



Newark TOWN COUNCIL

20th February 2025

Dear Councillors

A meeting of the Events, Arts, Culture and Twinning Sub-Committee has been arranged for **6.30pm** on Thursday 27th February 2025, in the Pickin Room at the Town Hall.

Yours sincerely

MATTHEW GLEADELL
Town Clerk

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EVENTS, ARTS, CULTURE AND TWINNING SUB-COMMITTEE

Thursday 27th February 2025

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Committee membership Cllr T Collier (Chairman)
 Cllr S Dickinson (Vice-Chairman)
 Cllr D Campbell
 Cllr J Kellas
 Cllr L Roulstone



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Minutes of the Meeting of the Arts, Culture, Events and Twinning Working Group held at 6.30pm on Monday 2nd September 2024 in the Pickin Room at the Town Hall.

Membership Present:	Councillor	T Collier (Chairman)
	Councillors	D Campbell S Dickinson (Vice-Chairman) L Roulstone
Apologies for Absence:		Jack Kellass
In Attendance:	Town Clerk	Matthew Gleadell Ian Harrison
	There were no members of the public present	
Venue:	Pickin Room, Town Hall	

ACETWG/10/24/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Jack Kellass.

ACETWG/11//24/25 Minutes of the Meeting of the Arts, Events, Culture and Twinning Working Group held on

The minutes of the meeting held on 02 May 2024 were approved as a correct record.

ACETWG/12/24/25 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

ACETWG/13/24/25 Newark on Sea Review

The following was noted:

- Overall success
- 2300 people estimated attendance
- Visitors from out of town.

- Desire to be held longer in the future and into the evening.
- A real buzz around the beach.
- Local cafes do well during the event.
- Toilet provision is a challenge.
- Newark Creates support the event with activities around it.

ACETWG/14/24/24 Twinning Visit Review

The following was noted :

- Band performance was great.
- Cllr Campbell expressed desire to see more groups and local organisations involved in twinning.
- On the whole an excellent visit. Next visit likely to be 2026 if invited to any 400-year Mayoral celebrations.

ACETWG/15/24/25 Newark Festival Review

The following was noted :

- An excellent weekend.
- The Hustle element was a success. All venues were full.
- Charity collection proved to be a struggle.
- The Monday at the Castle proved to be better attended than the previous year.
- Deckchairs were a great addition.
- Brass Bands love the event.
- Light show and pyrotechnics were very well received.
- Visitors attended via boats that moored nearby.
- Grant from Newark Creates of £3,000 supported the event.

ACETWG/16/24/25 Christmas 2024 Plans Review

Ian Harrison updated members with plans for the Christmas Light and Christmas / Steampunk markets which was duly noted by the members.

ACETWG/17/24/25 Third party events review

A brief discussion was held to discuss and evaluate recent third party events held in Newark.

The Clerk gave a short update as to the future of Newark Creates.

ACETWG/18/24/25 Date of Next Meeting

TBC

Meeting Closed:	8.25pm	Next Meeting:	TBC
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EVENTS, ARTS, CULTURE AND TWINNING SUB-COMMITTEE

SUBJECT:	Events Arts Twinning and Culture – Meeting 27th February 2025 – Report - Various Items
REPORT BY:	Matthew Gleadell

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That members note the contents of the report and make relevant decisions as required for respective items.

2. Background**2.1 Twinning (Emmendingen) - FOR NOTING**

- 2.1.1 A small delegation from Emmendingen visited Newark on the weekend of the 8th and 9th February. The Clerk and Leader attended a Newark Town FC football match with guests from Emmendingen FC. The wider delegation attended the Last Night of the Proms being an event organised by the Twinning Association to raise funds for Twinning activity. This was not a formal civic visit and as such no formal Council involvement was required.

2.1.2 Twinning (Sandomierz) – MEMBER INPUT SOUGHT

Polish twin town Sandomierz will be celebrating its 35th anniversary of twinning with Emmendingen between the 4th and 6th July. A small delegation of 4 from Newark are asked to attend. The Mayor will be an automatic choice for attendance. The Twinning Association will likely send 2 delegates. The Mayor therefore may wish to choose their travel companion if they are able to attend. The Mayor may use their Mayoral engagements allowance to fund their trip. All other delegates will have to be self-funded. Food and accommodation are likely to be provided by the twin town.

2.1.3 Zimbabwe Town Twinning Request – MEMBER DECISION REQUIRED

A request from a town in Zimbabwe to twin with them has been received (please see attached correspondence). Whilst exciting, as the Clerk I would recommend declining the invitation at this time. As a Council we have a large number of undertakings already, we are going through an acute period of staff reorganisation due to a workforce with many people reaching retirement age. This creates a strain as people go and new people need time to get established. At this time focus must be on core service delivery.

