

In attendance: Andy Roberts (AR, Chair), John Morgan (JM, Secretary), Bob Clarke (Treasurer, BC), Keith Buckby (KB), Derek Krajewski (DK), Bob Souster (BS), Kevin Simons (KS)

1.	Welcome
	AR welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2.	Minutes of meetings – 12 February
	Agreed as a correct record, proposed by BS and seconded by BC.
3.	Matters arising
	None
4.	NTFC items
A	<u>East stand and land update</u> The club has still not responded to the questions asked by the Trust of the club, in particular to concerns around matchday car parking at Sixfields next season. The land development planning permission application moved quickly during the last month and was heard by the Strategic Planning Committee at the end of February. Planning permission was approved by a vote of 7-3 – the seven votes in favour were all from the ruling group reform party, three votes against (2 Labour, 1 Conservative), one abstention (Conservative), three voting members absent. We issued a statement asking how the warehouses now given approval would benefit the club financially in future years. BS said that the Trust should defend itself robustly against any criticism that blames the Trust for scaring off investors and hindering the club financially. As a matter of fact, the club were talking to Cildara long before the Trust officially made an approach. The Trust had no idea of Cildara's involvement with NTFC at this point and only became aware of their interest at the open meeting held at the Guildhall in February 2022. The Trust is to enquire about the warehouse development Section 106 payments that the club is required to make with liaison representative John East. In a FAB appearance, chairman Kelvin Thomas said that next season's player budget was likely to be frozen and that any sale proceeds from the warehouses land may not be enough to cover the club debt.
B	<u>Annual General Meeting</u> The AGM was held at the Obelisk Centre in Northampton on 23 February and a member update and public release issued thereafter. A useful discussion about the land development took place with councillors John East (Reform) and Phil Bignell (Conservative) who is the deputy leader of the Strategic Planning Committee which heard the club's application for warehouse development. The minutes of the AGM are recorded separately on the Trust's website.

5.	Constitution review
	A date has still to be agreed for the constitution review, pending a study of updated model rules at other Trusts and societies. .
6.	Treasurer's Report
	BC reported:- A report was prepared and presented together with the accounts at the AGM 23rd February for year ended 31st August 2025. The accounts were accepted and signed and delivered to Crouchers for their signature. A copy has been sent to the FCA. Co-op Charity and Community Bank Account Payments in last month of £59.20 to Andy Roberts for printing VAT. A further cheque of £960 was written in favour of Crouchers for the accounts preparation. The balance on the statement at 27 February is £36,390.48. NatWest Northampton Town Trust Travel Club Account No change to balance, at 27 February £19,812 .57. NatWest Club 500 Current Account Payments in of £685.00 payments, out £450.00, balance at 27 February of £29,116.14.
10.	Membership Report
	No update
11.	Travel Club Report
	No update.
12.	Any other business
	The directors held a general discussion around the desirability of appointing co-opted members to the board. JM expressed his concern that the club's elected supporters director was not acting independently and that this compromised the integrity of the role.
13.	Date of next meeting
	Thursday 9 April