

Gainsborough Town Council

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FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on **Tuesday 1 July 2025** at **6:30pm** in the Ceremony room, Richmond House, Richmond Park, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough, DN21 2RJ.

Councillors Present: Councillor James Plastow (Chair)

Councillor Sheila Bibb
Councillor Stephen Blogg
Councillor Nicholas Coxon
Councillor Caz Davies
Councillor David Dobbie
Councillor Paul Key
Councillor Richard Thompson

Councillor Mark Binns
Councillor Nigel Bowler
Councillor Dennis Dannatt
Councillor Michael Devine
Councillor Richard Doy
Councillor Douglas Owles
Councillor Kenneth Woolley

In Attendance:

Rachel Allbones

Town Clerk

Also Present:

WLDC Councillor Jeanette McGhee
3 Co-option candidates

FC26/053 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Craig and Hooton.

FC26/054 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Plastow declared a personal interest in agenda item FC26/059 as he knew one of the candidates.

Councillor Bibb declared a personal interest in agenda item FC26/059 as she knew two of the candidates.

FC26/055 Dispensation Requests

No dispensation requests were made.

FC26/056 Items for Exclusion of Public and Press

No items for the exclusion of public and press.

FC26/057 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Paper A)

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 3 June 2025 be approved as a as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

FC26/058 Committee Meeting Minutes (Papers B - C)

Initialled:

Full Council minutes 2025-26

- i. Planning Committee, Tuesday 17 June 2025
- ii. Finance and Strategy Committee, Wednesday 24 June 2025

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

FC26/059 Co-option of North West Ward Vacancy (Paper D)

Members received applications for the office of Town Councillor for Gainsborough North-West Ward and each candidate introduced themselves and provided information on their background and experience and explained why they wish to become a councillor.

RESOLVED: to exclude of Public and Press merits of candidates.

Note: Councillor Dobbie voted against the above resolution.

Note: Three co-option candidates left the meeting.

Note: Three co-option candidates returned to the meeting.

Two of the three co-option candidates were successfully proposed and seconded by Members, and at the request of Councillor Dobbie a recorded vote was taken as follows: -

Glenn Puxty

For: Councillors Bibb, Dannatt, Davies, Devine, Doy, Key, Plastow, Woolley

Against: Councillors Binns, Blogg, Dobbie, Owles, Thompson

Abstained: Councillors Bowler, Coxon

Andrew Eade

For: Councillors Binns, Blogg, Bowler, Coxon, Dobbie, Owles

Against: Councillors Bibb, Dannatt, Daves, Devine, Key, Thompson, Woolley

Abstained: Councillors Doy, Plastow

RESOLVED: that Glenn Puxty be co-opted to the office of Town Councillor for Gainsborough North-West Ward.

Note: Glenn Puxty signed his Acceptance of Office and joined the table.

Note: The two unsuccessful candidates left the meeting.

FC26/060 Announcements (Paper E)

- i. Chair of Council

The Chair advised he attended a Gainsborough Musical Theatre show, Wind in the Willow GO Festival event and the Aegir Cycling Club Picnic in the Park.

- ii. Leader of Council

The Leader advised he attended the meeting at the Fire Station with Lincs Police and WLDC.

- iii. Representatives on Outside Bodies

Councillor Woolley updated about the progress of the Cemetery Chapel project.

Councillor Davies advised she had opened the Aegir Cycling Club ride, attended WLDC Armed Forces Day flag raising and attended the opening presentation for Gainsborough in Bloom.

Councillor Bowler updated about the Together Initiative project and that the progress was encouraging.

iv. Town Clerk

Councillor McGhee advised she had an update regarding the North Street / Spital Terrace pocket park and would forward onto the Town Clerk for circulation.

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

FC26/061 Committee Vacancies

RESOLVED: to appoint Councillor Puxty to the Property and Services Committee as a substitute member for the remainder of the 2025-26 municipal year.

RESOLVED: to appoint Councillor Puxty to the Planning Committee for the remainder of the 2025-26 municipal year.

FC26/062 Recommendations made by Committee

Finance and Strategy Committee held 24 June 2025 (FS26/029 Investments)

RESOLVED: to

- i. Amend 9.5 of the Investment Strategy to read "Investment Account will be with CCLA up to £500,000. Earmarked Reserves and any remaining General Reserve not allocated to the current / deposit accounts."
- ii. Deposit a further £300,000 in the Council's CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund.

Note: Councillor Dobbie voted against the above resolution.

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

FC26/063 Recommendations made by Committee

Finance and Strategy Committee held 24 June 2025 (FS26/031 Financial Regulations)

RESOLVED: to amend 6.8 of Financial Regulations to read "For contracts estimated to exceed £60,000 including VAT, the Town Clerk shall advertise an open invitation for tenders in compliance with any relevant provisions of the Legislation. Tenders shall be invited in accordance with Appendix 1.

FC26/064 Recommendations made by Committee

Finance and Strategy Committee held 24 June 2025 (FS26/032 Vehicle)

RESOLVED: to allocate a budget of £7,000 (excluding VAT) from General Reserves to purchase a small van. Councillor Hooton to work with the Operations Manager and Town Clerk to purchase a vehicle.

Note: Councillors Binns and Dobbie abstained from voting on the above resolution.

FC26/065 Recommendations made by Committee (Paper F)

Finance and Strategy Committee held 24 June 2025 (FS26/033 Community Emergency Plan)

RESOLVED: to appoint a Community Emergency Plan Working Group and approve the terms of reference. Member appointments to be Councillors Bibb, Hooton, Owles and Thompson.

FC26/066 Member Champion for Armed Forces

RESOLVED: to appoint Councillor Dannatt as the Member Champion for Armed Forces.

FC26/067 Market Poll (Paper G)

Members considered results of the poll on the re-establishment of an indoor market in the town.

It was proposed and seconded for the Council to write to WLDC with the results of the poll to look at the principle of re-establishing an indoor market.

It was proposed and seconded for Councillor Coxon to approach WLDC as an individual Councillor to advise of the results of the poll to re-establish an indoor market.

RESOLVED: for Councillor Coxon to approach WLDC as an individual Councillor to advise of the results of the poll to re-establish an indoor market.

FC26/068 Local Government Reorganisation

Councillor Key updated Members from meetings he'd attended as a West Lindsey District Councillor.

FC26/069 Correspondence (Paper H)

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

FC26/070 Items for Notification

No items for notification.

FC26/071 Time and Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: to **NOTE** the date and time of the next Full Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 2 September 2025 at 6:30pm at Richmond House, Morton Terrace.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm.

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