



Howden Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Howden Town Council held Tuesday February 17th 2026 at 7pm at the Town Council Offices

Present: Councillors Drury, Hart, Ward, Young, McLellan, Long, Clarke, Cave, Blee, Pears

In Attendance: L Smith (Tourism and Marketing Officer), Member of the Press, ERYC Councillor Nigel Wilkinson

Clerk: S Boggitt

2026-22-FC: Apologies for absence – to receive and accept.

Apologies were received from Councillors Roberts, Coutts and Howard - accepted.

(In Councillor Roberts absence, Councillor Drury (Vice-Chair) chaired the meeting)

2026-23-FC: Declaration of Interest –

2026-23.1-FC Declarations of Interests, in respect to Agenda items, to be made and recorded in the minutes even if an interest has been declared in the register.

None.

2026-23.2-FC For the Council to note any dispensations presented to the Clerk prior to the meeting and their resolution.

None.

2026-24-FC: Public Participation. To adjourn (for a maximum of 15 minutes) the meeting for members of the public to make representation over any item on the agenda. (NB any item not on the agenda will not be discussed but may be considered for a future meeting).

None.

2026-25-FC: Minutes of the Town Council meeting held Tuesday January 20th 2026 – to agree and approve as a true record.

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held Tuesday January 20th 2026 were received and were agreed and approved as a true record.

2026-26-FC: Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held Tuesday February 3rd 2026 – to receive and approve any recommendations.

The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held February 3rd 2026 were received. Friends of Howden Marsh dates confirmed for Saturdays March 7th, 28th and April 11th. First-aid provision to be spread out among the Town Council first-aiders. No recommendations.



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2026-27-FC: Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held Tuesday February 3rd 2026 – to receive and approve any recommendations.

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held Tuesday February 3rd were received with no recommendations.

2026-28-FC: Speed Detection Item. To receive update from the Clerk and agree any actions.

The Clerk reported that after the last meeting she had enquired about the Police and Crime Commissioner funding for speed detection devices. However, for this round this is not feasible as sites already need to have been identified and planning agreed by ERYC. There is not time to fulfil this before the closing of the grant window.

2026-29-FC: Community Speedwatch. To receive report from the Clerk and agree any actions.

The Clerk reported that nobody had stepped up out of the present group to take on the vacated co-ordinator's role. Due to the lack of uptake for this scheme it was agreed to stop the scheme and inform the Police of this decision.

2026-30-FC: Tourism and Marketing Officer Report. To receive report and agree any actions.

The Tourism and Marketing officer reported that due to the popularity of the Howden After Dark date another date had been provisionally booked for October 25th. Council agreed to this date and to the £6 ticket fee (£5 to the performer and £1 towards the hire of the Shire Hall). Council also agreed to the planning works for a Howden Marsh trail and updated signage and information boards if a grant can be obtained for this. It was reported this would potentially fit the criteria for the new DIFEY grant round but would be reported back at a later meeting.

2026-31-FC: Howden Film. A showing of the Howden Film, a Town Council Project with DIFEY funding.

The Howden Film 'A Small Town with a Mighty Story' was debuted to Council. This was funded by the Autumn 2025 DIFEY fund.

2026-32-FC: Town of Culture. To receive report from the Clerk and agree any actions.

The Town Council resolved not to go ahead with a bid for the Town of Culture 2028. It was agreed that the £3 million project was not tenable for the two staff members to take on as they are already up to capacity with their roles as it stands. It was also noted there could be a huge burden on the precept to continue the works post 2028 and this also was not tenable. However, if any other group wish to take on the application process this would be supported by the Town Council.

2026-33-FC: Ashes Committee. To receive the latest minutes, update from the Clerk on the proposed disability swing and agree any actions.



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There were no minutes to share, however the Clerk reported she had been informed a meeting was taking place on February 17th at the Ashes regarding the disability swing. Update to follow at a future meeting.

2026-34-FC: Finance January/February. To authorise the invoices and monthly schedules for payment; to receive a copy of the bank transactions and reconciled bank statements since the last meeting and a copy of finance package reports to receive and accept.

A copy of the latest monthly schedule with voucher numbers for each invoice received (372 to 407) with attached invoices were received and approved. Payments totalling £13,447.30 were approved and invoices and schedule signed by Councillors Hart and Ward.

Bank reconciliations (Co-Op) up to January 29th 2026, (Hinckley and Rugby) up to February 10th 2026, (NS&I) up to January 31st 2026, and (CCLA) up to January 31st 2026 were received. The bank reconciliations were agreed and signed by the Vice-Chair.

2026-35-FC: Monthly Checklist. To receive the Clerk's monthly checklist.

Received.

2026-36-FC: Ward Councillor. To receive report from Ward Councillor David Howard and agree any items for next agenda.

No report.

2026-37-FC: Correspondence.

The Clerk reported Council members had been invited to the screening of the Shining Light film which was part-funded by the Town Council as part of the 2025 Grants Programme. Members to let her know if they would like to book for the March 12th event ASAP.

2026-38-FC: Items for next agenda.

Standing Items.

2026-39-FC: Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday March 17th 2026 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.44pm.