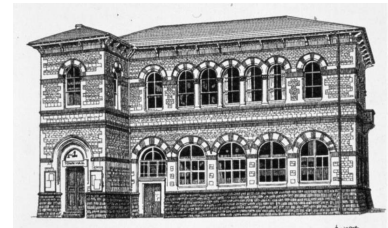


Campaign for an independent
Midsomer Norton Town Council

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Statement to be presented to
Bath & North East Somerset Cabinet on Wednesday 4th March 2009

NORTON RADSTOCK ISN'T WORKING!

Petition for an independent Midsomer Norton Town Council

The fact that Norton Radstock Town Council isn't working is plain for all to see - four councillors have resigned in the last six months alone – it's a broken institution that:

- is riven with infighting based on rivalries
- lacks focus on either Radstock or Midsomer Norton, which has held back development
- is too party political, blocking genuine community engagement
- has a poor track record on delivery
- doesn't represent anywhere – Norton Radstock simply does not exist.

Where did Norton Radstock come from?

Both towns had their own urban district councils until 23rd March 1933 when, despite bitter opposition and a public enquiry, a merger was forced under the Local Government Act 1929 to create Norton Radstock Urban District Council. The inspector's report at the time was eerily prophetic " ... *the chief argument against amalgamation lay in the existing jealousies and lack of cooperation between the two towns and the sooner they get together the better it will be ...*"

Our vision

Our vision is to have our own Midsomer Norton Town Council that is *a non party political body working for the greater good of the people living in Midsomer Norton; is proactive and positive in its approach to resolving issues and can take our town forward. Radstock and Westfield are free to determine their own destiny.*

Community Governance Review

We hand delivered a letter to the 8500 electors in the two Midsomer Norton Wards on the 10th January 2009 and in just two weeks received back 900 signatures to our petition with the following statement:

I/we, the undersigned, live in Midsomer Norton and believe that we should have our own town/parish council.

We would now request that the local authority move to the next stage and conduct a community governance review. We look forward to working with you and to the review being completed as soon as possible.

We sincerely hope that the outcome will be an independent Town Council for Midsomer Norton and look forward to the newly founded body having a long and fruitful positive working relationship with its residents and Bath & North East Somerset Council.

Yours sincerely



Paul Myers
Midsomer Norton Resident

The four wards of Norton Radstock (Midsomer Norton's two wards highlighted)

