

Kettering Town Council

MINUTES OF THE FULL KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BOWLING GREEN ROAD, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 15th DECEMBER 2021

Attendees: Cllr Keli Watts (Deputy Mayor) (Chair)

Cllrs Lloyd Bunday, Carolyn Carter, Robin Carter, Dez Dell, Maggie Don, Alexander Evelyn, Emily Fedorowycz, Clark Mitchell, Mark Rowley, Craig Skinner, James Towns, Sarah Tubbs, Keli Watts, Bev Wright, Martyn York

Town Clerk: Martin Hammond

No of Public Present: Two

Item No	Item Description
2021/095	Apologies for absence Cllrs Eve Edwards, Scott Edwards, Anup Pandey, Daniel Perrett, and Keiran Farrow
2021/096	Declarations of Interest None notified
2021/097	The minutes of the last meeting held on 17 th November were approved as a correct record and signed by the Deputy Mayor
2021/098	Public Speakers Notification had been received from Cllr Anne Lee, asking to speak on item 102
2021/099	Announcements from the Mayor None except to report that the Mayor and Cllr Mrs Edwards were both self isolating at present.
2021/100	Announcements from the Leader The Leader wished everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas. He reported that a reply had been received from NNC to the Council's letter following the motion passed at the last meeting about the swimming pool. The reply would be circulated to all members.

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	<p>He also reported that NNC was publishing its draft budget on the 16th December and invited members to inspect it.</p>
2021/101	<p>Motion – Newland Street Taxi Access</p> <p>Cllr Mitchell moved and Cllr Don seconded that</p> <p><i>The decision to remove daytime access to Newland Street for taxis was a mistake. Kettering Town Council will lobby / persuade NNC to reverse this decision immediately.</i></p> <p>Cllr Anne Lee addressed the meeting setting out why the recent changes to the traffic order on Newland St had unintentionally disadvantaged vulnerable people who had hitherto accessed the shops on that road by taxi and now could not do so.</p> <p>In debate, members acknowledged that the recent traffic order had made a huge improvement to road safety and traffic congestion in Newland St but it had had a side effect of preventing a small number of largely elderly and disabled residents from being dropped off during the day outside shops in Newland St. This had been compounded by changes to bus services in the area.</p> <p>Since the publication of the motion, there had been a dialogue with officers at NNC and it had been mooted that the traffic order could be changed to permit hackney carriages (not private hire vehicles) to access the street during the daytime for the purposes of dropping off and picking up people who could not otherwise access those shops on foot or by bus. Members sought assurance that there were enough hackney carriages in the town to serve the population affected.</p> <p>With the agreement of Cllr Mitchell and Don, the motion was withdrawn and it was unanimously</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Highway Authority be asked to amend the traffic order to permit hackney carriages to access Newland St from the south only to set down and pick up passengers using the commercial premises in that street.</p>
2021/102	<p>Community Lottery</p> <p>Cllr Skinner presented an item that had been referred to Council by the Finance and Governance Committee which sought members' view on the merits of setting up a community lottery.</p> <p>A lottery would be managed by a selected provider, and would allocate a proportion of its earnings to local good causes, as determined by the Town Council, using the rest of the money to pay out prizes and administer the scheme.</p>

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	<p>Three alternative providers had been approached for quotes and terms, and these were set out in the report.</p> <p>Members considered the potential impact of a lottery on existing lotteries, such as that run by Cransley Hospice, and on the principle of raising money in this way.</p> <p>Members noted that a small addition would be necessary to the budget to allow for a set up cost, lottery licence and application fees if there were more than 3000 players a year.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that a community lottery be established on the lines set out in the report.</p> <p>For – 13 Against – 0 Abstentions – 2</p> <p>It was further RESOLVED that provider 3 (Woods Validata) be appointed to administer a community lottery on behalf of the Town Council</p> <p>For – 12 Against - 0 Abstentions - 3</p>
2021/103	<p>Corporate Plan</p> <p>The Clerk presented a draft corporate plan setting out the Council's priorities and objectives for the coming year and beyond, and containing an action plan which would be used to monitor progress during the year. It was noted that the plan would continue to be refined as the budget was developed and that decisions made tonight would need to be reflected within it.</p> <p>Members unanimously RESOLVED to approve the plan for consultation</p> <p>It was further agreed that in future, all members would be notified when the Planning committee agenda was published to alert them to the opportunity to attend that committee to discuss particular planning applications.</p>
2021/104	<p>Budget and Precept for 2022/23</p> <p>The Leader of the Council presented the draft budget and precept for 2022/23, and outlined some of the entries in the budget in more detail.</p> <p>It was noted that it was proposed to end membership of NCALC, who it was acknowledged had been most helpful when the Council was being established.</p>

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	<p>The out-turn budget for 21/22 was also noted. The extra costs of the May 2021 elections had however depleted reserves by a considerable amount.</p> <p>The Council's budget was ambitious and set out to deliver services which members felt were needed.</p> <p>It was unanimously RESOLVED that the budget be approved for consultation.</p>
2021/105	<p>Changes to the Constitution</p> <p>The clerk presented a report which set out a series of changes to the constitution and standing orders.</p> <p>RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) New Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood Planning Committee, as set out in the report, be approvedb) That named substitutes for all committees, sub committees and working parties be adoptedc) That delegated power be given to the clerk to make agreed payments, where there is a contract in place, without seeking the approval of Finance and Governance Committeed) The following form of wording on the Council's status as a Town Council, be agreed:- <i>"That at a meeting held on 15th December 2021, Kettering Parish Council resolved, pursuant to s245 (6) of the Local Government Act 1972, that the said parish of Kettering should have the status of a town and that the said parish council should be known as Kettering Town Council"</i>e) That an emergency provision be included in the constitution which allows for urgent business to be transacted by email between the clerk and all councillors, giving all members three days in which to respond to the request for a matter to be determined outside a meeting.
2021/106	<p>Calendar of Meetings 2022/23 year</p> <p>A calendar of meeting, reflecting the decisions at the last meeting about the frequency of Town Council and Town Meetings, was submitted and AGREED</p>

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2021/107	Crime Statistics November 2021 The police's crime and anti-social behaviour statistics for November were noted
2021/108	Planning Committee Cllr York outlined the work of the Planning Committee and the outcome of decisions by NNC as planning authority.
2021/109	Finance and Governance Committee Cllr Skinner outlined the work of the Finance and Governance Committee. In particular it was noted that the condition of the general market was in need of significant work and was likely to be a loss making operation when the Town Council adopted it in 2022.
2021/110	Climate Change Working Group Cllr Fedorowycz advised that tree planting had gone ahead and that a further event was being arranged for February 2022.
	The meeting was closed at 7.47 pm.

Signed

Date