



Newark TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2024

Thursday 5th December 2024

Dear Councillors

You are summonsed to attend a meeting of the Town Council at 7.00pm on Wednesday 11th December 2024 to be held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M Gleadell'.

Matthew Gleadell
Town Clerk



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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2024

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Newark TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda Item No: 2

Committee Date: Wednesday 11th December 2024

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 18th September 2024 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Membership Present:	Town Mayor	Cllr D Ledger (in the Chair)
	Councillors	I Brown D Campbell T Collier B Corrigan (Ap) E Cropper S Crosby S Dickinson L Geary J Kellas D Moore (Ap) G Rix N Ross (Ap) L Roulstone M Skinner M Spoors P Taylor (Ap)
Apologies received from:	Councillors	B Corrigan, D Moore, N Ross, P Taylor
Town Council Staff:	Town Clerk Deputy Town Clerk Mayor's Officer	Matthew Gleadell Anna Lawson Pete Tomlinson
Public:	There was 1 member of the public present and no members of the press.	
Venue:	Council Chamber	Town Hall

TC12/24/25 Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 24th July 2024

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 24th July were proposed by Cllr D Ledger, seconded by Cllr L Geary and **AGREED** as a true and accurate record.

TC13/24/25 Declarations of Interest from Members and Officers

No Declarations of Interest were received.

TC14/24/25 Adopted Minutes of the Committees held since the last Full Town Council Meeting

a. Planning Committee held on Wednesday 26th June 2024

Cllr L Geary presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

b. Extraordinary Planning Committee held on Wednesday 10th July 2024

Cllr L Geary presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

c. Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 17th July 2024

Cllr S Crosby presented the Minutes of this meeting.

d. Planning Committee held on Wednesday 2024

Cllr L Geary presented the Minutes of this meeting.

The above Minutes were **RECEIVED** and **NOTED**.

TC15/24/25 Town Mayor's Announcements

The Town Mayor informed Councillors that she had enjoyed the recent events attend and was grateful for support from her Consort.

The twinning visit to Emmendingen was very good and the hospitality was excellent.

Thank you to the Deputy Mayor for standing in at the latter part of the proceedings at the Battle of Britain commemorative event.

The Town Mayor gave a reminder that her Charity Event would be taking place on Saturday 28th September from 10am until 3pm at the Scout Hut on Lovers Lane.

TC16/24/25 Town Clerk's Announcements

The Town Clerk reported that the Hospitality and Events Manager had started, and Members would be able to meet them next week at the formal presentation.

Newark on Sea, Newark Festival and the Lego Brickwork events were very successful.

Plans for the Christmas Lights are coming along.

On Friday 2nd November there will be a projection onto the front of the Town Hall of an animated film showing the history of Newark. This will take place between 5.30 and 9.00pm.

Devolution developments are coming along.

Next year's budgets are being considered and projects should be brought forward for possible inclusion.

A twinning request had been received from a town in Zimbabwe.

A Towns Fund funding post of £20m was offered by the previous government. £3m had already been adopted by the Board. The remaining funds are on pause by the current government.

The Public Consultation regarding Newark Burial Board and Cemetery Improvements will take place within October and November 2024.

Sherwood Avenue Play Park – the final stage has commenced and will take 12 weeks.

Sherwood Avenue Tennis Courts online system is working well and there will be an official opening on Friday 4th October at 4pm – Members are invited to attend.

TC17/24/25 Leader of the Council's Announcements

The Leader reported that she had held an informative meeting with the accountants.

She had also attended the Crime and ASB quarterly meeting last month.

The Emmendingen twinning visit went well and it was interesting to compare issues affecting both towns such as infrastructure and climate change.

TC18/24/25 Supplementary Planning Documents

Affordable Housing

Solar Energy

Cllr M Spoors declared a non-pecuniary interest in this Agenda Item.

It was proposed by Cllr D Ledger, seconded by Cllr D Campbell, that the recommendations be adopted, as proposed.

