



Newark TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 18th June 2025, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, at the Town Hall.

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

In the absence of the Chairman (Cllr S Crosby) and the Vice Chairman (Cllr B Corrigan), Cllr D Moore was unanimously voted in to cover the role.

FGP001/25/26 Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 16th April 2025.

The Minutes (as above) were proposed by Cllr L Geary, seconded by Cllr P Taylor and **AGREED** and **APPROVED** unanimously.

FGP002/25/26 Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were received.

FGP003/25/26 Payment Schedules 12/25. 1/26 & 2/26

A query was raised in relation to the dates on the documents.

The payment schedules were then proposed by Cllr D Campbell, seconded by Cllr L Geary and unanimously **AGREED**.

FGP004/25/26 Year End Accounting Statements

A query was raised in relation to the Election costs from the 2023 election.

It was **AGREED** to accept the Year End Accounts as presented.

The document was then signed by Cllr D Moore (Acting Chairman).

FGP005/25/26 Annual Governance and Accountability Return

Section One – Annual Governance Statement 2024/25

The statement was proposed by Cllr N Ross, seconded by Cllr L Roulstone and unanimously **AGREED**.

The document was then signed by Cllr D Moore (Acting Chairman).

Section Two – Accounting Statement 2024/25

The Accounting Statement was proposed by Cllr D Campbell, seconded by Cllr S Dickinson and unanimously **AGREED**.

FGP006/25/26 Cemetery Working Group Appointment

It was unanimously **AGREED** to accept the two recommendations as contained in the Agenda Report.

FGP007/25/26 Installation of Target Hardening Bunds

It was proposed by Cllr J Kellas, seconded by Cllr D Moore and **AGREED** unanimously that Target Hardening was required.

However, Cllr M Skinner requested that other options be explored rather than the use of bunds.

FGP008/25/26 Notice of Motion

Motion No 1

Proposed by Cllr M Skinner, seconded by Cllr J Kellas:

‘10th June 2025

This council warmly invites the Mayor for the East Midlands – Claire Ward to provide a presentation and answer questions from members at her earliest convenience. The Regional Mayor was elected over 12 months ago (May 2024) for a four-year term. I believe it would be helpful to hear directly from her, what she has achieved for Newark to date and what she hopes to achieve for the town during the remainder of her term in office’.

Following a vote it was **AGREED** unanimously to invite the East Midlands Mayor, Clair Ward, to attend a non-civic meeting with Newark Town Council

Motion No 2

Proposed by Cllr J Kellas, seconded by Cllr M Skinner:

‘10th June 2025

At future meetings of the finance and general purposes committee, a schedule of actions from previous/outstanding decisions (e.g motions) and visibility of forthcoming items for decision is added to the agenda. It would help members to remain informed of key items for decision outstanding/forthcoming and better informed in advance to consider these matters carefully.

You could summarise, we are asking for a ‘Forward Plan’ and ‘Outstanding/Forthcoming items for decision’.

Following a vote it was agreed unanimously that all committee tasks be included on the schedule.

FGP009/25/26 Cemetery Fees and Charges

It was proposed by Cllr L Geary, seconded by Cllr D Cambell that the proposed fees and charges be accepted.

Following a vote this was **AGREED** unanimously.

FGP010/25/26 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

The Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies as shown on the next page was proposed by Cllr L Geary, seconded by Cllr P Taylor and **AGREED** unanimously (amendments or changes are indicated in **RED**).

APPENDIX 1
REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES
(AS RESOLVED AT FGP 19th JUNE 2024 WITH MID YEAR CHANGES)

OUTSIDE BODY	PREVIOUS/CURRENT TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATION	TERM OF OFFICE
East Midlands Museum Service	Town Clerk	Civic Year
Hospital of St Leonard of Newark	Deputy Town Mayor – ex officio Cllr B Corrigan Cllr N Ross	4-year term to 2027 4-year term to 2027
Lilley & Stone School Charities	Town Mayor – ex officio Cllr D Campbell Cllr L Geary	4 year term to 2027 4 year term to 2027
Magnus Educational Foundation	Town Mayor – ex officio Cllr D Moore Cllr L Geary	4 year term to 2027 4-year term to 2027
Newark Allotments & Gardens Assn	Cllr D Campbell	Civic Year
Newark in Bloom	Cllr L Goff	Civic Year
Newark Civic Trust Awards	Town Mayor	Civic Year
Newark Healthcare Consultative Group	Cllr I Brown	Civic Year
Newark Heritage Forum	Cllr D Moore	Civic Year
Newark Mind / Mental Health Organisations	Cllr D Moore	Civic Year
Newark Municipal Charities	Cllr G Rix Cllr S Crosby	4 year term 4 year term

Friends of Newark Cemetery	Cllr S Crosby Cllr L Goff	Civic Year
Newark & Sherwood CVS	Cllr L Geary	Civic Year
Safer Neighbourhoods Groups	All Councillors	
W E Knight Education Trust	Cllr L Geary Cllr B Corrigan Cllr T Collier	3 year term to 2028 3 year term to 2026 3 year term to 2026

FGP011/25/26 Exclusion of the Press and Public

It was proposed by Cllr D Campbell, seconded by Cllr L Geary that the Press and Public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting.

Following a vote this was **AGREED** unanimously.

FGP012/25/26 Land Sales Requests

Area 1 – Land at Marston Moor Road

It was **AGREED** to bring this item back to the Council following further information from the interested parties.

Cllr L Geary left the meeting at this point (8.54pm).

Area 2 – Land at St Catherine's Allotments

It was proposed by Cllr D Moore, seconded by Cllr L Goff that the Land at St Catherine's Allotments be sold.

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

Meeting Closed:	8.58 pm	Next Meeting:	Wednesday 16 th July 2025
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