

Kettering Town Council

MINUTES OF THE FULL KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BOWLING GREEN ROAD, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 17th NOVEMBER 2021

Attendees: Cllr Scott Edwards (Mayor) (Chair)

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

Town Clerk: Martin Hammond

No of Public Present: 9 including speakers

Item No	Item Description
2021/078	Apologies for absence Cllrs Eve Edwards, Daniel Perrett and Kieran Farrow
2021/079	Declarations of Interest Cllr Evelyn declared a non pecuniary interest in item 2021/086 as a member of the Kettering Swimming Club
2021/080	Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on 20 th October were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor .
2021/081	Public Speakers Notification had been received from one person asking to speak on item 2021/86.
2021/082	Announcements from the Mayor The Mayor commented on the large attendance by local people at the Remembrance Day service last weekend and reminded members of the forthcoming Christmas Lights Switch-on on the 25 th November. It was noted that the Finance and Governance Committee would have to be moved from its date of 25 th November.
2021/083	Announcements from the Leader None

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2021/084	<p>South West Kettering (Headlands) Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>A number of documents were submitted to the meeting, which had been agreed or endorsed by the Neighbourhood Planning committee at its recent meeting, together with the draft minutes of that meeting. Together they demonstrated a belief that the plan was sound and in compliance with legislation and guidance, and had the support of local people.</p> <p>A presentation was made by Harry Frankland, on behalf of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee and local residents, which detailed the 6 policies which comprised the draft plan, and the reasons they had been devised, and how they were inter-connected. The presentation also outlined the various stages of plan preparation still to be completed.</p> <p>Cllr Don moved and Cllr S Edwards seconded from the chair, that the “submission document” for the South West Kettering (Headlands Community) Neighbourhood Plan be submitted to North Northamptonshire Council, with a view to it progressing through an independent examination and referendum , so that it becomes part of the Development Plan for North Northamptonshire.</p> <p>In doing so, they acknowledged the extensive work that had gone into its development by the residents group.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED unanimously that the plan be submitted to North Northamptonshire Council</p>
2021/085	<p>Local Cycling and Walking infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)</p> <p>A presentation was made by Richard Lewis of Active Planning and Alison Holland of Brightwayz on the purpose, process and intended outcomes from the LCWIP for Kettering. The plan should seek to achieve a transformation in infrastructure to enable much greater levels of cycling and walking journeys around town and sought to take advantage of the current government support for such measures, as summarised in the government’s policy statement “Gear Change”</p> <p>Members were asked which groups the programme should engage, what were the barriers and negativities which the programme needed to address and how best to engage people in the community.</p> <p>A number of points were made around</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the need to engage roller skaters, Age UK and disabled interests, - to address the perceived problems caused by the Voi electric scooter project,

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the need for cycle proficiency test to be more widely available, especially in schools - the need for upcycling, recycling and affordable cycle repair facilities for future and existing bike owners, - for the programme to properly consider how mobility scooters are provided for, and - how to ameliorate the damage to path surfaces caused by highway trees which made walking and cycling more hazardous. <p>The consultation plan and timetable was outlined and members encouraged to take part in it.</p>
2021/086	<p>Motion – Kettering Swimming Pool</p> <p>Cllr Mitchell moved and Cllr Wright seconded that</p> <p>“Kettering Town Council back Kettering Swimming Club’s campaign for improvements to the swimming pool and will lobby the Unitary Council for the required funds to carry out the work”</p> <p>Mr Mike Annable of the Kettering Swimming Club spoke on the health benefits of swimming, the life skills secured by learning to swim, and the difficulty and cost for some people in relying on swimming facilities in other towns. He referenced the work by Kettering Borough Council which had quantified a shortfall in facilities, particularly training pool provision, within the old KBC area and commented on the age and condition of the current facilities.</p> <p>In debate, members referenced the shortfall in provision locally, and the costs falling on schools in using pools in Corby and elsewhere, but also recognised that the unitary Council was not financially robust enough to take on many new commitments and would therefore need to think differently about how resources were attracted to improve provision.</p> <p>Cllr York moved and Cllr Carolyn Carter seconded an amendment to the motion, so that it read</p> <p>“Kettering Town Council backs Kettering Swimming Club’s campaign for improvements to the swimming pool and will persuade North Northamptonshire Council to invest in improvements in swimming facilities in Kettering”</p> <p>For the amendment 15 Against 2</p> <p>The amendment was therefore approved and became the substantive motion,</p>