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

TC19/24/25 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations Changes

Cllr M Spoors proposed, Cllr G Rix seconded, that the recommendations contained in the Agenda Report be adopted.

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

TC20/24/25 Tolney Lane Fencing

Cllr D Ledger proposed, Cllr L Geary seconded that the meeting now be moved to a closed session.

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

TC21/24/25 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Cllr D Ledger proposed, Cllr S Dickinson 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.

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

TC22/24/25 Tolney Lane Land / Fencing Requests

Cllr M Spoors declared a non-pecuniary interest in this Agenda Item.

Concerns were raised that the proposal may be affected by flood mitigation plans. There were also Health and Safety concerns about the site due to overgrowth near the edge of the river.

Cllr M Skinner proposed an amendment – that boulders be used rather than fencing. This was seconded by Cllr I Brown.

No vote was taken at this point.

The Town Clerk suggested that power be devolved to Cllr M Skinner, the Town Clerk and the Chair of the Finance & General Purposes Committee to investigate and resolve the issue. Cllr M Skinner stated that he did not wish to move this.

No vote was taken.

Cllr G Rix left the meeting at this point.

Cllr L Geary proposed that the original proposal as stated in the Agenda Report be approved. This was seconded by Cllr M Spoors.

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

Meeting Closed:	7.53pm	Next Meeting:	Wednesday 11 th December 2024
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Newark TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 25th September 2024 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.

Membership Present:	Councillor	L Geary (Chair)
	Councillor	T Collier (Vice Chair) E Cropper B Corrigan S Dickinson L Goff N Ross L Roulstone M Skinner
In Attendance	Town Clerk	Matthew Gleadell
Apologies	There were no apologies	
Taking Minutes:		Matthew Gleadell
Public:	There were 0 members of the public present and 1 member of the Press.	
Venue:	Council Chamber, Town Hall.	

PR25/24/25 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 28th August 2024 were **AGREED** and signed as a true and correct record.

PR26/24/25 Declarations of Interest

It was **AGREED** to accept any declarations of interest as and when they arose during the meeting.

PR27/24/25 Outstanding Planning Applications

24/01192/HOUSE 15 Gilstrap Close, Newark

Application for extension to front of property for a downstairs wet-room and cladding to front elevation in place of hanging tiles.

Newark Town Council sustains their previous objection to this development and have concerns over the inadequacy of the plans submitted.

24/01475/ADV WH Smith, 36-40 Market Place, Newark

1 x non illuminated folded aluminium fascia sign with vinyl lettering at 7060 x 365mm.

No Objection was raised to this application.

24/01542/HOUSE 192 Grange Road, Newark

Proposed single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory.

No Objection was raised to this application.

24/01553/PA Sherwood Avenue Bowls & Tennis Park, Newark

Application to determine if Prior Approval required for installation of PV panels to roof of existing building as per Schedule 2 Part 14 Class J.

No Comments were made for this application due to it being submitted by Newark Town Council.

24/01596/S73 Heathcotes, Enright View, 1-3 Enright Close, Newark

Application to vary condition 2 attached to planning permission 24/00064/FUL to amend the proposed plans.

No Objection was raised to this application.

24/01602/ADV MFG, Cow Lane, Newark Esso, 69 North Gate, Newark

Erection of a small format Advertising Display.

No Objection was raised to this application subject to the approval of the Conservation Officer and compliance with the relevant SPD.

PR28/24/25 Notice of NSDC Planning Decisions

The Committee **NOTED** the District Council Planning Decisions received since the last meeting.

PR29/24/25 Miscellaneous Applications

a. Nottinghamshire County Council Applications

No applications had been received.

b. Street Naming

Playing Field, Elm Avenue, Newark

Erection of 9 dwellings

Members considered street names for the above development and the following suggestions were put forward:

Godiva – Lady Godiva gave the land for the Church

Eleanor – Beaumont Cross is in memory of Queen Eleanor)

Henrietta Maria was the Queen to Charles 1st

Winifred Marshall Gales was an author born in Newark on the 10th July 1761 – any or all of the three names could be used separately or on nearby streets.

