



NEWARK TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 20th April 2016 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 Ms H Gent K Girling L Goff D Hyde D Jones D Lloyd T Roberts MBE M Skinner Mrs J Whicher R Williams (Ap)
Apologies received from:	Councillor	Councillor R Williams
Town Council Staff:	Town Clerk	Alan Mellor
	Deputy Town Clerk PA to the Town Clerk/Mayor's Secretary	James Radley Helen Crossland – taking notes
Public:	There were 7 members of the public present.	
Venue:	Council Chamber	Town Hall

TC53/15/16 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24th February 2016

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24th February were **AGREED** as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Mayor.

TC54/15/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

At this point, the Mayor informed Members that in accordance with Standing Order 4 (2) he intended to discuss Agenda Item 9 before Agenda Item 8.

TC55/15/16 Minutes of the Special Planning & Regeneration Committee, Wednesday 2nd March 2016

The Chairman, Cllr T Roberts MBE, presented the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Planning & Regeneration Committee held on Wednesday 2nd March 2016.

TC56/15/16 Minutes of the Environment & Leisure Committee, Wednesday 23rd March 2016

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs R Crowe, presented the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee held on Wednesday 23rd March 2016.

TC57/15/16 Minutes of the Planning & Regeneration Committee, Wednesday 30th March 2016

PR75/15/16 – Miscellaneous Applications

b. Licensing Applications – Amarillo’s, 2 London Road, Newark

Cllr T Roberts MBE pointed out that he did not declare a personal interest in this application; it was **AGREED** that this would be rectified at the next meeting of the Planning & Regeneration Committee.

The Chairman, Cllr T Roberts MBE, then presented the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning & Regeneration Committee held on Wednesday 30th March 2016.

e. Street Naming – New Development at 111 Sleaford Road, Newark

Cllr L Goff informed Members that he thought the street name for the above development should be amended to ‘Esther Varney Place’. This would avoid any possible confusion with Reg Varney of ‘On The Buses’ fame.

Cllr T Roberts reported that when Cllr L Goff had mentioned this in the first instance, the Town Clerk had formally made this request through the appropriate channels straight away. It had not helped matters that Cllr L Goff had also called the developer without waiting for a reply.

The Town Clerk informed Members that to date he had still not heard from the developers.

Cllr T Roberts MBE then presented the Minutes of the Planning & Regeneration Committee held on Wednesday 30th March 2016.

TC58/15/16 Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee, Wednesday 6th April 2016

The Chairman, Cllr D Lloyd, presented the Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on Wednesday 6th April 2016.

TC59/15/16 Town Mayor’s Announcements

The Town Mayor had no announcements.

TC60/15/16 Town Council Leader’s Announcements

The Town Council Leader had no announcements.

TC61/15/16 Town Clerk’s Announcements

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

TC62/15/16 Committee Structure

Cllr D Lloyd started the discussion of this Agenda item and moved that all the recommendations be agreed as in the report.

He then talked through the report, going through the background, and reasons why it would be the right time to adapt a new structure for Committee meetings.

Cllr Mrs G Dawn then spoke; she did not support the paper before her. One of the reasons why was that she thought that meetings could go on for a very long time, as there would be too much to discuss at one time. She was also of the opinion that the Devolved Services contained far too much to be 'grouped' into one Committee.

Cllr Mrs G Dawn was also not happy that matters for noting might not be sent to Members as regularly as required; the report stated that this could be dealt with on 'a regular quarterly basis'. She also felt that too many decisions may be delegated and this would be a dangerous route to go down.

Cllr K Girling supported the motion and welcomed the fact that all Members would be able to contribute to moving the Town forward and he felt that it might indeed speed up the process.

Cllr T Roberts MBE formally seconded the proposals.

Cllr D Jones said that he would support the proposals but that Members should keep them under review, to ensure that the right decision has been made.

Cllr P Duncan supported the proposals and thought the move would be more inclusive for Members.

Cllr Mrs R Crowe and Cllr L Goff also voiced their support for the proposals.

Following the above discussion, Members **AGREED**:

- (i) To change the name of the current Planning & Regeneration Committee to 'Planning Committee'.
- (ii) To replace the current Finance & Policy and Environment & Leisure Committees, with a new, single purpose, Finance & General Purposes Committee.
- (iii) That Membership of a Finance & General Purposes Committee should comprise of all Town Councillors.
- (iv) In response to the preceding decisions, the Town Clerk was requested to submit revised Standing Orders to the Full Town Council for consideration as soon as possible.
- (v) In response to the preceding decision, the Town Clerk was also requested to submit revised Scheme of Delegations, Financial Regulations, Finance Standing Orders and Financial Procedures to a future meeting of the Full Town Council for consideration.
- (vi) To 'wind up' the Devolution Committee.

