

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 21st January 2025, commencing at 6.30pm in the Community Centre, Tow Law.

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

ALSO PRESENT: County Councillor R. Manchester and G. F. Smith (Clerk).

Residents:- S. Orton, J. Scott, A. Suddess, S. Batson, J. Hopper, C. Morris, S Stuart,
R. Batson and A. Dixon.

001/25 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillors K. Duffy, J. Gale and E. Mather.

002/25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Nicol declared an interest in agenda items Nos 12 Tow Law Community Centre, and item 13 Tow Law Food Bank.

Councillor Craggs declared an interest in agendas items Nos 10 Allotments, No 12 Tow Law Community Association and item No. 13 Tow Law Food Bank.

Councillor Fowler declared an interest in agenda item no. 17 Bank Account.

003/25 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 15th October 2024

The minutes were not agreed by the Councillors, amendments required.

004/25 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 21st NOVEMBER 2024

Minutes were agreed by the Councillors and signed by the Chair.

005/24 ACTION LIST – Were circulated prior to the meeting, agreed as a true record by the Councillors.

006/25 COMMUNITY FUND – No Reports.

007/25 SETTING THE PRECEPT FOR 2025/26

Members discussed the report circulated by the Clerk and recommended that the Precept for 2025/26 be £48618.00; No change to Band D charge of £87.60; with a Tax Base of 555.0.

Signed.....Chair

008/25 REPRESENTATION BY RESIDENTS

The following points were raised:-

Salt Bins; Road Closure (Remembrance Service); Christmas Trees; Planting of Bulbs; social Media; Communication by the Town Council; Access to information regarding ongoing projects; CCTV Cameras; Dog Poo Bags; Snow Clearance (DCC/TLTC?); Liaison directly with DCC; Refurbishment of Attlee Estate (Childrens Care Home); TLTC Elections May 2025; Tow Law Boundaries for candidates?

009/25 BANK ACCOUNT (on-line banking) – Councillor Fowler ongoing problems have been resolved. Councillor Nicol still outstanding.

010/25 PLANNING MATTERS - None

011/25 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk reported the following:-

- payments vouchers 52 to 68 sum of £16152.91

Members agreed to pay the above accounts.

012/25 CCTV IN TOW LAW

Outstanding account for 2023/24 has been paid. The Chair continues to discuss progress with the Police Commissioner.

013/25 BEEHIVE COKE OVENS

The gorse plants required further treatment and trimming back, Clerk to contact the Contractor regarding the setting-up of a yearly contract to maintain the Gorse each year (two visits).

014/25 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported on the following:-

- Letter of Resignation from Councillor David Willock.

Signed.....Chair

015/25 MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor Fowler

- Electric Charging Points
- Thank you to residents who volunteered to “dig-out” during the heavy snow falls.

Councillor Eastwood

- Pavements overgrown (DCC)

Councillor Stokes

- Wyn Construction – Site noise (starting times of machinery)

016/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18th February 2025 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30pm

The meeting finished at 7.55pm

Signed.....Chair