



NEWARK TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 14th October 2015 in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall.

Membership Present:	Town Mayor	Cllr R A Crowe (in the Chair)
	Councillors	Mrs C Barker-Powell Mrs I Brown M Cleasby M G Cope Mrs R Crowe Mrs G Dawn P Duncan (Ap) Ms H Gent K Girling L Goff D Hyde D Jones D Lloyd T Roberts MBE M Skinner Mrs J Whicher R Williams
Apologies received from:	Councillor	P Duncan
Town Council Staff:	Town Clerk PA to the Town Clerk/Mayor's Secretary	Alan Mellor Helen Crossland – taking notes
Public:	There was one member of the public present.	
Venue:	Council Chamber	Town Hall

TC26/15/16 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th August 2015

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th August 2015 were **AGREED** as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Mayor.

TC27/15/16 Declarations of Interest

It was **AGREED** to accept any Declarations of Interest as they may arise during the meeting.

TC28/15/16 Minutes of the Planning & Regeneration Committee, Wednesday 2nd September 2015

The Chairman, Cllr T Roberts MBE, presented the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning & Regeneration Committee held on Wednesday 2nd September 2015.

Cllr L Goff asked the Mayor if he thought the decision by the District Council on Application No **15/01243/FUL – Unit 3, Robin Hood Walk** (which was approved, against the recommendations of the Town Council) was the correct one.

The Mayor responded that he had attended the meeting at Kelham Hall, on behalf of the Town Council and had put forward their view. The District Council then came to a decision that everyone must abide by.

TC29/15/16 Minutes of the Devolved Services Committee, Monday 7th September 2015

The Chairman, Cllr D Lloyd, presented the Minutes of the Meeting of the Devolved Services Committee held on Monday 7th September 2015.

TC30/15/16 Minutes of the Environment & Leisure Committee, Wednesday 16th September 2015

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs R Crowe, presented the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee held on Wednesday 16th September 2015.

TC31/15/16 Minutes of the Devolved Services Committee, Monday 28th September 2015

The Chairman, Cllr D Lloyd, presented the Minutes of the Meeting of the Devolved Services Committee held on Monday 28th September 2015. It was noted that the title on this page in the Agenda was incorrect.

DVS05/15/15 – Matters Arising – Cllr Mrs G Dawn asked a question with regard to (ii):

Creation of a ‘Town Team’; the Chairman reported that a first meeting has been held with ‘interested parties’ as the first move toward this.

The question was: who had attended, and what was decided. Cllr D Lloyd went through what had happened at the meeting, as Cllr Mrs G Dawn had not been able to attend. He reported that the concept of the group was to continue the work on devolution.

Discussion followed regarding the involvement of Newark Business Club, and the possible creation of a ‘Town Centre Manager’.

Members were of the opinion that the Town Clerk was the Town Centre Manager and that this should stay the case.

Cllr D Lloyd said that there should be ‘a spirit of working together’ and the Town Council should not assume that they are the only group that can help Newark Town become a ‘destination’ for visitors. The Town Council will do whatever they need to do, with whoever they need to do it with.

DVS07/15/16 – Public Conveniences – Cllr L Goff said that he was pleased that the staff would be receiving the ‘Living Wage’. The Town Clerk pointed out that this was not what had been said; the Personnel Committee (which was appointed at the recent meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee) would be considering this, in due course.

TC32/15/16 Minutes of the Planning & Regeneration Committee, Wednesday 30th September 2015

The Chairman, Cllr T Roberts MBE, presented the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning & Regeneration Committee held on Wednesday 30th September 2015.

TC33/15/15 Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee, Wednesday 7th October 2015

The Chairman, Cllr D Lloyd, presented the Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on Wednesday 7th October 2015.

FP11/15/16 – Representation on Outside Bodies – c. Hospital of St Leonard

Cllr L Goff asked if the Town Clerk had any comment to make with regard to his (Cllr Goff's) appointment to this Outside Body.

The Town Clerk responded that this had been dealt with at the meeting, and Members had **NOTED** the report.

TC34/15/16 Town Mayor's Announcements

The Town Mayor had no announcements.

TC35/15/16 Town Council Leader's Announcements

The Town Council Leader had no announcements.

TC36/15/16 Town Clerk's Announcements

The Town Clerk, Mr Alan Mellor, had no announcements.

TC37/15/16 Market Place Repairs

Cllr D Lloyd informed Members that the two recommendations should be considered in reverse order, and this was **AGREED**.

- (ii) Members **NOTED** the suspension of Standing Order 37 (2) in this instance, for quotes to be sought from three contractors that are known to be able to do the work to the standard required.
- (i) Members **APPROVED** expenditure of £22,500 for repairs to the Market Place, to be met from useable Capital Receipts in the 2015/26 financial year.

Meeting Closed:	7.55pm	Next Meeting:	Wednesday 16th December 2015
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