Ethel Harrison is the lady who the drinking fountain is in memory of.

Charlotte was the first name of Viscountess Ossington.

Constance Penswick Smith is the lady who revived Mothering Sunday – there's a blue plaque for her on Church Walk near the War Memorial.

Roma Parlby was the owner of the Newark Advertiser after her father, so the Parlby name was for her family too. Members of the family would have to be asked and Roma died relatively recently in 2009, so the time lapse rule would need to be checked.

Doris Bainbridge left a legacy for the Castle.

c. Notification of Appeals

No applications had been received.

d. Licensing Applications

Club X, 18 Castle Gate, Newark

Application for a Review of the Premises Licence

Newark Town Council supports the Night Club and regards it as an important asset in the town's night time economy.

Having reviewed the application, Newark Town Council cannot support revocation of the licence or the proposed significant reductions in the licensing hours of the venue. NTC does however, encourage the licensing department / committee to give careful consideration to options numbered 3,4 and 5 in the application. Option 6 is considered by NTC to be a very positive step to be explored. NTC is keen to encourage the licensing department/ committee to ensure that any changes to the licence do not seriously compromise the viability of the Night Club.

e. Examination of Amended Allocations & Development Management Development Plan Document (DPD)

Cllr N Ross declared a non-prejudicial interest in this application as a Member of Newark & Sherwood District Council.

It was Agreed to register to speak at the examination process in relation to land east of Newark and GRT allocation.

Meeting Closed:	7.50pm	Next Meeting:	Wednesday 30th October, 2024
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Newark TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 9th October 2024, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, at the Town Hall.

Membership Present:	Councillor	B Corrigan (Chairman)
	Councillors	I Brown D Campbell T Collier E Cropper S Crosby (Vice-Chairman) S Dickinson L Geary L Goff J Kellas (Ap) D Ledger D Moore (A) G Rix (Ap) N Ross (Ap) L Roulstone M Skinner M Spoors (Ap) P Taylor
Apologies for Absence:	Councillors	J Kellas, G Rix, N Ross, M Spoors
Officers Present:	Town Clerk	Matthew Gleadell
Taking Notes:	Deputy Town Clerk	Anna Lawson
	There was one member of the press and no members of the public present.	
Venue:	Committee Room, Newark Town Hall	

FGP42/24/25 Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 4th September 2024

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 4th September 2024 were proposed by Cllr B Corrigan and seconded by Cllr S Crosby.

A vote was held and they were **APPROVED**, with the amendments as noted on pages 8,9 and 10.

FGP43/24/25 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

FGP44/24/25 Payment Schedule 5/25

Cllr B Corrigan proposed, Cllr D Campbell seconded the Monthly Payment Schedules 5/25 and 6/25.

Members then **NOTED** Payment Schedule 5/25 in the sum of £174,945.87 (one hundred and seventy four thousand, nine hundred and forty five pounds and 87p).

It was also **AGREED** that a breakdown of payments made by credit card would be included for future reference.

FGP45/24/25 Code of Conduct

It was proposed by Cllr B Corrigan, seconded by Cllr L Roulstone, that the Code of Conduct as presented be **ADOPTED** with minor aesthetic amendments. A vote was held and this was **AGREED**.

FGP46/24/25 Debt Recovery Policy

The document was **ADOPTED** with the following additions:

Introduction to include 'Leases and Tenancy'.

Stage 2, Page 2, to include 'And no alternative arrangement agreed'.

The above was proposed by Cllr B Corrigan, seconded by Cllr S Crosby and **APPROVED** unanimously.

FGP47/24/25 External Audit Conclusion 23/24

It was proposed by Cllr B Corrigan, seconded by Cllr S Crosby, that the External Audit Conclusion be **NOTED** and **ACCEPTED**.

