GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING of Council held in the Ceremony Room, Richmond House, Richmond Park, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough on Tuesday 1 May 2018 at 7:00pm

Present: Councillor Sally Loates (In the Chair)

Councillor Harry Clarke
Councillor Liz Clews (arrived at 7:15)
Councillor Neil Cook
Councillor Caroline Davies
Councillor Tim Davies
Councillor David Dobbie
Councillor Sharon Hopkinson
Councillor Michael Hopper
Councillor Paul Key
Councillor Keith Panter
Councillor Denise Schofield
Councillor Steven Ward

In Attendance:
Rachel Allbones Deputy Clerk to the Council
Sean Alcock Operations Manager

1. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN / MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Chairman opened the meeting and requested nominations for Chairman.

Councillor Hopkinson was proposed and seconded.
Councillor Craig was proposed and seconded.

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

Councillor Hopkinson
For Councillors: - C Davies, T Davies, Hopkinson, Hopper, Schofield

Councillor Craig
For Councillors: - Clarke, Cook, Dobbie, Key, Loates, Panter, Ward

RESOLVED that the 2018 / 2019 Chairman / Mayor is Councillor Craig.

2. TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN / MAYOR OF GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

Councillor Craig was absent from the meeting. Members agreed to receive the Mayors Declaration of Acceptance at the next meeting.

Note: Councillor Clews arrived at the meeting.

3. TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN / DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Chairman requested nominations for Vice Chairman.

Councillor Panter was proposed and seconded.
Councillor T Davies was proposed and seconded.

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

Councillor Panter
For Councillors: - Clarke, Clews, Cook, Dobbie, Key, Loates, Panter, Ward

Councillor T Davies
For Councillors: - C Davies, T Davies, Hopkinson, Hopper, Schofield

RESOLVED that the 2018 / 2019 Vice Chairman / Deputy Mayor is Councillor Panter.

4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN / MAYOR OF GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

Councillor Panter signed and read the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Panter took the Chair and presented the outgoing Mayor with a Past Mayors Medal.

5. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN

Councillor Richard Craig
Councillor Cynthia Isherwood
Councillor Aaron Taylor
Councillor Kenneth Woolley

RESOLVED to accept apologies for Councillors Craig, Isherwood and Woolley,

Note: Councillors Clarke, Dobbie and Schofield abstained from voting on the above resolution.

Members **NOTE** Councillor Taylors apologies as not enough detail was provided to accept them.

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

6. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND TO RECEIVE ANY APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

Councillor Key declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 as Barry Coward is known to him as a friend.

Councillor Panter declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 as the Deputy Chair of the West Lindsey Area Community Rail Partnership.

7. TO APPOINT THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman requested nominations for Leader.

RESOLVED that the 2018 / 2019 Leader of the Council is Councillor Boles.

8. TO RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM BARRY COWARD REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF A COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP OFFICER FOR THE NORTH NOTTS & LINCS COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP (Paper A)

Members received a presentation from Barry Coward regarding the Community Rail Partnership and employment of a Community Rail Partnership Officer.
Members asked various questions which were answered by Barry Coward.

RESOLVED to refer the matter to Management and Finance Committee for further discussion.

Note: Councillor T Davies and Key abstained from voting on the above resolution.

9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions received.

10. TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

i. Management and Finance Committee

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Management and Finance Committee for 2018 / 2019, Councillors – Clarke, Dobbie, Key, Panter, Ward

Note: Councillors C Davies, T Davies, Hopper and Schofield abstained from voting on the above resolution.

ii. Community Services Committee

The below Members had been proposed and seconded, and a vote was taken as follows: -

Councillor Clarke	6 votes for
Councillor Clews	10 votes for
Councillor Cook	10 votes for
Councillor C Davies	8 votes for
Councillor T Davies	7 votes for
Councillor Hopkinson	10 votes for
Councillor Panter	12 votes for
Councillor Schofield	8 votes for

