



Newark TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 16th April 2025, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, at the Town Hall.

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

FGP106/24/25 Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 12th March 2025.

The Minutes (as above) were **AGREED** and **APPROVED**.

FGP107/24/25 Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were received.

FGP108/24/25 Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils (NOTALC) Membership

A formal amendment was proposed by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Cropper that this proposal (if accepted) is reviewed after eight months. This was AGREED.

Proposed Cllr Corrigan, Seconded Cllr Geary, Unanimous

It was AGREED that Newark Town Council would join Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils (NOTALC)

FGP109/24/25 Annual Public Meeting

It was proposed that the format remain the same as last year.

A formal amendment was proposed by Cllr Geary and seconded by Cllr Corrigan that the date be moved to Wednesday, 21st May. This was unanimously AGREED

A formal amendment was proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr Roulstone that Penny Taylor MBE, from Newark College, speak on behalf of the Towns Fund Board. This was unanimously AGREED

Proposed Cllr Corrigan, Seconded Cllr Rix, Unanimous

FGP110/24/25 NSDC Concert Band – Concert Venue Request

It was AGREED to accept the recommendation that members allow NSDC Concert Band, free use of the Ballroom in return for playing at the VE Day event.

FGP111/24/25 Meeting Dates

It was AGREED to accept the proposed dates for the civic year 25/26.

Proposal Cllr Crosby Seconded Cllr Moore Unanimous

FGP112/24/25 Play Area Tender – Panel Appointment

That the Mayor, Leader and Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee be appointed to form a panel to score tenders received for the refurbishment and replacement of the Tolney Lane play area.

Proposal Cllr Corrigan

Seconded Cllr Geary

Unanimous

FGP113/24/25 Sherwood Avenue Tennis Courts Car Park

That support funding of £1,000 be provided to assist Newark Northern Bowls Club in creating some additional parking space at Sherwood Avenue Bowls and Tennis club subject to the club funding the remaining costs of the work.

A formal amendment was proposed by Cllr Geary and seconded by Cllr Goff that if this proposal were to be accepted that a request is made for a porous surface to be used. Cllr Goff then withdrew his support, and the proposal was not supported.

A formal amendment was proposed by Cllr Corrigan and seconded by Cllr Ross that this proposal be rejected. This was AGREED.

FGP114/24/25 Community Governance Review

NSDC is undertaking a Community Governance Review of the Newark Town Council ward boundaries and electoral arrangements in light of future developments of housing in the town and the current electoral arrangements.

The Terms of Reference for this Review were approved by the General Purposes Committee on 12 December 2024. Comments on the Terms of Reference were sought from local residents and interested parties and the results of these were considered by the General Purposes Committee on 20 March 2025. NSDC is now inviting comments.

The Draft Recommendations are as follows:

- The Town Council retains 18 Members.
- The South Ward will be renamed Middlebeck.
- The East Ward will be merged with Beacon Ward.
- The electoral arrangements for Newark Town Council, effective ahead of the May 2027 elections be as follows:

Beacon Ward – 4 Members

Bridge Ward – 3 Members

Castle Ward – 2 Members

Devon Ward – 5 Members

Magnus Ward – 2 Members

Middlebeck Ward – 1 Members

Sleaford Ward – 1 Members

Note – for any Order made following this Review, any by-elections to fill casual vacancies ahead of the full 2027 elections to be undertaken in accordance with

the new electoral arrangements and boundaries.

Concerns were raised in relation to the timeframe for the proposals and the additional election cost.

It was AGREED to accept the proposal

Proposal Cllr Goff

Seconded Cllr Geary

Unanimous

FGP115/24/25 Scheme of Delegation and Town Council Meetings Remit

It was AGREED that the Councils Scheme of Delegation be amended to allow for all matters that are presently reserved only to the Finance and General Purposes Committee to also be permitted for inclusion on Town Council meeting Agendas on a trial basis during the 25/26 civic year.

Proposal Cllr Corrigan

Seconded Cllr Taylor

Unanimous

Meeting Closed:	8.31 pm	Next Meeting:	Wednesday 18th June 2025
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