



Newark TOWN COUNCIL

13th May 2025

Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12 - Part III

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTORS/PARISH MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Town Electors/Parish Meeting will be held at Newark Town Hall, Market Place, Newark, on Wednesday 21st May 2025 at 6.30pm in the Ballroom.

The business to be transacted at the meeting is set out below:

1. Welcome and introduction by the Town Mayor.
2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30th May 2024.
3. Presentation regarding Government funding and investment in Newark.
4. Presentation regarding Local Government reorganisation.
5. Presentation regarding Town Council operations and undertakings.
6. Question Time

An opportunity for members of the General Public to offer questions, make comment and raise issues relating to matters pertaining to the Town.

A cordial invitation is extended to **residents of the town of NEWARK** to attend this public meeting.

B. Corrigan

Councillor Barbara Corrigan
Town Mayor



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Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on Thursday 30th May 2024, at 6.30pm in the Ballroom, Newark Town Hall.

Membership Present:	Town Mayor	Cllr Diane Ledger (in the Chair)
	Councillors	I Brown D Campbell T Collier E Cropper B Corrigan S Crosby S Dickinson L Geary L Goff J Kellas D Moore G Rix N Ross L Roulstone M Skinner M Spoors (Ap) P Taylor (Ap)
Apologies:	Councillors	M Spoors, P Taylor
Town Council Staff:	Town Clerk	M Gleadell
	Executive Assistant	H Crossland

	Mayor's Officer	P Tomlinson
	There were 21 members of the public present and one member of the press.	
Venue:	Ballroom, Newark Town Hall	

AEM/01/24/25	Welcome
	The Town Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained its purpose and encouraged members of the Public to ask questions, on matters related to either the business of the Town Council or matters that impact on the town.
AEM/02/24/25	Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 26th April 2023
	The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 26 th April 2023 were AGREED as a true and accurate record and signed by the Mayor.
AEM/03/24/25	Presentation by Town Clerk, Mr M Gleadell
	The Town Clerk gave a presentation to the meeting which gave information about all the Town Council's roles responsibilities.
AEM/05/24/25	Question Time
	The Town Mayor invited questions from those members of the public present, who were residents of Newark.
	The following Questions were raised: - For any future meetings of this type, it was requested that any figures (as had been presented at this meeting) could be published in the Agenda so that the public had a chance to look at them beforehand? <i>It was agreed that this could be done.</i> - Does the money raised from car parking go to Newark Town Council? <i>The Town Clerk explained how the system worked.</i> - Devolution Agreement – was there any option for the District Council to take back some of the devolved services? <i>This is currently under discussion.</i> - Has disposal of assets been considered? <i>Yes, some assets are being considered to sell.</i> - Can you cash in commercial investments?

	<i>Yes, but 6 months' notice needs to be given, so money will be with us in 6 months' time.</i> • Could the car parks be devolved to Newark Town Council? • A comment was made that Newark Town Council pay the District Council to look after parts that they devolved to them. <i>The Town Clerk explained that Capital Receipt money cannot be used to pay for overheads.</i> <u>New Cemetery</u> • Could human remains be composted at/in allotments? • If there were more cremations would this give more space? <i>Yes, that's correct.</i> • Have you considered applying to the Public Works Loan Board? <i>Yes, this is one of the options.</i> • Have you carried out a survey about this? <i>We will be doing so.</i> • Where would the second site be? <i>The Highfields site – there are concerns about the water level on the site; this site would yield 100-125 years of space.</i> <i>The Lilley and Stone site – this would yield 20-30 years of space.</i> <i>Neither sites are a certainty.</i> • There were plans for a 'bin store' by the church – what has happened with this? <i>The Master Plan is looking at waste solutions in the Town Centre.</i> • A46 dualling has been referred to Planning – it was reported earlier that Newark Town Council was against this – is this still the case? <i>The Town Mayor said that this meeting should not be made political.</i> • Footpaths in Newark are shocking. What is Newark Town Council doing, in conjunction with Notts County Council about this? In two areas of pedestrianisation cars are always there; Cartergate and Baldertongate – these areas are not safe. Most of the pavements in Newark are a disgrace; people park on the pavements – disabled vehicles cannot get around. The County Council have admitted that they have not do a very good job of ensuring that contractors are replacing the surfaces that have been repaired with 'like for like' – this had not been done. <i>We do have £50k ringfenced to resurfacing in the market place.</i> <i>It was also reported that there had been some action on this – the police had been stopping cars in that area.</i> <i>The District Council have been trying to get a rising bollard in the Beaumont Cross area. Hopefully in time there will be an ANPR camera put there.</i> • Town Hall Museum – there is another Museum around the corner – why could they not be merged?
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	<i>Newark Town Council is looking at working with the District Council to develop the museum offer.</i> Salaries – why is there going to be a Deputy Town Clerk if there is no money? <i>There is a need to recruit senior level staff as within the current Town Council staff there are a number who will be retiring over the next year or so.</i>
	Members of the public were asked to fill in a Questionnaire on Services Provided before they left the meeting – these were then handed out.
	There were no further questions or comments so the Town Mayor closed the Annual Electors Meeting.

Meeting Closed:	8.20pm	Next Meeting:	To be confirmed
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