2.1.4 Newark Town Hall Museum and Art Gallery – FOR NOTING

Rebecca Fawcett commenced work with the Council in late January as a Senior Collections and Exhibits officer (curator). Employed by the District Council but funded by the Town Council she will work in bringing the Town Hall Museum and Art Gallery much closer in partnership working with the National Civil War Centre and Castle Gatehouse when completed. Rebecca is part time working 3 days per week.

It is hoped Rebecca will be able to attend the meeting to introduce herself. Rebecca has prepared the attached report by way of advance update.

2.1.5 Newark Festival - FOR NOTING

With budget provision agreed for Newark Festival, plans to develop the weekend will need to get underway quite soon.

The availability of the Castle Grounds remains unclear at this time. The Castle is the preferred venue choice at this time but if unavailable the market place is likely to be the preferred location for music entertainment.

The festival is intended to take place across the August Bank Holiday weekend of the 22nd – 25th August with a similar format to last year.

Officers will be developing the event plans and will keep members informed of progress.

2.1.6 **Newark on Sea - MEMBER DECISION REQUIRED**

The core format for Newark on Sea is now established. Planned dates for the main event are 2nd to the 17th August.

During the recent budgeting process there were differing views over the provision of some smaller weekend pop up beaches in other parts of Newark. This committee is asked to provide some clear instruction to officers as to how it wishes progress this area of event delivery. Budgets were agreed and so financially the exercise of some pop-up beaches over a weekend in other locations is financially possible.

2.1.7 **Newark Creates – FOR NOTING**

Newark Creates at present will run out of funding at the end of March (albeit some roll over funding may see it continue for a while longer).

The final event is the Ignite: Fire Flames and Frenzy event on the 1st March details of which have already been shared with members.

Funding bids have been made to continue Newark Creates and outcomes will be reported to members at the earliest opportunity.

2.1.8 **Newark Book Festival - MEMBER DECISION REQUIRED**

Funding has been secured from the Arts Council to deliver Newark Book Festival. As has been tradition for many years the Town Council supports the event with free venue use. Last year free stall hire was also added to help the festival who have been struggling financially. Members are asked to confirm that they are content for the Town Council support to continue.

2.1.9 **VE DAY – FOR NOTING**

This year marks the 80th anniversary since VE Day. An event is to be held on Thursday 8th May. Plans are being developed but the format is likely to involve a musical concert in the market place in the evening followed by a civic ceremony with beacon lighting at 9.30pm to accord with national guidance for how the day should be marked.

Budget provision was made for the event and as with all military themed events there is strong support from the local veteran's branches of the various armed forces.

2.1.10 **2026 Anniversaries – MEMBER INPUT SOUGHT**

The year 2026 will mark the 250th anniversary of the building of the Town Hall and the 400th anniversary of Newark's mayoralty.

This committee is asked to make provisional recommendations to the Full Council as to how it may wish to mark those anniversaries if at all.

This is the early embryonic brainstorming as to what may be possible.

Clearly any large-scale event will be over and above our existing event delivery and as such capacity, resource and funding will need to be considered.

2.1.11 **Fireworks / Bonfire Night – MEMBER INPUT SOUGHT**

The Council has made provision in its budget for the potential to deliver a local bonfire night. There are some members that are resistant due to fears over the environmental impact of fireworks.

Eco friendly fireworks are available and could be used to help appease concerns.

Officers are keen to progress such an event due to the income generating potential of it.

A number of sites are being appraised. At this time, support from the sub committee to proceed with ecofriendly fireworks as the basis of any display is sought. Members may also wish to share their thoughts on any potential sites for hosting such an event.

3. Financial, Legal, Equality, Environmental & Risk Issues

3.1 All relevant matters contained in the report.

Background Papers:	Working papers
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Dear Lyndsey Sayer

I hope this email finds you well.

We are delighted to write to you to propose an exciting opportunity for international collaboration and cultural exchange between Newark and Ruwa, a town in Zimbabwe, east of the capital city.

As a Council, we have strong interest in establishing a twinning arrangement between Ruwa Council and Newark Council. This initiative aims to foster mutual understanding, share best practices in local governance, and explore opportunities for economic, social, and cultural exchange.

Our Board Chairman, Mr Michael Mataruka had an opportunity to visit the United Kingdom from 14 to 28 July 2024. During that period, he visited associates in the town of Newark and was quite impressed with the status of your Council.

About Ruwa:

Ruwa is a rapidly developing town located approximately 22 kilometers southeast of Harare, the capital city of Zimbabwe. It has experienced significant growth over the past decade, with a dynamic community that is eager to engage in international partnerships. Ruwa boasts a mix of residential, commercial, and industrial areas, and is home to a diverse population. The town consists of nine (9) administrative wards which make up a Board of Councillors headed by a Board Chairman.