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

FGP48/24/25 Works Approval Schedule

It was proposed by Cllr B Corrigan, seconded by Cllr E Cropper, that the Works Approval Schedule be **NOTED** and **ACCEPTED**.

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

It was **AGREED** to move to Agenda Item 11 at this point due to the attendance from an additional NTC officer.

FGP49/24/25 Sherwood Avenue – Retail Kiosk/Public Toilets – Design and Planning

It was proposed by Cllr D Ledger, seconded by Cllr B Corrigan, that Recommendation 1.1 be **ACCEPTED**.

‘That the Council commission relevant planning consultancy with a view to securing necessary planning advice/approvals for the provision of a refreshment retail unit and public toilet facility at Sherwood Avenue Park’.

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

It was then proposed by Cllr B Corrigan, seconded by Cllr L Goff that Recommendation 1.2 be **ACCEPTED**.

‘That Members consider the options for delivery of refreshment provision on the site. Officers are confident that an in-house approach could be made to work however it is difficult to accurately forecast the potential income especially when the type of unit that might be permitted on planning levels is uncertain at present. The Events and Hospitality Sales manager has adopted a cautious approach to their financial forecasts. If Members are willing to pursue an in-house approach a more detailed business plan will be developed’.

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

Cllr B Corrigan proposed, Cllr L Roulstone seconded, to **ACCEPT** Option 3, with an amendment that the site must not use zero hours contracts.

‘Option 3 – Council Owned Unit Operated In House

This option would likely generate the most revenue and income. The Events and Hospitality Sales Manager has previously managed mobile refreshment sales units and has prepared an outline business plan and P&L forecast for members consideration’.

A vote was held and with 7 votes For, 4 votes Against and 1 Abstention, this was **AGREED**.

FGP50/24/25 Environmental Stewardship Sub-Committee – Chairman’s Update

Cllr L Roulstone delivered a verbal report to Members.

Cllr M Skinner left the meeting at this point (8.04pm).

FGP51/24/25 Events, Arts, Culture and Twinning Sub-Committee – Chairman’s Update

It was proposed by Cllr T Collier, seconded by Cllr B Corrigan, that this report be deferred to the next meeting.

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

FGP52/24/25 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Cllr B Corrigan proposed, Cllr T Collier 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.

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

FGP53/24/25 Sherwood Avenue – Costs and Quotes

Proposed Planning Consultancy Support

Cllr B Corrigan proposed, Cllr D Ledger seconded that Quote 2 be **ACCEPTED** - £1800.

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

Cllr B Corrigan proposed, Cllr L Goff seconded, that subject to planning consent, a purchase should be made for one KL2 Access Waterless 100 from Woo Woo. However, the planning application should include the possibility of a second unit.

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

FGP54/24/25 Operations Manager Recruitment and H & S Consultancy

Cllr B Corrigan proposed, Cllr D Ledger seconded the following proposal:

'The Council's Personnel Sub-Committee is recommending that following the resignation of the Operations Manager that a replacement is recruited immediately alongside an extension of the appointment of the H & S Consultant'.

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

Meeting Closed:	8.30pm	Next Meeting:	Wednesday 13th November 2024
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Newark TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 30th October 2024 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.

Membership Present:	Councillor	L Geary (Chair)
	Councillor	T Collier (Vice Chair) E Cropper (Ap) B Corrigan S Dickinson L Goff N Ross L Roulstone M Skinner (Ap)
In Attendance	Deputy Town Clerk	Anna Lawson
	Town Clerk	Matthew Gleadell until 7.30pm
Apologies	Councillors E Cropper & M Skinner	
Taking Minutes:		Anna Lawson
Public:	There were 0 members of the public present and 1 member of the Press.	
Venue:	Council Chamber, Town Hall.	

PR30/24/25 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 25th September 2024 were **AGREED** and signed as a true and correct record.