The Town Mayor then adjourned the meeting to allow the Annual Town Meeting to commence at 8pm.

The Mayor re-convened the Town Council meeting at 8.20pm

TC63/15/16 Notices of Motion

Members **CONSIDERED** the following motions put to the Town Council in accordance with Standing Order 6 (1).

Motion proposed by Cllr K Girling, seconded by Cllr D Hyde

(i) Roads and Pavements

Cllr K Girling moved the motion and then went through the reason for the submission of this motion; he felt that Nottinghamshire County Council were not fulfilling their obligations, and that surfaces being repaired within the Town Centre were not being replaced with 'like for like'.

Cllr D Hyde then formally seconded the motion.

A number of Town Councillors asked why this motion was limited to the Town Centre – there were lots of roads and pavements requiring attention throughout the town, Cllr K Girling responded that the Town Centre was his Ward which was where his main interest was.

Following discussion it was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**

That the Council requests Nottinghamshire County Council show what funds have been received from contractors to repair roads and pavements within the Town Centre boundary and to produce an acceptable schedule of repair.

Motion proposed by Cllr K Girling, seconded by Cllr D Hyde

(ii) Community Covenant

Cllr K Girling moved the motion and then went through the reason for the submission of this motion; he said that it was primarily for recognition, and to send a message to all veterans so that they know that the Town Council recognises what they have done and will support them in whatever way possible.

Cllr K Girling also thought that it might be possible to support local service people by holding, for instance, the Armed Forces Day in the Market Place, to make it more special.

Cllr P Duncan supported the motion, but any support that the Town Council was able to provide following the decision to sign the Community Covenant should be both practicable and affordable.

Cllr D Hyde then formally seconded the motion.

Following discussion it was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**

That the Council sign the community Covenant and by doing so recognise the sacrifices our local service personnel have made and to do all this Council can within its remit to comply with the spirit of the Covenant.

Motion proposed by Cllr Mrs G Dawn, seconded by Cllr Mrs I Brown

(iii) Robin Hood Hotel

Cllr Mrs G Dawn moved the motion. She felt it was 'deja vu' again, as so many motions had been presented not only to the Town Council but to the District Council on this subject.

Cllr Mrs I Brown then formally seconded the motion.

Cllr K Girling gave his support to the motion; Cllr P Duncan informed Members that there was to be a meeting next Monday, on site, with owners of the site,

together with their agents, and he would report back to Members on the outcome.

Cllr D Jones pointed out that the contract was unenforceable in contract law; he supported the motion.

Cllr D Lloyd also gave his support to the motion.

Cllr Mrs I Brown thanked Cllr D Lloyd for the support from the Town Council, and Cllr P Duncan for his work with regard to this issue.

Following the above discussion it was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Newark Town Council resolves to request N&SDC to provide a detailed report of the results of the motion passed at an earlier District Council meeting. The points are listed below:

1. Work carried out making the Robin Hood wind/watertight and structurally safe.
2. Results of the legal action taken.
3. Progress of any planning applications.

Motion proposed by Cllr M Skinner, seconded by Cllr M Cleasby

(iv) **Traffic Management**

Cllr M Skinner moved the motion and explained the background of the issue, particularly from his perspective; he had been in the market place with his family when they had nearly been hit by a car that was being driven across the Market Place, illegally. If he hadn't taken evasive action his family could well have seriously injured by the vehicle.

Cllr M Cleasby then formally seconded the motion.

Cllr D Jones was happy to support the motion as was Cllr D Lloyd.

Cllr Mrs G Dawn welcomed the motion and said she would support it.

Cllr K Girling talked about the CCTV and the fact that it was already in place, it had cost a lot of money, but was not in use because there were no resources available to monitor it.

Cllr P Duncan and Cllr Mrs I Brown also said they fully supported the motion.

The Town Clerk reported that he is already in discussion with the County Council regarding A Boards that obstruct pavements around the Town.

Following further discussion it was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**

That the Town Team be asked to review traffic management in, and around, the Town Centre specifically: controlling access to the market square; preventing parking on pavements, general misuse and; the use of CCTV for moving traffic offences.

Meeting Closed:	9.30pm	Next Meeting:	Wednesday 22nd June 2016
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