

Gainsborough Town Council

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FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Councillors Present: Councillor James Plastow (Chair)

Councillor Mark Binns
Councillor Nigel Bowler
Councillor Richard Craig
Councillor Caz Davies
Councillor David Dobbie
Councillor Paul Key
Councillor Glenn Puxty
Councillor Kenneth Woolley

Councillor Stephen Blogg
Councillor Nicholas Coxon
Councillor Dennis Dannatt
Councillor Michael Devine
Councillor Richard Doy
Councillor Douglas Owles
Councillor Richard Thompson

In Attendance:

Rachel Allbones
Sean Alcock

Town Clerk
Operations Manager

FC26/072 Silence and Remembrance for Former Councillor Keith Panter

The Council paused to honour the memory of former Councillor Keith Panter remembering his character and recognising his service to the town and community. A moment of silence was also observed in remembrance.

FC26/073 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Bibb and Hooton.

FC26/074 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

FC26/075 Dispensation Requests

No dispensation requests were made.

FC26/076 Items for Exclusion of Public and Press

No items for the exclusion of public and press.

FC26/077 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Paper A)

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 1 July 2025 be approved as a as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

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

Initialled:

Full Council minutes 2025-26

FC26/078 Committee Meeting Minutes (Papers B - G)

- i. Property and Services Committee, Tuesday 15 July 2025
- ii. Personnel Committee, Wednesday 16 July 2025
- iii. Planning Committee, Tuesday 22 July 2025
- iv. Finance and Strategy Committee, Tuesday 29 July 2025
- v. Planning Committee, Tuesday 19 August 2025
- vi. Finance and Strategy Committee, Tuesday 26 August 2025

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

FC26/079 Announcements (Paper H)

- i. Chair of Council

The Chair advised he'd attended the Savoy Cinema opening event, Morton Festival and the Multicultural Event at the X Church.

- ii. Leader of Council

The Leader informed Members he'd attended a meeting with WLDC Officers regarding the Christmas Lights Festival and advise that the Chairs Group meetings are well attended and received.

- iii. Representatives on Outside Bodies

Councillor Woolley informed Members of a RAF Blyton Aviation Heritage Group he is setting up.

Councillor Craig advised that the Marshalls & Rose Brothers Memorial Charity is progressing well with the and still looking for a site for the memorial.

Councillor Dobbie advised there hadn't been a meeting of the North Notts and Lincs Community Rail Partnership CIC but had provided the St Georges Brownies group contact details for them to assist in renovation works to obtain a badge.

- iv. Town Clerk

RESOLVED: to appoint Councillor Owles as the Town Council representative at the Police Serious Violence Partnership Meeting on 10 September.

RESOLVED: to appoint Councillor Craig as the Town Council representative at the Lincoln & West Lindsey Parish Council Briefing session on 25 September.

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

FC26/080 Recommendations made by Committee (Paper I)

Property and Services Committee held 15 July 2025 (PS26/023 Tree Management Strategy)

RESOLVED: to adopt the Tree Management Strategy.

FC26/081 Recommendations made by Committee (Paper J)

Finance and Strategy Committee held 29 July 2025 (FS26/046 IT Policy)

RESOLVED: to adopt the IT Policy.

FC26/082 Recommendations made by Committee

Finance and Strategy Committee held 29 July 2025 (FS26/047 CCLA News)

RESOLVED: to following resolution FC26/062ii *Deposit a further £300,000 in the*

Council's CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund to put the resolution in abeyance and revisit in October 2025 once further information of the change to the corporate ownership of CCLA has been received.

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

FC26/083 Recommendations made by Committee

Finance and Strategy Committee held 26 August 2025 (FS26/064 Roses AWP Sinking Fund)

Note Councillors Davies and Coxon left the meeting at 7:48pm.

RESOLVED: to

- i. Release the £59,500 sinking fund when GTF receives invoice for works
- ii. Assign to GTF the accrued interest on the sinking fund £3,766.71
- iii. Provide a bridging loan for the VAT element of the invoice £22,800, this would be subject to a legal repayment agreement.
- iv. Ask GTF if the Council could have a place on the board or at least be permitted to attend board meetings.

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

FC26/084 Mission, Vision and Values Review (Paper K)

RESOLVED: to refer the review of the Council's Mission, Vision and Values to Finance and Strategy Committee, if Members have any ideas for the review to email the Town Clerk.

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

FC26/085 Local Government Reorganisation (Paper L)

RESOLVED: to **NOTE** the recent update.

FC26/086 Correspondence (Paper M)

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

FC26/087 Items for Notification

No items for notification.

FC26/088 Time and Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: to **NOTE** the date and time of the next Full Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 7 October 2025 at 6:30pm at Richmond House, Morton Terrace.

The meeting closed at 8:17pm.

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