

STAMFORD TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE CIVIC & COMMUNITY MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 6.30PM
IN THE TOWN HALL, STAMFORD**

PRESENT	Cllr Joanna Winterbourne (Chair)	Cllr Lisa Brewin (Vice Chair)
	Cllr Max Sawyer	Cllr Jon Lott
	Cllr Yvette Díaz- Muñoz	Cllr Andrew Croft

ABSENT: Cllr Kelham Cooke (ex-officio) Cllr Jane Kingman

IN ATTENDANCE Heather Baldwin (Admin)

ALSO PRESENT 1 member of public

Public Representations

Member of Friends of Stamford Station Association presented the current work being done by the group to maintain the station for visitors and townspeople, in support of the 2025 grant request and expressed thanks for the previous year's grant.

467. Apologies for Absence

The meeting was advised that apologies with valid reasons for absence had been received from Cllr Jane Kingman

Proposal 1 - Apologies with valid reasons for absence were received and it was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr Jane Kingman

Proposer	Cllr Jo Winterbourne	
Seconder	Cllr Max Sawyer	
For	6	Cllrs Lott, Brewin, Diaz-Munoz, Croft, Winterbourne, Sawyer
Against	0	
Abstained	0	
Motion	CARRIED	

468. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Andrew Croft declared an interest in Grant submission from College Players.

469. Civic & Community Budget Report

The Committee considered the summary and detailed report showing income and expenditure against budget to Friday, 31 January 2025. All agreed that no actions were deemed necessary.

470. Communications**i. Website**

Officer report was received and **NOTED**.

Regarding the progress of the new Town Council Website and the requirement to purchase photographs for the website as outlined in the report.

Proposal 2 It was **RESOLVED** to purchase photographs of Stamford for the website at a cost of £280.00.

Proposer	Cllr Andrew Croft	
Seconder	Cllr Lisa Brewin	
For	6	Cllrs Lott, Brewin, Diaz-Munoz, Croft, Winterbourne, Sawyer
Against	0	
Abstained	0	
Motion	CARRIED	

ii. Lincs Online Access

Officer report was received and **NOTED**.

Proposal 2 It was **RESOLVED** to purchase an annual online subscription to Lincs Online

Proposer	Cllr Jo Winterbourne	
Seconder	Cllr Yvette Diaz-Munoz	
For	6	Cllrs Lott, Brewin, Diaz Munoz, Croft, Winterbourne, Sawyer
Against	0	
Abstained	0	
Motion	CARRIED	

471. Funding Requests

- College Players (deferred from last meeting)**

Members considered the requested £1500 funding for College Players

Proposal 3 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the grant of £750.00 towards expenses for last production

Proposer	Cllr Lisa Brewin
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Seconder	Cllr Max Sawyer	
For	6	Cllrs Lott, Brewin, Diaz Munoz, Croft, Winterbourne, Sawyer
Against	0	
Abstained	0	
Motion	CARRIED	

- **Stamford Mercury Archive Trust**

Proposal 4 It was **RESOLVED** to Defer due to incorrect file being submitted

Proposer	Cllr Yvette Diaz-Munoz	
Seconder	Cllr Jon Lott	
For	6	Cllrs Lott, Brewin, Diaz Munoz, Croft, Winterbourne, Sawyer
Against	0	
Abstained	0	
Motion	CARRIED	

- **Friends of Stamford Station**

Members considered the requested £410.00 funding for Friends of Stamford Station

Proposal 5 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the grant of £410.00 as per request

Proposer	Cllr Yvette Diaz-Munoz	
Seconder	Cllr Jon Lott	
For	6	Cllrs Lott, Brewin, Diaz Munoz, Croft, Winterbourne, Sawyer
Against	0	
Abstained	0	
Motion	CARRIED	

- **The Stamford Cyberwise Campaign**

- Members considered the requested £780.60 funding for The Stamford Cyberwise Campaign

Proposal 6 It was **RESOLVED** to Defer the application to the next meeting and requested that the group present with further information on the project.

Proposer	Cllr Jo Winterbourne	
Seconder	Cllr Jon Lott	
For	6	Cllrs Lott, Brewin, Diaz Munoz, Croft, Winterbourne, Sawyer
Against	0	
Abstained	0	
Motion	CARRIED	

• **Stamford and District Lions**

Members considered the requested £2061.14 funding for Rock on The Rec Event

Proposal 7 It was **RESOLVED** to defer the application to the next meeting due to unpaid previous grant request which needs to be investigated prior to payment of new request. **TC (Sarah Dorson) to Action**

Proposer	Cllr Max Sawyer	
Seconder	Cllr Lisa Brewin	
For	6	Cllrs Lott, Brewin, Diaz Munoz, Croft, Winterbourne, Sawyer
Against	0	
Abstained	0	
Motion	CARRIED	

472. Council Events

i. Christmas Market

The committee reviewed 2024 Christmas Market and agreed that the Christmas Market will run to the same format on Sunday 30th November 2025

37 traders have deferred their stall fees to 2025

Online booking system is to open on April 2nd with all traders who have signed up receiving email notification.

ii. Christmas Lights Switch On

The committee reviewed 2024 Lights Switch on event and the Christmas lights. Cllr Winterbourne will convene a meeting with Sparx to review issues with lights during 2024 Christmas period. **(Action – Cllr Jo Winterbourne)**

Recommendations for next meeting

- Ascertain what remedial work is required
- Ascertain if further lights are required in the town
- Consider new lights for the churchyard
- Extend Cheyne Lane lights down to Anna's Couture
- Consider additional lights for Stamford Walk

- Late night shopping after the lights switch on event
- Stamford Brass to play Carols in St Michaels yard after the lights switch on event

iii. VE Day 80 Celebrations

Officer report was received and **NOTED**.

Regarding the progress of the Beacon Lighting on Thursday 8th May and the Big Band 1940s Dance on Saturday 10th May. Both events will take place on the Recreation Ground.

473. Tourism Working Group

Cllr Andrew Croft's report was received and **NOTED**.

Regarding renewing and upgrading Signage and Fingerboards around the town centre. A proposal is being considered for a digital screen at the bus station.

A proposal is being considered for new maps in the town centre (funding will come from Civic & Community budget) Further information on costs and quotes to be submitted

Quote being submitted for repair and upgrade of current broken map machines.

474. Closure

It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 08 April 2025 at 6.30pm.

Cllr Jo Winterbourne requested that the meeting be brought forward to Tuesday 18th March due to the proximity of VE Day 80 Celebrations.

Proposal 8 It was **RESOLVED** that the next meeting be held on Tuesday 18th March at 6.30pm

Proposer	Cllr Jo Winterbourne	
Seconder	Cllr Andrew Croft	
For	6	Cllrs Lott, Brewin, Diaz Munoz, Croft, Winterbourne, Sawyer
Against	0	
Abstained	0	
Motion	CARRIED	

The meeting closed at 8pm

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Town Council as a true record of the meeting.

Signature

Date

Initialed by Chair