



# NEWARK TOWN COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall.

<b>Membership Present:</b>	<b>Town Mayor</b>	<b>Cllr T Bickley JP (in the Chair)</b>
	Councillors	P Baggaley Mrs I Brown K Clayton M G Cope Mrs R Crowe R A Crowe Mrs G Dawn Miss R Dawn (A) L Goff D Jones D Lloyd D R Payne B Richardson T Roberts MBE Mrs M Tribe (Ap) S Wallace C Wetton
<b>Apologies received from:</b>	Councillor	Mrs M Tribe
<b>Town Council Staff:</b>	Town Clerk PA to the Town Clerk/Mayor's Secretary	Alan Mellor Helen Crossland – taking notes
<b>Public:</b>	There were 12 members of the public present.	
<b>Venue:</b>	Council Chamber	Town Hall

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Town Mayor thanked everyone for attending what would be his last Town Council Meeting. The Mayor then thanked Reverend Stephen Morris for his support during the Civic Year and Reverend Morris then said the prayers. The

Town Mayor informed Members that Cllr. Mrs M Tribe was poorly and he would send her best wishes for a speedy recovery on behalf of the Town Council.

**TC64/14/15 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

The Minutes of the last Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015 were **AGREED** as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Mayor.

**TC65/14/15 Declarations of Interest**

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

**TC66/14/15 Planning & Regeneration Committee Minutes, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

The Chairman, Cllr L Goff, presented the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning & Regeneration Committee held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

Cllr M Cope asked the following questions of the Chairman:

**PR64/14/15 Miscellaneous Applications**

**a. Amended/Additional Applications**

**14/01964/FULM – Land at Highfields School, London Road, Balderton**

- (ii) The traffic impact assessment is poor and the Town Council does not accept the conclusions drawn from it.

Question: Why is the traffic impact assessment poor, and in what way does the Town Council not accept the conclusions?

The Chairman responded that he did not have the information to hand, but would supply a written answer.

- (vii) The site has some archaeological importance.

Question: What is the archaeological importance?

The Chairman responded that he would give Cllr M Cope a full written report before the next meeting of the Planning & Regeneration Committee.

- (xi) Concern that the development will have a further adverse impact on the local toad population around the Barnby Road area.

Question: What is the background information on the toad population?

The Chairman responded that he did not think this was a serious question, but would again supply a written response to Cllr M Cope.

Cllr Mrs G Dawn suggested that Cllr M Cope make an appointment to meet with the Chairman before the next Planning & Regeneration Committee meeting to go through the whole Agenda with him.

Cllr P Baggaley made the point that the questioning in this manner of the Chairman of this Committee was uncalled for and in his opinion was unacceptable behaviour.

**TC67/14/15 Environment & Leisure Committee Minutes, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

The Chairman, Cllr D Jones, presented the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

**TC68/14/15 Planning & Regeneration Committee Minutes, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015**

The Chairman, Cllr L Goff, presented the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning & Regeneration Committee held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

**PR66/14/15 – Matters Arising**

**PR61/14/15 – Outstanding Planning Applications**

**4 Middle Gate, Newark**

Cllr D Lloyd informed Members that he had attended the meeting at the District Council, as requested, and that the change of use for the shop in question was approved. He congratulated the Committee on their lobbying for this application.

**PR68/14/15 – Outstanding Planning Applications**

**15/00292/FUL – PA Freight Services, Farndon Road**

**15/00354/FUL – The Former Abattoir, Tolney Lane, Newark**

Cllr D Payne asked the Chairman why he had declared a personal interest in these applications; he said that any 'personal interest' should be explained at the time.

The Chairman responded that he had declared the interest because he knew people that lived in these areas, and as it was coming up to election time, he was ensuring that he had done the right thing.

**TC69/14/15 Finance & Policy Committee Minutes, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

The Chairman, Cllr D Lloyd presented the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

**PR55/14/15 – Community Events Grant Application**

**(ii) Newark Civil War Real Ale Trail**

Cllr M Cope asked the Chairman if it had been possible to put the Town crest on the advertising leaflets, as suggested at the meeting.

The Chairman responded that the first print had already been completed, but any subsequent reprinting of the leaflets would include the Town Crest.

**FP57/14/15 – Risk Register**

Cllr M Cope questioned the accuracy of the second paragraph of this Minute:

*'Cllr M Cope opened the discussion on this Agenda Item.*

*He said he was pleased to see in paragraph 3.8, **Risk No. 7 – Newark Festival** the risk was now downgraded.'*

Cllr M Cope said he was 'pleased to see ..... the risk was now CORRECT'.

The Chairman agreed to make this change at the next meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee.

**TC70/14/15 Town Mayor's Announcements**

The Town Mayor, Councillor Tom Bickley JP, had no announcements.

## **TC71/14/15 Town Council Leader's Announcements**

The Town Council Leader, Councillor Mrs Gill Dawn, thanked everyone for their support and co-operation over the last four years; some faces would not be here for the next meeting, as they were not standing for election this time around.

Cllr Mrs Dawn made special mention of Cllr T Bickley, Cllr D Payne and Cllr S Wallace who were all long serving members of this community and also thanked Cllrs Clayton, Wetton and Miss R Dawn for their contributions over the last four years. She paid tribute to the long and valued service provided by Cllr D Payne; he had played an instrumental role in forming the Town Council and before that serving as a Charter Trustee. The Town Council owed Cllr D Payne a great debt of gratitude for his dedicated service over such a long period of time.

She then wished every one good luck in the forthcoming elections.

Cllr D Jones then spoke; he also thanked those Councillors who were not standing for election again, and in particular the Mayor who was a very long standing Member of this Town Council and whose time had been very productive.

Cllr D Jones then spoke about Cllr D Payne, whose history went back to the Town Council's very inception. He had 'saved' the Mayoralty and it would not be the same Town Council as it is today without his efforts.

Cllr D Lloyd agreed with what had already been said and thanked all those who would be leaving the Town Council. He noted that Cllr Payne was the longest surviving Mayor, and had also been the Leader of the Council for 8 years. Cllr Lloyd also spoke about Cllr S Wallace who had been on the Town Council for 8 years, and had worked tirelessly on traffic issues in the Town.

Cllr Lloyd went on to mention Cllr C Wetton's involvement with sports and finances, Cllr K Clayton who had been the Chairman of the Finance & Policy Committee during his term of office and Cllr Miss R Dawn who had initiated the Youth Council.

Cllr D Payne responded to the thanks with a short speech. He said he would certainly miss the people that he had the privilege to know, and work with, during his time with the Town Council.

## **TC72/14/15 Town Clerk's Announcements**

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

## **TC73/14/15 Devolved Services**

Members **NOTED** the completion of the Devolution Agreement.

Members also **NOTED** the actions taken to finalise the Devolution Agreement and deliver the transfer of services on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

<b>Meeting Closed:</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> June 2015</b>
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