



# Newark TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday, 23rd July 2025, at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Membership Present:	Town Mayor	Cllr B Corrigan (in the Chair)
	<b>Councillors</b>	I Brown D Campbell T Collier E Cropper (Ap) S Crosby S Dickinson L Geary L Goff J Kellas D Ledger (Ap) D Moore G Rix (Ap) N Ross L Roulstone M Skinner M Spours (Ap) P Taylor
<b>Apologies received from:</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	D Ledger, G Rix, E Cropper, M Spours
<b>Town Council Staff:</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b> <b>Deputy Town Clerk</b>	<b>Matthew Gleadell</b> Anna Lawson,
<b>Public:</b>	There were no members of the press present or public present.	
<b>Venue:</b>	Council Chamber	Town Hall

**TC01/25/26 Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Town Council held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025 were proposed by Cllr B Corrigan, seconded by Cllr N Ross and **AGREED** as a true and accurate record (subject to amendments)

**TC02/25/26 Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 were proposed by Cllr B Corrigan, seconded by Cllr D Moore and **AGREED** as a true and accurate record (subject to amendments).

**TC03/25/26 Minutes of the Annual Mayor Making Meeting held on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

The Minutes of the Annual Mayor Making Meeting held on Sunday, 11th May 2025, were proposed by Cllr B Corrigan, seconded by Cllr D Moore and **AGREED** as a true and accurate record.

A query was raised concerning the calibre of the Past Mayors' Badge. Discussions then ensued regarding previous motions. A motion may be made to re-evaluate the current position.

**TC04/25/26 Declarations of Interest from Members and Officers**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**TC05/25/26 Adopted Minutes of the Committees held since the last Full Town Council Meeting**

**a. Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 12<sup>TH</sup> March 2025**

Cllr B Corrigan presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

**b. Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Cllr B Corrigan presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

**c. Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Cllr L Geary presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

**d. Planning Committee held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Cllr L Geary presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

**e. Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

Cllr D Moore presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

The above reports were proposed by Cllr B Corrigan, seconded by Cllr D Moore and **NOTED** and **ACCEPTED**.

## **TC06/25/26 Town Mayor's Announcements**

Cllr B Corrigan thanked all those who had voted for her to hold the position of Mayor of Newark for 2025/2026.

So far, Cllr Corrigan has attended 12 events, with the first one being the opening of the Sherwood Avenue Play Park.

The Armed Forces Day event was a fantastic day, with large crowds and fabulously attended by cadets and veterans.

Cllr Corrigan stated that the visit to Sandomierz, in Poland, with the Twinning Association was a great success.

The opening of the Kiddey Sculpture display was inspiring as it made the artwork of the local artist very accessible.

## **TC07/25/26 Town Clerk's Announcements**

The Town Clerk took the opportunity to congratulate the new Mayor.

The Town Clerk reminded members of upcoming events:

- VJ Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August.
- Newark on Sea – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August.
- Newark Festival, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August.

Thanks were also given to the NTC officers who had supported the relocation of the Sunday Band concert due to the inclement weather.

## **TC08/25/26 Leader of the Council's Announcements**

The Leader of the Council informed members about the recent Town Board meetings and regeneration plans.

It was also stated that the proposed boundary changes had been submitted to MHCLG and subsequently rejected.

It was also stated that the Master Plan for the town's development, devised by the NSDC, will be available for public consultation later this year.

## **TC09/25/26 Questions from Town Councillors**

None received.

## **TC10/25/26 Questions from Members of the Public**

None received.

## **TC11/25/26 Doris Bainbridge Accounts**

It was proposed by Cllr B Corrigan, seconded by Cllr D Campbell that the accounts be **ACCEPTED** as presented.

## **TC12/25/26 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

It was proposed by Cllr B Corrigan, seconded by Cllr D Moore 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. This was **AGREED**.

**TC13/25/26 Exempt Minutes from the Meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

This item was **NOTED**.

**TC14/25/26 Cemetery Development**

This item was discussed at length. Discussions included:

- The fact that there is no requirement for a council to provide cemetery provision.
- The recent public consultation showed that local residents were in favour of sourcing a new cemetery.
- That all options could be considered.
- That all options should be pursued in reducing costs from suppliers.
- That changes in legislation to re-use graves have yet to be confirmed.
- Suitable areas are dependent upon topography, accessibility and longevity of the site.

It was proposed by Cllr B Corrigan, seconded by Cllr L Roulstone that the proposed actions stated in the officers report be **ACCEPTED**. This was **AGREED**.

<b>Meeting Closed:</b>	<b>8.24pm</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>
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