



Newark TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 24th July 2024 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Membership Present:	Town Mayor	Cllr D Ledger (in the Chair)
	Councillors	I Brown D Campbell T Collier B Corrigan E Cropper S Crosby S Dickinson L Geary J Kellas (Ap) D Moore G Rix (Ap) N Ross L Roulstone M Skinner M Spoons P Taylor
Apologies received from:	Councillors	J Kellas, G Rix
Town Council Staff:	Town Clerk Deputy Town Clerk Executive Assistant Mayor's Officer	Matthew Gleadell Anna Lawson Helen Crossland Pete Tomlinson
Public:	There were 20 members of the public present and one member from the press.	
Venue:	Council Chamber	Town Hall

TC01/24/25 Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday, 24th April 2024

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday, 24th January, were proposed by Cllr D Ledger, seconded by Cllr B Corrigan and **AGREED** as a true and accurate record.

TC02/24/25 Minutes of the Annual/Mayor Making Meeting of the Town Council held on Sunday, 12th May 2024

The Minutes of the Annual/Mayor Making Meeting held on Sunday 12th May 2024 were proposed by Cllr D Ledger, seconded by Cllr B Corrigan and **AGREED** as a true and accurate record with the addition of a sentence at the end of **Minute 03/24/25**:

Cllr G Rix left the meeting at this point.

TC03/24/25 Declarations of Interest from Members and Officers

It was **AGREED** to accept any Declarations of Interest as they arose, if there were any.

TC04/24/25 Adopted Minutes of the Committees held since the last Full Town Council Meeting

a. **Extraordinary Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday, 27th March 2024**

Cllr B Corrigan presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

b. **Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday, 17th April 2024**

Cllr B Corrigan presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

c. **Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 1st May 2024**

Cllr L Geary presented the Minutes of this meeting.

d. **Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 29th May 2024**

Cllr L Geary presented the Minutes of this meeting.

e. **Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday, 19th June 2024**

Cllr B Corrigan presented the Minutes of this meeting.

The above Minutes were **RECEIVED**.

TC05/24/25 Town Mayor's Announcements

- Since Mayor Making there have been 19 engagements; 17 were attended by the Mayor and 2 by the Deputy
- Memorable occasions were the Service of Celebration with the Commandery of King Offa, the Regimental Pilgrimage to Crich, and the Awards evening at Suggys' gym.

- Last week at Newark Academy one of the NTC employees received an award for raising money for different charities and organising fundraisers; this was on top of the letter circulated today praising another two NTC employees. This shows the calibre of staff that work for NTC.
- Diary Date – Saturday 28th September, from 10 until 3 there will be a 'Family Fun Day' in collaboration with 7th Newark Scouts at Lovers Lane. Any donations of tombola/raffle prizes would be gratefully received.

TC06/24/25 Town Clerk's Announcements

- Best wishes to the Mayor – this is her first meeting as the Chairman of NTC.
- Welcome to a new senior officer, Anna Lawson – Deputy Town Clerk
- Events since the last meeting – 80th Anniversary of D-Day and Armed Forces Day
- Now looking at celebrations to mark VE Day on 8th May 2025.
- Next – Newark on Sea (Wednesday 7th August); then Newark Festival and Newark Hustle across the Bank Holiday weekend.
- Sherwood Avenue Tennis Courts – now close to completion. Online booking system available from 5th August. There will be free to access periods for after school play and during certain other periods.
- The Cemetery has once again retained its Green Flag Award status.
- 40th Anniversary Twinning Celebrations with Emmendingen in Germany is imminent. A model of the Town Hall has created by Newark College students which will be gifted to the Town of Emmendingen by the Mayor. Members are entirely self funded for the visit and will be joined by Newark and Sherwood Concert Bank.

TC07/24/25 Leader of the Council's Announcements

- Thank you to the members of the public who had attended the meeting.
- In the last week or so, it has been very busy with interviews for a Hospitality Manager – a decision should be made very soon.
- Welcome to the new Deputy Town Clerk.
- Last week was the Evaluation and Tendering processes for Sherwood Avenue Park which I attended.
- I represent NTC on the Towns Fund Board.
- Also going to Emmendingen and looking forward to finding out what they do and how we can learn from them.

TC08/24/25 Notice of Motion 1

Cllr M Skinner presented this Motion, Cllr Mrs I Brown seconded, and reserved the right to speak.

The Mayor had been advised by the Clerk that this matter fell under the remit of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Members were advised that, as the Mayor, in consultation with the Leader, she did have the ability to allow the issue to be dealt with tonight if it was convenient

and conducive to the despatch of business. However, the meeting this evening was focussed on the A46 item and therefore this Motion would be referred to the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee which would be held on Wednesday 4th September 2024.

