they prepared to leave fly posting as to where their next stop would be.

The fact is that even if an occasional fly post was put up that would not really be acceptable, but what happened was the circus put up three, four or five posters in one single location. Empty shop fronts were targeted and these posters once put up will over time deteriorate and then become litter, to say nothing of the eye-sore they are in situ.

Gainsborough was not the only settlement targeted; other places too had the fly posting and it is not an isolated incident. Other events are known to fly post all over the district. While we want the attractions, they advertise, to come in to the district it is the mess left behind of these fly posts, and where there are multiple posts in one location it causes more and more of an eye sore and eventual litter. Fly posts are rarely if ever taken down after events by those who place them in many locations most of which are not appropriate.

The Liberal Democrat Group collectively, and hopefully joined by other members of the council, as we are all affected by this; would like to move that a more robust stance be taken against any fly posting in the district and while accepting there are some current rules and regulations, we would like to see these firstly

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enforced, as they clearly are not being at the present; and secondly enhanced and made tougher.

The Council can put in place local by-laws on such matters as these and we would like to see options to do this with a possible ban on fly posting across the district to be explored and then enacted.

The cost of clearing up after these fly posts, which become litter, will be saved and then can be used to bring enforcement of a by-law. Once the knowledge is broadcast, we will substantially reduce this unwarranted and un-necessary wanton street vandalism, for that is what it is.

We therefore move the exploration of enforcement of current laws is looked at and further restrictions or a total ban on fly posting across the district is made subject to a local by-law.

We so move, collectively as a Liberal Democrat Group."

Motion 2

Slow Ways Initiative

"Chairman, The Slow Ways initiative is mapping and promoting walking routes nationally and in the local area, and needs support to create a comprehensive network of walking routes that connect all of Great Britain's cities and towns as well as thousands of villages. 700 volunteers completed a first draft mapping of the Slow Ways network during the Spring 2020 lockdown. The organisers are now looking for 10,000 volunteers to help walk, review, record and improve the Slow Ways routes.

A large number of **potential co-benefits** have been identified by volunteers, partners and backers in developing the Slow Ways initiative, I trust Councillors have read the supporting information submitted alongside the Motion.

Following the early success of the initiative, Slow Ways CIC has been established to formalise its status. It is currently being supported by Paths for All, the Pilgrim Trust, Sport England, Urban Good and the Kestrelman Trust. The initiative is working in collaboration with Ordnance Survey and ESRI.

Slow Ways routes and associated information will be made freely available through the Slow Ways website. Versions of the network's data will be published for other organisations to use, and will also be released through the OS Maps platform.

Given the benefits realised by such initiatives, and the Council's commitment in the Corporate Plan to the Health and Wellbeing of our residents and to an enhanced environment there would appear to be a real alignment of priorities which would be delivered by supporting this initiative.

I ask that this Council supports the Slow Ways initiative by :-

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- Passing this formal motion to support Slow Ways, Promoting Slow Ways for local residents to walk, review and use routes
- through its role on the CLJSPC give consideration to Slow Ways within future planning, policies and initiatives and considering where new paths would strengthen the Slow Ways network
- Finally, by way of promotion, Encourage our residents and communities to sign-up personally, to walk and review a Slow Way.

I so move Councillor Anne Welburn"

Motion 3

John Coupland Hospital – Gainsborough

"Chairman

Following the removal of various services over several years at John Coupland Hospital, there is now speculation that Consultant led outpatient services are also to be withdrawn.

I call on the Leader to write to United Lincolnshire Hospital Trust (ULHT) explaining it is extremely concerned to protect services at John Coupland Hospital. Whilst also seeking answers as to if ULHT can confirm if it does intend to withdraw some or all the outpatient services from John Coupland Hospital?

If it does, then can it please provide details of the recovery plan it will put in place to manage the consequential long term impact on the health and wellbeing of Gainsborough residents?

We all appreciate that the Covid-19 Pandemic is stretching NHS services, but the impact of such a withdrawal of services from Gainsborough would have similar far-reaching consequences to both the physical and mental wellbeing of Gainsborough residents as the short-term impact of Covid.

I so move Cllr Matt Boles"

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Friday, 15 January 2021