

DRAFT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual aTown meeting held on **Thursday 18 April 2024** at **6:08pm** in the Function room, Marshalls Sports Ground, Middlefield Lane, Gainsborough, DN21 IUU.

Present: 11 speakers, 7 info stall participant, 1 other participant, 20 members of public, 2 staff

AP24/001 Welcome by the Town Mayor

The Town Mayor Caz Davies welcomed those present.

AP24/002 Minutes of the 2023 Annual Town Meeting

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Annual Town meeting held on Thursday 9 March 2023 be approved as a as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

AP24/003 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were none.

AP24/004 Town Mayor's Report – Councillor Caz Davies

The Town Mayor for the 2023-2024 municipal year Cllr Caz Davies reported on her time in office as of taking over the role of Mayor in January 2024. Cllr Davies spoke about the passing of previous Mayor Cllr Tim Davies, the Levellings, Gainsborough 2023 Citizen of the Year, Remembrance Sunday, Christmas Lights Festival and Community Grants.

AP24/005 WLDC – Levelling Up Fund

A presentation on the different projects in Gainsborough including the cinema, townscape heritage initiative, Market Place redesign, improved signage, enhanced green space and bus station refurbishment.

AP24/005 LCC Councillor Richard Davies – Gainsborough Transport Strategy

A presentation on the roads in Lincolnshire, maintenance (a 3-year summary and 12 month plan), public transport (rail and bus) as well as an overview of the Gainsborough Transport Strategy, and the resources available to keep up with road maintenance and more.

AP24/006 Gainsborough Trinity Foundation

A presentation on who Gainsborough Trinity Foundation are, their history, what they do, and highlighting their opportunities and challenges for the future.

AP24/007 Night Light Café

A presentation on what a Night Light Café is, how many people they support, what they do at the Gainsborough Night Light café, what people say about them and what volunteers say. Details of where to find Night Light Café Gainsborough.

AP24/008 Salvation Army Food Bank

A talk about the people the food bank helped in 2023 and in 2024 – highlighting those who they help specifically, including pensioners and low paid workers.

AP24/009 Shaw Trust

A presentation on the aims of the Pioneer programme, facts and figures about support provided, how the programmes operate, the benefits of getting involved, training / upskilling opportunities, self-employment support, employment engagement specialists, additional support, eligibility and referral process, early access criteria groups and who to contact to refer.

AP24/010 Changing Places

A presentation on the number of Changing Places in the UK, what a Changing Places toilet is, who they are for, building regulations and the legislative context. Highlighting the importance of installing Changing Places toilets in Gainsborough, spotlight on equality, diversity and inclusion policy, and what Changing Places do.

AP24/011 Bearded Fisherman

A talk on who Bearded Fishermen are, the people behind the organisation and how other people are able to get involved and help support.

AP24/012 Open Forum

No questions were received.

Meeting ended at 9:05pm.

Signed as a true record of the Meeting: _____ Dated _____