

Gainsborough Town Council

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FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on **Tuesday 5 November 2024** at **6:30pm** in the Ceremony room, Richmond House, Richmond Park, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough, DN21 2RJ.

Councillors Present: Councillor Kenneth Woolley (Chair)

Councillor Nigel Bowler

Councillor Richard Craig

Councillor Caz Davies

Councillor David Dobbie (arrived at the meeting at 6:47pm)

Councillor Paul Hooton

Councillor James Plastow

Councillor Nicholas Coxon

Councillor Dennis Dannatt

Councillor Michael Devine

Councillor Richard Doy

Councillor Paul Key

In Attendance:

Rachel Allbones

Stephen Coulman

Sean Alcock

Town Clerk

Operations Manager

Operations Manager

Open Forum Public participation

No public questions received.

FC25/091 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Morley.

FC25/092 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

FC25/093 Dispensation Requests

No dispensation requests were received.

FC25/094 Items for Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED: to exclude the public and press from items FC25/101 in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2) due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

FC25/095 Presentation from Gainsborough Community Links

Members received a presentation from Jennifer Blair, Project Lead, regarding a new initiative funded by PCC of Lincolnshire Police and based at Gainsborough

Police Station. The project looks to support the young people of Gainsborough in diverting them away from criminality.

Note: Councillor Dobbie arrived at the meeting at 6:47pm.

FC25/096 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Paper A)

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 1 October 2024 be approved as a as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

Note: Councillors Craig, Davies and Devine abstained from voting on the above resolution.

FC25/097 Committee Meeting Minutes (Papers B - D)

- i. Property and Services Committee, Tuesday 8 October 2024 Paper B
- ii. Personnel Committee, Wednesday 9 October 2024 Paper C
- iii. Planning Committee, Tuesday 15 October 2024 Paper D
- iv. Finance and Strategy Committee, Tuesday 22 October 2024 Paper E

RESOLVED: to **NOTE** the draft minutes of the Committees.

FC25/098 Announcements (Paper F)

- i. Chair of Council

The Chair informed Members of the recent functions he has attended including Mercer Wood Academy.

- ii. Leader of Council

The Leader informed Members of the meeting he attended with Councillor Coxon at Gainsborough Trinity Foundation, attending Mercer Wood Academy and the meeting with WLDC Chief Executive and Planning officers at Richmond Park to discuss the listing.

- iii. Representatives on Outside Bodies

Councillor Coxon advised Members he was no longer the Council representative for Gainsborough Transport Strategy.

- iv. Town Clerk

RESOLVED: to **NOTE** the Town Clerk's report.

FC25/099 Committee Vacancies (Paper G)

- i. **RESOLVED:** to appoint Councillor Hooton to the Finance and Strategy Committee.
- ii. **RESOLVED:** to appoint Councillor Hooton to the Personnel Committee.
- iii. **RESOLVED:** to appoint Councillor Coxon to the Policy Review Working Group.

Note: Councillors Davies and Plastow voted against the above resolution.

FC25/100 Outside Body Vacancy

RESOLVED: to appoint Councillor Craig to vacancy on the Gainsborough Transport Strategy.

FC25/101 Recommendation made by Committee (Paper H)

Property and Services Committee held 8 October 2024 (PS25/082 General Cemetery Extension – Old Nursery Site)

RESOLVED: to approve the draft letter to West Lindsey District Council stating the Council's stance on the General Cemetery potential extension.

Note: Councillor Doy voted against the above resolution.

Note: Councillor Dobbie abstained from voting on the above resolution.

FC25/102 Recommendation made by Committee (Paper I)

Planning Committee held 15 October 2024 (PL25/118 20's Plenty)

RESOLVED: that the Town Council sign up to the 20s Plenty for Us campaign.

Note: x3 Councillors voted against the above resolution.

Note: x4 Councillors abstained from voting on the above resolution.

RESOLVED: to appoint Councillor Dobbie as the Council's lead for the 20s Plenty for Us campaign.

Note: Councillors Dannatt and Key abstained from voting on the above resolution.

FC25/103 Recommendation made by Committee (Paper J)

Finance and Strategy Committee held 22 October 2024 (FS25/073 Investments)

At the request of Councillor Dobbie a recorded vote was taken as follows:

For: Councillors Bowler, Coxon, Craig, Dannatt, Davies, Dobbie, Doy, Hooton, Key, Plastow, Woolley

Abstained: Councillor Devine

RESOLVED:

- i. To invest in an instant access account.
- ii. To invest with CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund (PSDF).
- iii. To initially invest £200,000 (made up of Roses Sinking Fund, Cemetery Extension sinking fund, CIL + £50,000).
- iv. That the Town Clerk / RFO in consultation with the Finance and Strategy Chair manages the flow of the fund and report the Finance and Strategy Committee initially on a monthly basis.
- v. To appoint Councillors Bowler, Craig, Davies, Key and Plastow as authorised signatories for 2024/25 (5 authorised of which 2 sign).

FC25/104 Recommendation made by Committee

Finance and Strategy Committee held 22 October 2024 (FS25/077 Budget 2025/26)

At the request of Councillor Dobbie a recorded vote was taken as follows:

For: Councillors Bowler, Devine, Dobbie, Doy, Hooton, Key, Woolley

Against: Councillors Coxon, Dannatt, Davies,
Abstained: Councillors Craig, Plastow

RESOLVED: to:

- i. amend Structure and Functions document in order for Finance and Strategy Committee to allocate Community Grants as follows: -
 - a) 3.15 Community Grants Policy change to Finance and Strategy Committee
 - b) Removal of 9.23 *Consider and determine applications for grant aid in accordance with Community Grants Policy* and reallocate to a new 6.26.
 - c) 10.1 Community Grants to Finance and Strategy Committee
- ii. amend Community Grants Policy as follows: -
 - a) 1.3, 4.6 & Part B replace Property and Services Committee with Finance and Strategy Committee.

FC25/105 Correspondence (Paper K)

RESOLVED: to **NOTE** the correspondence circulated.

FC25/106 Items for Notification

No items for notification.

FC25/107 Time and Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: to **NOTE** the date and time of the next Full Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 3 December 2024 at 6:30pm at Richmond House, Morton Terrace.

The meeting closed at 8:27pm.

Signed as a true record of the Meeting: _____ Dated _____
Presiding chairman of approving meeting