PR31/24/25 Declarations of Interest

It was **AGREED** to accept any declarations of interest as and when they arose during the meeting.

PR32/24/25 Outstanding Planning Applications

24/01455/HOUSE Rose Cottage, 34 Lovers Lane, Newark, NG24 1HU

Remove single storey outhouse. Erection of two storey extension.

No Objection was raised to this application.

24/01473/LBC 2 Riverside Cottage, Castle Gate, Newark, NG24 1BG

External works, alterations and replacement of windows and doors, conversion of garage with new rooflights and internal works and refurbishment.

No Objection was raised to this application subject to the support of the Conservation Officer.

24/01511/LBC 91 Mill Gate, Newark, NG24 4UA

Installation of damp proof system, repointing gable end brickwork and replaster staircase wall.

No Objection was raised to this application subject to the support of the Conservation Officer.

22/01528/RMAM Lincoln Road Playing Field, Newark, NG24 2DB

Amended

Application for Reserved Matters Approval comprising the erection of 207 dwellings including relevant demolition, landscaping and car parking with new pavilion, sports pitches, associated landscaping and associated car parking pursuant to outline planning permission 22/00426/S73M – Redevelopment of parts of the Yorke Drive estate.

Revised description of development, drawings, documents and red line site location plan changed.

Cllr N Ross declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application.

The Committee were in support of this application in principle, supporting the proposed S106 funding to increase GP provision.

The Committee would like the Planning Officer to consider the following conditions:

- **Implement wildlife initiatives ie. Hedgehog holes, wildflower meadows.**
- **Landscaping and tree planting to the south**

and east of the football pitches is completed, prior to commencing work on the sports field.

- 24/01545/HOUSE 55 Bancroft Road, Newark, NG24 1SF**
Proposed single storey rear extension.
No Objection was raised to this application.
- 24/01618/HOUSE 10 Goodwin Close, Newark, NG24 2LA**
Demolition of a single storey existing structure and erection of a side and front two-storey extension.
Members noted the objections of the neighbours and would like to request that the Planning Officer investigate their concerns.
- 24/01628/HOUSE 24 Coopers Yard, Newark, NG24 4UH**
Replace existing window with patio doors and side windows and Juliet balcony.
No Objection was raised to this application.
- 24/01642/LBC 4 Depot Yard, Newark, NG24 1DR**
Internal alterations including removal of stud wall to first floor, repositioning existing doorway to ground floor and installation of new window to first floor rear elevation.
No Objection was raised to this application subject to the support of the Conservation Officer.
- 24/01657/HOUSE 29B Barnby Gate, Newark, NG24 1PX**
Single storey extension to existing bungalow.
No Objection was raised to this application subject to the support of the Conservation Officer.
- 24/01680/HOUSE 23 Coopers Yard, Newark, NG24 4UH**
Patio doors with side windows and Juliet balcony.
No Objection was raised to this application.
- 24/01682/FUL Grange Road Stores, 10A Grange Road, Newark, NG24 4LE**
New build (Takeaway – sui generis) on the ground floor. Including the installation of new extraction flue to the side and flat on the first floor.
Members support this application in principle and request that a condition is made to improve the surface of the car park.
- 24/01683/FUL Telephone Exchange, Lombard Street, Newark, NG24 1XG**
Removal of 3 no. antenna. Installation of 6 new

antenna and ancillary radio equipment, 1 GPS Module and replacement equipment cabinet.

No Objection was raised to this application.

24/01689/CPRIOR Primarysite Ltd, 20 Appleton Gate, Newark, NG24 1JY

Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed change of use from offices (Class E) to 16 residential flats (C3) as Schedule 2 Part 3 Class MA.

Members support the change of use and welcome residential conversion within the Town Centre. Members would like the Planning Officer to ensure sufficient provision for the storage of bicycles and bins.

