



Newark TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

TC48/24/25 Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Town Council held on Wednesday, 19th February 2025

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Town Council held on Wednesday 19th February 2025 were proposed by Cllr D Ledger, seconded by B Corrigan and **AGREED** as a true and accurate record.

TC49/24/25 Declarations of Interest from Members and Officers

There were no Declarations of Interest.

TC50/24/25 Adopted Minutes of the Committees held since the last Full Town Council Meeting

a. Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday, 29th January 2025

Cllr S Crosby presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

b. Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 5th February 2025

Cllr L Geary presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

c. Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 5th March 2025

Cllr L Geary presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

d. Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 2nd April 2025

Cllr L Geary presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

TC51/24/25 Town Mayor's Announcements

The Town Mayor said she had enjoyed the role and would be sad to leave.

She sent her best wishes to the upcoming incumbent.

The Mayor had the opportunity to attend events that she would not normally access, or attend.

She had been proud to represent Newark Town Council and look into all that Newark had to offer.

TC52/24/25 Town Clerk's Announcements

Over 80 invitations had been issued for the VE Beacon Light switch-on.

Further invitations have been issued for the Mayor Making event.

The Town Clerk clarified the situation regarding political stance during council meetings. He recognised that training in the sector prescribes a non-partisan approach; however, legislation does not support this.

The Town Clerk apologised to Cllr L Geary in relation to errors in the last FGP Minutes, which provided an incorrect impression of one aspect of a vote.

TC53/24/25 Leader of the Council's Announcements

The Leader had sent her Apologies.

TC54/24/25 Questions from Town Councillors

Cllr L Goff raised an issue in relation to the lack of a blue plaque for Emily Blagg. Emily Blagg is buried in Newark Cemetery and is not recognised.

Cllr B Corrigan supported the proposal and offer to support Cllr L Goff in his pursuit of this matter.

Cllr L Goff clarified that he wanted signage within the Cemetery to show the location of the grave.

TC55/24/25 Questions from Members of the Public

A response was proposed from the Chair of FGP which outlined the criteria for the Sherwood Avenue Playpark; this would explain that other parks include swings and that swinging motion is provided by some of the equipment at Sherwood Avenue.

TC56/24/25 Cemetery Development

The Town Clerk presented the responses from the Public Consultation regarding the future of Cemetery provision in Newark

It was proposed by Cllr D Ledger and seconded by Cllr B Corrigan that this report be **NOTED** in preparation for a confidential presentation from the Town Clerk.

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

TC57/24/25 Exclusion of the Press and Public

The Town Clerk gave a presentation in relation to the future of burial provision in Newark.

The proposal was to consider the Crematorium first and then the creation of a new Cemetery.

Main points raised were:

- Greatest revenue comes from direct cremations
- Concerns raised with the possibility of partnerships with private companies, despite a reduction in financial and operational risk
- The current situation is at the limit of BTC capacity and knowledge and external consultants would be required.
- Alternative burial provision was considered.

Cllr D Ledger proposed that this item should be deferred to the Cemetery Development Working Group, along with options and costings.

This was seconded by Cllr B Corrigan, a vote was held and it was **AGREED**.

Meeting Closed:	9.33pm	Next Meeting:	Wednesday 23 rd July 2025
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