



NEWARK TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Membership Present:	Town Mayor	Cllr P Ball (in the Chair) (Ap)
	Councillors	I Brown D Campbell (Ap) T Collier B Corrigan E Cropper S Crosby S Dickinson L Geary J Kellas D Ledger (Deputy Mayor – Chair) D Moore G Rix N Ross (Ap) L Roulstone M Skinner M Spoors (Ap) P Taylor
Apologies received from:	Councillors	D Campbell, N Ross, M Spoors
Town Council Staff:	Town Clerk Executive Assistant Mayor's Officer	Matthew Gleadell Helen Crossland Pete Tomlinson
Public:	There was 1 member of the public and one member of the press present.	
Venue:	Council Chamber	Town Hall

Prior to the meeting, the Council was informed that Cllr D Moore would be late.

TC27/23/24 Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 13th September 2023

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2023 were proposed by Cllr G Rix, seconded by Cllr B Corrigan, and **AGREED** as a true and accurate record.

The Mayor signed the Minutes.

TC28/23/24 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on Sunday 14th May 2023

The Town Clerk explained that these Minutes had been omitted from the Agenda of an earlier Town Council Meeting and that was why they were on the Agenda this evening.

There were two amendments – **07/23/24 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE SPOKESPERSON**

Labour Group – to insert ‘Geary’ for Planning Committee.

08/23/24 – CLOSURE

The date of the next Annual Meeting of the Town Council was scheduled for Sunday 12th May 2024.

With the above amendments, Cllr T Collier proposed, Cllr B Corrigan seconded the Minutes. A vote was held and this was **AGREED**.

The Mayor will sign the amended Minutes at the next meeting.

TC29/23/24 Declarations of Interest from Members and Officers

There were no Declarations of Interest.

TC30/23/24 Adopted Minutes of the Committees held since the last Full Town Council Meeting

a. Planning Committee held on Wednesday 30th August 2023

Cllr L Geary presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

b. Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 6th September 2023

Cllr B Corrigan presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

c. Planning Committee held on Wednesday 27th September 2023

Cllr L Geary presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

d. Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 18th October 2023

Cllr B Corrigan presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

e. Planning Committee held on Wednesday 1st November 2023

Cllr L Geary presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

All the above Minutes were **RECEIVED**.

TC31/23/24 Town Mayor's Announcements

The Town Mayor reported to members that her trek in Sicily had been very successful and raised over £1,000 for her charities.

Another very successful event had been held in October - a Wine Tasting Evening.

The Town Mayor reminded Members that the next charity event would be this Friday, 15th December – an Italian Tenor was coming to perform in the Ballroom.

TC32/23/24 Town Clerk's Announcements

The Town Clerk then gave Members his update and outlined what had been happening since the last meeting of the Full Town Council:

- Air Bridge Memorial Service
- All Souls Commemoration
- Childrens Remembrance Sunday and Principal Remembrance Sunday
- Christmas Lights Switch on and Christmas/Steampunk Markets

Some forthcoming dates for the diaries:

- Planning Committee – 10th January 2024
- Budget Workshop – 11th January 2024
- Plough Sunday – 14th January 2024

Staffing:

- A new administrative officer joins the Town Council on 2nd January 2024
- Museum Curator options with N&SDC have now progressed

Other:

- Sherwood Avenue Project is progressing well with recent social media and press coverage
- He had attended and briefly spoke at a recent meeting hosted by the MP regarding Crime and ASB
- He took part in the Newark Santa Dash (a rogue Snowman!)
- He informed Members that at the Dragon Boat Race event earlier in the year, the team that had a number of Town Council staff on it comprehensively beat the team from the District Council!

Finally, he informed Members that from next week he would be on Annual Leave; he would monitor emails, and if there were any problems, Members should contact him.

TC33/23/24 Leader of the Council's Announcements

The Leader had given his Apologies so there were no Announcements.

TC34/23/24 Questions from Town Councillors

There were no Questions submitted from Town Councillors.

TC35/23/24 Notice of Motion

No Notices of Motion had been received.

TC36/23/24 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no Questions submitted from Members of the Public.

TC37/23/24 Appointment to Planning Committee

Cllr B Corrigan proposed, Cllr G Rix seconded, the appointment of Cllr S Crosby on the Planning Committee.

A vote was held and this was **AGREED**.

TC38/23/24 Change of date for February 2024 Full Town Council Meeting

The Town Clerk explained the background to this item, and why it was necessary to change the date.

Cllr D Ledger proposed, Cllr B Corrigan seconded, the change of date as laid out in the Agenda Report.

A vote was held and this was **AGREED**.

TC39/23/24 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Cllr P Ball proposed, Cllr D Ledger seconded, that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972) the press and public be excluded from the next Agenda Item debate on the grounds that the Committee's remaining business involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, and the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Press and Public left the meeting.

TC40/23/24 Exempt Minutes from the meeting held on 18th October 2023

It was noted that the minutes in the Agenda were not the amended copy that had been agreed at a previous meeting.

With that in mind, the Minutes of this meeting were **RECEIVED** by Members, with those amendments contained therein.

Meeting Closed:	7.45pm	Next Meeting:	Wednesday 24th January 2024 (Change of Date as above)
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