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Community Services Committee for 2018 / 2019, Councillors – Clews, Cook, C Davies, T Davies, Hopkinson, Panter, Schofield

iii. Planning and Development Committee

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Planning and Development Committee for 2018 / 2019, Councillors – Cook, Dobbie, Hopper, Panter, Taylor

Note: Councillors C Davies and T Davies voted against the above resolution

Note: Councillor Loates left the meeting

iv. Personnel Committee

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Personnel Committee for 2018 / 2019, Councillors – T Davies, Key, Loates, Ward, Woolley

Note: Councillor C Davies abstained from voting on the above resolution.

v. Allotments Sub-Committee

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Allotments Sub-Committee for 2018 / 2019 Councillors – Clarke, Clews, Dobbie, Panter, Taylor

vi. Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group for 2018 / 2019 Councillors –Hopkinson, Hopper, Schofield

vii. Cemeteries Working Group

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Cemeteries Working Group for 2018 / 2019 Councillors – T Davies, Hopkinson, Panter

viii. Policy Review Working Group

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Policy Review Working Group for 2018 / 2019 Councillors – T Davies, Dobbie, Hopper

ix. Remembrance Sunday and Armed Forces Day Working Group

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Remembrance Sunday and Armed Forces Day Working Group for 2018 / 2019 Councillors – Clews, C Davies, T Davies, Hopkinson, Panter

x. War Memorial Working Group

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the War Memorial Working Group for 2018 / 2019 Councillors – Clews, C Davies, T Davies, Panter

xi. Levellings Improvement Working Group

The below Members had been proposed and seconded, and a vote was taken as follows: -

Councillor Boles	6 votes for
Councillor T Davies	6 votes for
Councillor Key	9 votes for
Councillor Schofield	10 votes for

A further vote was taken as follows

Councillor Boles	6 votes for
Councillor T Davies	6 votes for

The Chairman had the casting vote and voted for Councillor T Davies

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Levellings Improvement Working Group for 2018 / 2019 Councillors –T Davies, Key, Schofield

xii. Roses Sports Ground – Sub Lease and Management Devolution Working Group

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Roses Sports Ground – Sub Lease and Management Devolution Working Group for 2018 / 2019 Councillors – T Davies, Hopkinson, Key, Schofield, Ward

xiii. Health and Safety Working Group

RESOLVED to leave in abeyance until the Structure and Function Review was complete.

xiv. Communications Working Group

RESOLVED to leave in abeyance until the Structure and Function Review was complete.

11. TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED that the following members be elected to the Outside Bodies for 2018 / 2019

i.	West Lindsey CAB	Councillor Cook
ii.	Gainsborough Adventure Playground Association	Councillor Dobbie
iii.	Friends of Richmond Park	Councillors C & T Davies
iv.	Christmas Market Committee	Councillor Hopkinson and Councillor T Davies as reserve
v.	Gainsborough Rail and Bus User Group	Councillor Panter
vi.	First Aid Champion	Councillor Loates & Woolley
vii.	Safeguarding Champion	Councillor Schofield

12. COUNCIL MINUTES

i. Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 3 April 2018 (Paper B)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 3 April 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

13. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE PERSON PRESIDING MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL (Paper C)

RESOLVED to note Paper C.

14. TO RECEIVE THE DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Paper D)

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Committees be received.

15. CHEQUE SIGNATORIES

Councillor Craig advised he no longer wished to be a cheque signatory.

RESOLVED that the cheque signatories for 2018 / 2019 be Councillors Key, Panter and Ward

Note: Councillor T Davies voted against the above resolution.

16. 2018 / 2019 MEETING CALENDAR (Paper E)

RESOLVED to approve the 2018 / 2019 meeting calendar apart from May 2019 which will be decided nearer the time due to it being election year.

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

18. REPORT FROM THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL (Paper F)

Members noted the report submitted by the Clerk.

The meeting concluded at 8:51pm.