24/01760/HOUSE 89 London Road, Newark, NG24 1SR

Remove the existing flat roof and parapet wall and erect a first-floor rear extension on the footprint of the existing rear extension.

No Objection was raised to this application.

24/01539/HOUSE 40 Lombard Street, Newark, NG24 1XP

Replacement rear window.

No Objection was raised to this application.

24/01771/HOUSE 8A Winthorpe Road, Newark, NG24 2AB

Conversion of existing garage/store to annex.

No Objection was raised to this application.

24/01140/LBC 87/89 Mill Gate, Newark, NG24 4UA

Remove existing defective roof tiles, renew roof tiles including felt and battens with approved tiles.

No Objection was raised to this application.

PR33/24/25 Notice of NSDC Planning Decisions

The Committee **NOTED** the District Council Planning Decisions received since the last meeting.

PR34/24/25 Miscellaneous Applications

f. Nottinghamshire County Council Applications

Charles Street Area, Newark

Proposed introduction of additional 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions (double yellow lines) around these junctions.

No Objection was raised to this application.

g. Street Naming

24/00073/NEWDEV

293 Bowbridge Road, Newark

Erection of 87 no. dwellings.

Members considered the above application and suggested the following should be put forward to NSDC:

Bowbridge Place, Bowbridge Close but think should only be one named Bowbridge not all as too confusing otherwise.

Ball Court - Albert Ball VC (1896-1917) who went to Kings Grammar School in Nottingham and his father was Lord Mayor of Nottingham and his parents later owned Upton hall that's now the clock museum on the road to Southwell. At the time of his death he was the United Kingdom's leading flying ace with 44 victories. He was in the Sherwood Foresters at the start of the war and transferred to the Royal Flying Corps.

Cricket Green

Googly Way

Bounce

The Chair of Planning will contact Roger Peacock for the names of Magnus Headmasters.

h. Notification of Appeals

No applications had been received.

i. Licensing Applications

RW Stokes & Sons Ltd

Stokes Newark Café, Unit 8, Robin Hood Walk, Newark

No Objection was raised to this application.

GH Porter Ltd, 1-3 Bridge Street, Newark

Cllrs B Corrigan & N Ross both declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application.

Proposed supply of alcohol on and off the premises.

No Objection was raised to this application.

j. NSDC Amended Allocations Plan Examination

Gypsy, Roma & Traveller

Newark Town Council have previously commented in relation to the GRT allocation in the amended allocations plan. Since that comment was submitted, the Council has seen significant changes in its political make up with almost all of the current Councillors having been elected to the Council since the original comment was made.

Newark Town Council's planning committee met on the 30th October 2024 and further reviewed the GRT element of the amended allocations plan ahead of the examination process.

The committee resolved as follows:

1. To declare their support for the GRT Housing Need assessment.
2. To express broad support for Tolney Lane being utilised as a location for accommodating a large proportion of the pitch requirements required during the life of the amended plan, provided that flood alleviation plans for the Tolney Lane area can be realistically delivered, especially having regard to the significant costs associated with such scheme.
3. To restate objections already raised in response to the planning application for the Bowbridge Lane site albeit it recognised that those objections have been made through the planning process and not the amended plan consultation process. If appropriate mitigation measures for difficulties on this site cannot be overcome, NTC is willing to support NSDC in seeking to identify an alternative suitable site.
4. To affirm the Councils support for the GRT community generally and support for them having provision of suitable and sustainable sites that allow the local GRT community to meet their housing needs in Newark and the District.
5. To note the advantage in having a formally adopted plan so as to regulate the location of new sites during the life of the plan, and to provide policy that can help to resist applications for sites that are considered to be unsuitable for GRT allocation.