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	It was RESOLVED accordingly.
2021/087	<p>Kettering Charities for the Poor</p> <p>A report was presented by the clerk, outlining the history, purpose and operation of the various Charities for the Poor, which had been administered and supported by the former Kettering Borough Council. North Northamptonshire Council was not willing to continue providing this support, so the Trustees had asked the Town Council to provide that support in future.</p> <p>The Town Council would also in future becoming the body appointing Trustees and was asked to fill the remaining vacancies.</p> <p>During the meeting, the possibility of providing meeting and archive space for the Stockburn Memorial Trust was raised and it was agreed to explore solutions.</p> <p>RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Town Council provide administrative support to the Kettering Charities for the Poor, on the basis that the direct costs of administration, including any dedicated staffing resource, are recharged to the Trustees. b) The Town council agrees to appointing four Trustees to the Trustee Board, subject to agreement by the Charity Commission that this transfer of the power of appointment can take place c) In pursuance of (b) above, the following persons be appointed to serve as Trustees for the Kettering Charities (Apprenticing and Fuel Grants), the Kettering Church and Town Allotment Charity and the William Martin Charity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Lloyd Bunday - Cllr Maggie Don - Cllr Mark Rowley - Mrs Jenny Henson d) That the costs or proportion of costs incurred by the Town Clerk in managing the charities also be recharged to the Trustees.
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	<p>A report was submitted by the clerk which sought to codify the role and purpose of town meetings, in order to increase their effectiveness in influencing Council policy, but also to maximise the wider community's understanding of their purpose.</p> <p>After debate, it was</p> <p>RESOLVED that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Four town meetings should be held each municipal year, comprising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An annual meeting which continued to be open to all contributors, held in May - Three themed meetings spread throughout the year b) As a consequence, the number of full Council meetings be reduced from 11 to 8 each year and the three themed town meetings be scheduled into the gaps created. <p>FOR THE RESOLUTION – 15 AGAINST – 2</p>
2021/090	<p>Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Statistics</p> <p>The police's figures for October across Kettering were circulated and noted.</p>
2021/091	<p>Resolution to extend the meeting past the two hour guillotine</p> <p>RESOLVED to extend the meeting up to 9.30pm.</p> <p>Cllr Rowley left the meeting at 8.50pm Cllr Pandey left the meeting at 9.02pm</p>
2021/092	<p>Planning Committee</p> <p>Cllr York outlined the work of the Planning Cttee in the last month and noted that the Council's comments and objections on two applications had contributed to the applicants making changes to their application to accommodate the Council's views.</p>
2021/093	<p>Finance and Governance Committee</p> <p>There had been no meeting of this Committee since the last Council.</p>
2021/094	<p>Climate Change Working Group</p>

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	<p>Cllr Fedorowyz submitted a report drawn up after the last meeting of the working group, which sought to embed a number of actions and commitments.</p> <p>It was noted that a sustainability section would be added to the website with a number of themed pages within it. The working group were asked to consider how best to promote those pages when they were live.</p> <p>RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Each Kettering Town Council member pledges to make one 'switch' in their daily lives to reduce their carbon footprint, and where possible to travel sustainably to future meetingsb. All Kettering Town Council members and staff will take Carbon Literacy training, to be funded from the member training budgetc. Town councillors be asked to promote the Kettering Town Council Sustainability hub and its respective sub-pages as and when they are published, as well as the LCWIP consultation launched on Tuesday 9th November. This promotion should be done through surgeries, via social media and by emailing posters to community groups that live within each respective ward, along with any other means of communication members wish to utilise.d. The Finance and Governance Committee be asked to consider the inclusion of a suitable budget heading in the 22/23 budget to support local competitions to inspire local community efforts in sustainability, such as gardening and rewilding competitions, innovation competitions, or community competitions.e. The priorities and commitments set out in the report, which reflect previous decisions by the Council and the decisions above be published as a Kettering Town Council press release as our organisation's response to COP26.
	The meeting was closed at 9.16 pm.

Signed

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Date