TC09/24/25 Notice of Motion 2

Cllr M Skinner presented this motion, Cllr Mrs I Brown seconded, and reserved the right to speak.

The Mayor advised Members that his motion would be heard.

A lengthy discussion followed, which ended with the fact that this Council had debated a Tree Management Policy in April of this year, which was agreed. There was therefore no need for this motion.

The motion was then put to a vote, and with 2 Members for, 13 Against, 1 Abstention and 2 Members Absent, it was **NOT AGREED**.

TC10/24/25 Notice of Acceptance of an Application for a Development Consent Order – A46 Newark Bypass

The Mayor reminded Members about Standing Order 11 (4):

'A member shall direct his/her speech to the question under discussion or to a point of order. No speech shall exceed five minutes except by consent of the Council.'

Cllr D Moore declared a pecuniary interest in this Agenda Item and left the meeting at this point.

Cllr P Taylor declared a non-pecuniary interest in this Agenda Item.

Cllr M Skinner had invoked Standing Order 29 (b) and this Item was referred to the Full Town Council from the Extraordinary Meeting of the Planning Committee which was held on Wednesday 10th July.

A lengthy, sometimes heated discussion followed over whether or not the Full Town Council supported the Planning Committee decision to object to the A46 proposals.

During the discussion Cllr P Taylor proposed that Newark Town Council set up a Sub-Committee for Transport. This was seconded by Cllr M Spors, who reserved the right to speak.

At 8.35pm the Mayor adjourned the meeting for 10 mins; at 8.45pm the meeting was reconvened.

A named vote was then held to ask Members whether the original decision by the Planning Committee should stand (which was to NOT support the dualling of the A46).

The vote was as follows:

Councillor	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
I Brown		X		
D Campbell		X		
T Collier		X		
B Corrigan		X		

E Cropper	X			
S Crosby		X		
S Dickinson	X			
L Geary	X			
L Goff	X			
J Kellas				X
D Ledger		X		
D Moore				
G Rix				X
N Ross		X		
L Roulstone	X			
M Skinner		X		
M Spoores		X		
P Taylor		X		
TOTAL	5	10		2

Cllr D Moore was not in the meeting at this point.

Therefore the decision of the Planning Committee not to support the dualling of the A46 was **NOT SUPPORTED/AGREED**.

A vote was then held with regard to whether Members supported the dualling of the A46 in principle. Following a show of hands it was **AGREED** to support the application in principle.

Cllr B Corrigan then proposed that if Newark Town Council were asked in future to comment on a National Project it should automatically be taken to a Full Town Council Meeting. This was seconded by Cllr S Crosby.

More discussion followed about the planned submission by Newark Town Council to the Secretary of State.

At 9pm the Mayor proposed to suspend Standing Order 4 (4) and extend the meeting for 30 minutes; this was seconded by Cllr B Corrigan.

At 9.05 the Mayor had to leave the meeting as she was unwell. The Deputy Mayor took the Chair from this point onwards.

The discussion continued about the planned submission with various proposals being put forward. A document had previously been circulated to all Members as a 'Draft Submission', with amendments from the Chair of the Planning Committee.

Cllr B Corrigan proposed, Cllr T Collier seconded, that Points 1.1 – 1.5 (in blue type) be agreed, and that all points in purple type be deleted.

P Taylor proposed that the 3 group leaders get together outside of the meeting to

finalise a new document. Cllr L Geary seconded the proposal and asked that then the new document be circulated to all members.

Cllr E Cropper proposed an amendment that representatives from the Unaligned Independents be included; this was seconded by Cllr B Corrigan.

A vote was held and this was **NOT AGREED**.

At 9.30pm the Deputy Mayor proposed to suspend Standing Order 4 (4) and extend the meeting for 30 minutes; this was seconded by Cllr E Cropper.

Cllr L Geary then proposed that the Town Clerk and the 3 group leaders amend the document and then circulate the new amended document to all 18 Councillors and a separate period of time is given to submit any amendments. This was seconded by Cllr P Taylor.

A vote was held and with 8 votes for, 3 against and 3 abstentions this was **AGREED**.

The proposal put forward earlier by Cllr P Taylor with regard to the setting up of a Sub-Committee for transport was then discussed.

Cllr E Cropper proposed that this be deferred to the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee; this was seconded by Cllr M Spooers. A vote was held and this was **AGREED**.

TC11/24/25 Doris Bainbridge Trust Fund – Final Accounts 2023/2024

Cllr P Taylor moved that the recommendation be agreed. This was seconded by Cllr B Corrigan. A vote was held and Members **APPROVED** the Doris Bainbridge Trust Fund Final Account 2023/24.

Meeting Closed:	9.50pm	Next Meeting:	Wednesday 18th September 2024
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