



NEWARK TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 14th February 2018 in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall.

Membership Present:	Town Mayor	Cllr Mrs Rita Crowe (in the Chair)
	Councillors	Mrs C Barker-Powell Mrs I Brown M Cleasby M G Cope Cllr R A Crowe Mrs G Dawn (Ap) P Duncan Ms H Gent (Ap) K Girling L Goff S Haynes D Hyde D Jones (A) D Lloyd T Roberts MBE M Skinner R Williams
Apologies received from:	Councillors	Mrs G Dawn, Ms H Gent
Town Council Staff:	Town Clerk	Alan Mellor
	Mayor's Officer	P Tomlinson
Public:	There were no members of the public present.	
Venue:	Council Chamber	Town Hall

TC40/17/18	Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th December 2017
	The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13 th December 2017 were AGREED as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Mayor.
TC41/17/18	Declarations of Interest
	Cllr M Cope declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Items 4a – PR51/17/18 Outstanding Planning Applications – 17/02196/FUL and 17/02269/FUL , and 4d – FGP73/17/18 – Town Twinning . It was AGREED to accept any other Members Declarations, if any arose, during the meeting; all Declarations of Interest should already be contained within the Agenda reports.
TC42/17/18	Minutes of the Planning Committee, Wednesday 3rd January 2018
	The Chairman, Cllr T Roberts MBE, presented the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 3 rd January 2018.
TC43/17/18	Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, Wednesday 10th January 2018
	The Chairman, Cllr D Lloyd, presented the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 10 th January 2018.
TC44/17/18	Minutes of the Planning Committee, Wednesday 31st January 2018
	The Chairman, Cllr T Roberts MBE, presented the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 31 st January 2018.
TC45/17/18	Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, Wednesday 7th February 2018
	The Chairman, Cllr D Lloyd, presented the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 7 th February 2018.
TC46/17/18	Doris Bainbridge Trust Fund
	The recommendation was proposed by Cllr M Skinner and seconded by Cllr K Girling who reserved his right to speak. Members then CONSIDERED the report and AGREED to allocate the income achieved from the external investment of the Capital Sum to support the cost of holding the Sunday Band Concerts in the Castle Grounds in July and August 2018, estimated to be £1,200.
TC47/17/18	Medium Term Financial Strategy
	Cllr D Lloyd moved the recommendation, and thanked the Town Clerk and his Officers for their hard work. The Council's Reserves were still healthy, and the investment strategy was giving good returns. This was seconded by Cllr M Cope, who also congratulated the Town Clerk on the report. Members then CONSIDERED and APPROVED the Medium Term Financial Strategy covering the period 2017 – 2025 as in the Agenda Report.
TC48/17/18	Revenue Budget & Precept 2018/2019
	Cllr D Lloyd went through the Agenda Report; he said there was continued investment and an increase in what is done on the market. The street cleansing and the introduction of permanent stall had massively brought down the costs of the market. He also pointed out that there was an additional element within the budget for the

	<p>Christmas Lights, the War Memorial Gardens and Newark in Bloom.</p> <p>The reserves were increased with money set aside for Open Spaces and there was an increase in the budget for Voluntary Body/Community Grants and free room hire associated with that.</p> <p>Cllr D Lloyd proposed the recommendations and this was seconded by Cllr M Cope. Cllr M Cope thought that £108.84 was extremely good value for money for the services provided by the Town Council.</p>
	Members then CONSIDERED and APPROVED :
(i)	The budget proposals as revised for the financial year 2017/18 in respect of all services and functions operated by the Town Council, giving rise to a projected net expenditure of £983,940.
(ii)	The budget proposals as submitted for the financial year 2018/19 in respect of all services and functions operated by the Town Council, giving rise to a projected net expenditure of £1,015,335.
(iii)	The projected aggregate net expenditure on Town Council services for the financial year 2018/19 be met by way of the levying of a precept of £896,025 on Newark & Sherwood District Council, leaving the sum of £304,224 in General Revenue Balances.
TC49/17/18	Town Mayor's Announcements
	The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs Rita Crowe, informed Members that there would be a St George's Day Dinner on Friday 20 th April, and she hoped that Members would be able to support the event.
TC50/17/18	Town Council Leader's Announcements
	The Town Council Leader, Cllr D Lloyd, had no Announcements.
TC51/17/18	Town Clerk's Announcements
	The Town Clerk, Mr Alan Mellor, had no Announcements.
TC52/17/18	Meeting Dates
	<p>A revised copy of the Calendar of Meetings was circulated to Members at the meeting as there was a typing error in the Agenda Report.</p> <p>Members AGREED to the new copy of the calendar of meetings, with the proviso that the Planning meeting scheduled for Wednesday 2nd January 2019 may have to be moved to align with any changes made to the date of the District Council's Planning Committee for that month.</p>

Meeting Closed:	7.50pm	Next Meeting:	Wednesday 18th April 2018
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