Benefits of Twinning:

1. Cultural Exchange:

- Promoting cultural understanding and appreciation between our communities through events, art exhibitions, and cultural festivals.
- Encouraging tourism and fostering friendships through community and student exchange programs.

2. Economic Development:

- Identifying and pursuing joint ventures and business opportunities that can benefit local economies, such as trade delegations and business forums.
- Sharing best practices in economic development, urban planning, and infrastructure projects.

3. Knowledge Sharing:

- Exchanging expertise and experiences in areas such as local governance, environmental sustainability, civil and citizen engagement, healthcare and education.
- Collaborative projects in areas like waste management, renewable energy, and public transportation.

4. Educational Opportunities:

- Creating links between educational institutions for student and faculty exchanges, joint research projects, and scholarship programs.
- Encouraging partnerships between schools to promote global citizenship and understanding among young people.

I believe this partnership would be mutually beneficial and help strengthen the ties between our two local authorities. By immersing our two local authorities in the practices and traditions of a twinning relationship, I believe both can explore innovative and creative practices of how to effectively deliver services and govern in a way that meets the needs of our diverse communities.

Thank you for considering this opportunity. I look forward to the possibility of collaborating to create a vibrant and productive relationship between Newark and Ruwa.

I would be delighted to discuss this proposal further and provide any additional information that may be required.

Kind Regards,



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EVENTS, ARTS, CULTURE AND TWINNING SUB-COMMITTEE

SUBJECT:	TOWN HALL MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY UPDATE
REPORT BY:	REBECCA FAWCETT (SENIOR COLLECTIONS AND EXHIBITIONS OFFER)

1. JAN 25 - FEB 25 OUTPUTS

- 1.1 Joined as Senior Collections and Exhibitions Officer on 22nd Jan 2025.
- 1.2 Induction and work plan is now in place to Jan 2026.
- 1.3 Review and update of following policies taken place in preparation for Accreditation submission:
 - Access Policy
 - Conservation Care Policy and Plan
 - Documentation Policy
 - Acquisitions and Disposal Policy

Accreditation is the nationally agreed standards to ensure all museums are sustainable, focused and trusted, managed by Arts Council England. You must apply every 5 years to maintain membership to be able to operate as museum with the ability to apply for government and lottery funding. Accreditation also provides access to funded training and supports public and sector confidence.

- 1.4 15th and 22nd Feb: 2 new events – Tony Goulding – Meet the Artist and live painting.
- 1.5 18th Feb: 6 volunteers attended Book Conservation Training at National Civil War Centre at no charge. This is the first partnership training opportunity with Newark and Sherwood District Council designed to upskill at low cost.

2. Upcoming work – Mar- May 2025**2.1 Accreditation**

We are expecting the invitation to submit in March which will give six months to submit for accreditation in Sept 2025. As part of this process, the following review and update will take place:

- Forward Plan
- Emergency Plan
- Documentation procedures
- Access Plan
- Budget Plan
- Collection Stores Options Appraisal

18th Mar: Rebecca to attend Getting ready for Accreditation training.

Attended meetings with National Civil War Colleagues to look at Accreditation.

2.2 **Friends and Volunteers**

21st Mar: Meeting with Friends Board to discuss Museum plan for 2025-26.

Training support programme to be developed

2.3 **Offer of the return of an oil portrait of Alderman John Crossley (Mayor of Newark in 1879) by W H Cubley.**

A member of the public has come forward as he has the above portrait in his possession which was originally part of the museum's collection but was obtained by the sitter's family in the 1950s. As the last surviving family member, he would like to return the portrait to the museum. We will work to establish the portrait is part of the collection and receive as a gift with no conditions after cleaning.

2.6 **Spotlight Gallery**

Tony Goulding exhibition is extended to 29th March

4th April to 7th June

Sue Vincent – Digital Explorations

Sue has been a practicing local artist since the 1970s working in mixed media, painting, and textiles as well as more recently digital. Graduating from London Metropolitan (2016) and University of Arts, London (2019), Sue is also a member of ARTCAN, Nottingham Association of Artists and Newark Art Club.

Her work is Inspired by therapeutic approaches to art and feminist themes. This will be the first digital art exhibition at the Spotlight Gallery.

2.7 **Robert Kiddey Exhibition**

RF attending meetings to discuss partnership working with NSDC to work to promote the work of Robert Kiddey who is a prominent figure locally and whose work is a real strength within the collections.

3. **Financial, Legal, Equality, Environmental & Risk Issues**

All relevant matters contained in the report.

Background Papers:	Working papers
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