Meeting Closed:	8.58pm	Next Meeting:	Wednesday 27th November, 2024
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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

SUBJECT:	First Stage Design Considerations for Newark Market Place
REPORT BY:	Anna Lawson

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That members agree to select and adopt the elements to be included in the first stage of the design of the renovation of the Market Place.
- NSDC will consult members at each stage of the design process.
- 1.2 These First Stage Design Considerations form one part of the project. Due to the failure of the previously presented matrix, this aspect of the project is now three weeks behind schedule and as such it is imperative that members are able to provide NSDC with an indication of the elements they wish to be included for consideration.
- 1.3 To support the council, NSDC has amended their request for information to a simple, **yes** or **no** response. NSDC has advised that if members are unable to decide on an individual element, then it should be awarded a **yes** response, in order for the element to be reconsidered at a later date.
- 1.4 Please see Appendix 1

2. Background

- 2.1 In July 2020 the Newark Town Board submitted a Newark Investment Plan to the government in an effort to bid for some of the £3.6 billion Towns Fund made available by the then government. Newark was successful in its bid and secured £25 million pounds towards a range of local investment projects.
- 2.2 One of the investment projects was a project known as Newark Heart. This consisted of a project fund of £2.1 million made up of £1.5 million for capital investment into the market place and £600,000 revenue costs across 3 years, towards events and activity in the town centre along with staff resource to help deliver the project. Newark Town Council was the original project sponsor for Newark Heart with a £600,000 match funding commitment spread over 3 years to also be applied towards events and activities in the town centre.
- 2.3 Newark Town Council operated the project from its initiation on the 1st April 2022 until the 1st April 2023 when the project sponsorship was taken over by the District Council. Internal staff challenges with key project staff that arose in late 2022 and early 2023 (long term illness/resignations) meant that the Town Council was devoid of sufficient resource to deliver the project. It had also become apparent that the project was of such a size and scale that it was beyond the physical means of the Town Council in any event to effectively deliver the project. The change of sponsorship was requested by the Town Council.
- 2.4 Challenges that have arisen in the last 12 -18 months with another Towns Fund project, being the 'Newark Gateway' project, which is now no longer viable has resulted in an additional £2.1 million pounds capital funding being diverted to the Newark Heart project

to give a total capital fund available for investment into the market place of £3.6 million pounds.

- 2.5 The market place is an extremely important historic asset not just for Newark but the country as a whole. The investment opportunities represent an important milestone in the life of the market place and careful thought must be given to the project as it develops.

The end result may not be universally supported by all however, as high street and town centre uses evolve and societal shopping habits continue to change, it is very welcome to have funds available to adapt the market place so that it can seek to better complement the changes in the way town centres are being utilised.

- 2.6 The Finance and General Purposes Meeting previously considered this matter via a matrix and five-item list, subsequently adopting a stance regarding water features, public art and cycle parking as low priorities and as such not to be included within the design. Resurfacing of the area was regarded as a high priority. This information has been forwarded to NSDC.

Financial, Legal, Equality, Environmental & Risk Issues

- 3.1 **Financial** – At this point it is worth noting that it is likely that the maintenance revenue costs of the market place may increase dependant on what features are pursued and included. As the project develops those future costs will become much clearer; however, during a very difficult financial period it is important that members are clear of the financial implications.

Risk Issues – The principal of investment into the market square is hard to object to. However, as the project progresses, careful management of the physical process of carrying out works will be important. A level of disruption to the town centre will be unavoidable however the impact on market traders, shops and businesses and the Town Hall as a venue will need to be carefully considered and managed as much as reasonably possible.

Background Papers:	Working papers
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Appendix A

Design element options	Yes	No	Maybe
Al-fresco Dining			
Greening			
Rain Gardens/Planters/Trees			
Biodiversity			
Power and Utilities			
Market(s) & Stalls			
Events Space			
Water Feature			
Seating			
Lighting			
Tactile Public Art / Murals			
Vehicular Access			
Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SUDs)			
Bollards			
Hostile Vehicle Mitigation (HVM)			
USB Charge Points			
Costs of delivery and ongoing maintenance			
Reducing Clutter			
Public Toilets			

