

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 17th June 2025, commencing at 6.30pm in the Community Centre, Tow Law.

PRESENT: Councillors F. Nicol (Chair), M. Craggs, M. Dyer, P. Eastwood, and P. Stokes.

ALSO PRESENT: County Councillor A. Savory and G. F. Smith (Clerk).

113/25 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillors J. Fowler, A Walsh and County Councillor J. Shuttleworth.

114/25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Nicol declared an interest in agenda items Nos 10 Tow Law Community Association, and item 11 Tow Law Food Bank.

Councillor Craggs declared an interest in agendas items Nos 9 Allotments, No 10 Tow Law Community Association and item No. 11 Tow Law Food Bank.

Councillor P. Stokes declared an interest in agenda item No. 10 Tow Law Community Association.

Councillor P. Eastwood declared an interest in agenda item No. 9 Allotments.

115/25 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD ON 20th MAY 2025

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

116/25 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 20th May 2025

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

117/25 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 20th MAY 2025

The minutes were agreed by the Councillors and signed by the Chair.

118/25 ACTION LIST MAY 2025

The list was circulated to Councillors before the meeting, Members agreed to accept the list

Signed.....Chair

119/25 COMMUNITY FUND

The following applications were received :-

- GLASS GROUP
Donation of £250.00 towards the glass making consumables. The project is for a remembrance of Tutor John Fraser “The Clock – stained glass”. Members agreed to donate £250.00 from the Community Fund for this project.
- FUNDAY 28th JUNE 2025 AT TOW LAW FOOTBALL CLUB
Hayley Anderson organiser of the above event asked for a donation of £250.00. Members agreed to donate £250.00 to this project from the Community Fund.

120/25 REPORT BY THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

- Home Group – Chair to speak to local MP with concerns.

121/25 ALLOTMENTS

Allotment Inspections – Councillor Craggs and Councillor Eastwood to arrange a suitable date to carry out the inspection and report to an appropriate Town Council meeting. Councillor Nicol will also attend the meeting.

Members agreed to the joint Tenancy of TC4, rear of Dan’s Castle (Marion Craggs and Paul Eastwood).

122/25 TOW LAW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Councillor Stokes reported on events in the Community Centre. Manager to be appointed for the Community Centre. Teacher to run sessions on computer training.

123/25 TOW LAW FOOD BANK

Councillor Nicol reported that demand for the service is still very high.

124/25 ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

Members agreed to approve the following documents:-

- Internal Audit Report 2024/25 dated 10th June 2025, signed by Mr D. Rider and send to the External Auditor before 30th June 2025.
- Section One Annual Governance Statement 2024/25, answer yes to questions 1 to 8; answer n/a to question 9; to be signed by the Chair and Clerk and sent to the External Auditor before 30th June 2025.

Signed.....Chair

- Section Two Accounting Statements 2024/25:-

Balance b/f	£3333
Precept	£46792
Total Other Receipts	£8886
Staff Costs	£14299
Other Payments	£29704
Balance	£14988
Fixed Assets	£47576

Answer NO to question 11A; answer n/a to question 11B.

To sign by the Chair and Clerk and send to the External Auditor before 30th June 2025.

- Statement of Accounts, Income and Expenditure Reports for the year ended 31st March 2025 send to External Auditor before 30th June 2025.

125/25 POLICE/PACT/SPEEDWATCH

Speed watch van, no figures available.

PACT report (Councillor Nicol) 44 Incidents; 86 telephone calls to the Police; incidents MUST be reported.

126/25 COUTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor Savoury introduced herself and looked forward to working with the Town Council.

- Tow Law/Bedding/Planter – work to progress.
- Local Network Group scheduled to meet in September 2025.

127/25 BANK ACCOUNT (on-line banking) – Councillor Nicol and Councillor Craggs to be added to the signatories list, Clerk to contact the Co-operative Bank PLC this week.

128/25 PLANNING MATTERS - NONE

129/25 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk reported the following:-

- payments vouchers 14 to 21 sum of £4163.39

Members agreed to pay the above accounts.

130/25 BEEHIVE COKE OVENS

The gorse plants required further treatment and trimming back (still outstanding).

Signed.....Chair

131/25 TOW LAW MILLENNIUM GREEN

Documents sent to the Charity Commission, awaiting response.

Inspection of Play Equipment (Sovereign Design Play Systems Ltd), report received Monday 14th April 2025, minor repairs to be carried out, as soon as possible.

132/25 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES – NO PROGRESS

133/25 CLERK’S REPORT

The Clerk reported on the following:-

- Damage to the “Peacock Bench” on Millennium Green has been damaged by local youths (Councillor Craggs). Councillor Eastwood volunteered to inspect the site and let the Clerk know the extent of the damage (possible remove from site – for safety concerns).
- Change over to .gov.uk E-mails (should be ready for end of June 2025)

134/25 MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor Craggs :-

- Damage to Play Area, Church Street.

Councillor Stokes:-

- Ironworks Road street sign – missing?

135/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15th July 2025 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30pm

The meeting finished at 7.30pm

Signed.....Chair