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MINUTES OF THE FULL KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOLLER CHURCH ROOMS, MEETING LANE, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 13th DECEMBER 2023

Attendees: Cllr Emily Fedorowycz (Mayor) (Chair)

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

Town Clerk: Martin Hammond

No of Public Present: Three

Item No	Item Description
2023/054	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Eve Edwards, Scott Edwards, Anup Pandey and Bev Wright
2023/055	Declarations of Interest None
2023/056	Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on 25 th October were approved and signed as a correct record,
2023/057	Public Speakers None
2023/058	Announcements from the Mayor The Mayor reminded members that the deadline for making ward initiatives fund requests was 31 st December. She referred to forthcoming mayoral events, some snagging work required to Christmas lights, the re-opening of the library in its temporary location and the availability of grants under the Household



	<p>Support Fund, as well as Accommodation Concerns' <i>Big Sleep Out</i> plans for which sponsorship was being sought.</p>
2032/059	<p>Announcements from the Leader</p> <p>Council was advised of the passing of former Mayor June Derbyshire and former KBC councillor Glenda Weston. A minute silence was held in memory of them both.</p> <p>The Leader wished all members the best for the Christmas season and a happy new year.</p>
2032/060	<p>Crime and anti-social behaviour figures for the year to date</p> <p>These were noted.</p>
2023/061	<p>Mental Health Support Services</p> <p>Chris Davison, chairman of the trustees of Kettering Mind gave a presentation on the collaborative work that had been undertaken since the Town Meeting on this subject in September and outlined some of the community and economic impacts of mental ill health nationally and locally. Work was underway to collate and make available to local people the various services that they can access to address mental ill-health symptoms. Information was to be made available electronically and in paper format.</p> <p>During the discussion which followed, members emphasised the importance of using notice boards across the town, the importance of having paper copies of information available in many locations and the continued importance of outreach work by agencies and voluntary groups to connect with potential clients.</p> <p>Chris Davison thanked the Town Council and the Mayor for the support and leadership they had shown on this matter in brining the sector together.</p>
2023/062	<p>Town centre planting and flower displays</p> <p>A report was submitted which sought approval to fund town wide planting schemes and hanging baskets, in and around the town centre, and on land adjacent to the highway in various locations. The funding would ensure the continuation of the existing service which NNC would otherwise end. Members were advised as to the extent of the existing service.</p>



	<p>It was noted that the consultation responses on the budget were overwhelmingly in favour of the current service being continued. Ten report propose that in 2024/5, the easiest way of maintaining the service was to meet NNC's costs and to ask them to continue providing the materials and workforce as they had to date.</p> <p>Members sought clarification about the upkeep of planters at the Grange shops and in Scotland St and the clerk undertook to identify how these planters were managed and if they would continue to be cared for.</p> <p>Members expressed caution about the workload involved in any Britain in Bloom bid.</p> <p>RESOLVED that a budget of £28,000 be established for town planting schemes in 2024/5, with a review of the service being carried out by September 2024, and that NNC be asked to continue the service with KTC funding from 1st April 2024.</p>
2023/063	<p>Budget consultation</p> <p>A report was submitted which set out the results of consultation on the Council's budget and policies, and in particular on new services which had been proposed for inclusion in the budget from 2045/5 onwards.</p> <p>The consultation results endorsed the inclusion of new budget items, although some reservations about the total cost of the increases were expressed by some respondents, some of whom had been influenced by their perception of the difficulties NNC had experienced with Cornerstone, the art gallery and the library, all of which had been closed at the time of the consultation.</p> <p>Council considered the consultation results, noted that the consultation this year had been more effective in its reach and accessibility and</p> <p>RESOLVED that no further changes be made to the budget and corporate plan policies.</p>
2023/064	<p>Corporate Plan revision</p> <p>A revised corporate plan was submitted, which updated the 2023-8 plan and incorporated the proposed new service areas that the Council had committed to providing in 2024/5.</p>



	<p>RESOLVED that the revised corporate plan be approved, subject to minor amendments.</p>																		
2023/065	<p>Fees and charges for 2024/5</p> <p>Proposed fees and charges for the general and events markets were submitted and it was</p> <p>RESOLVED that the following charges apply from 1st April 2024</p> <table border="1"><tr><td>General market pitch only/day</td><td>£8</td></tr><tr><td>General market pitch and stall/day</td><td>£12</td></tr><tr><td>Event market pitch and stall/day</td><td>£25</td></tr><tr><td>Premier events pitch and stall</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>- Christmas Lights switch on</td><td>£40</td></tr><tr><td>- Love Food outdoor pitch</td><td>£45</td></tr><tr><td>Ice cream concessions/day</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>- Bands in the park/town</td><td>£25</td></tr><tr><td>- Kettering by the Sea</td><td>£50</td></tr></table>	General market pitch only/day	£8	General market pitch and stall/day	£12	Event market pitch and stall/day	£25	Premier events pitch and stall		- Christmas Lights switch on	£40	- Love Food outdoor pitch	£45	Ice cream concessions/day		- Bands in the park/town	£25	- Kettering by the Sea	£50
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2023/066	<p>Coat of Arms and changes to the Mayoral regalia</p> <p>A report was submitted which sought approval for commissioning artwork from the college of arms which would depict the Council's newly granted coat of arms in a variety of formats , for reproduction in a variety of media. The Finance and Governance Committee had recommended that the artwork depict the full coat of arms (rather than just the shield). The cost of this was £2135, which would require £1035 to be drawn from reserves to meet the cost.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded that the artwork for the full coat of arms be commissioned from the college of arms, at a cost of £2135, £1035 of which should be borne from reserves.</p> <p>For the motion 13 Abstention 1</p> <p>RESOLVED accordingly</p>																		
2023/067	<p>Calendar of meetings for 2024-25</p>																		



	<p>A schedule of meetings for the municipal year 2024-35 was submitted and it was</p> <p>RESOLVED that it be approved</p>
2023/068	<p>Planning Committee</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 8th November was circulated and noted. The chairman of the Planning Committee Cllr Skinner, also gave a verbal summary of the December meeting of the committee.</p>
2023/069	<p>Finance and Governance Committee</p> <p>The minutes of the committee's meetings of 18th October and 22nd November were circulated and noted. Arising from the minutes, the chairman, Cllr Rowley, made a number of points.</p> <p>It was noted that the scheduled meeting for the 20th December was not required and would be cancelled.</p> <p>Cllr Rowley referred to an incident where a member had used KTC headed notepaper to offer two businesses a grant (payable by NNC). This was not an authorised use of the Town Council's facilities and outwith members' role. He asked that this should not happen again, or a complaint to the NNC Monitoring Officer would be necessary.</p> <p>It was also, at the chairman's request,</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Love Wildlife competition be launched in early January, in order to facilitate applications being made and determined within the financial year.</p>
2023/070	<p>Market and Events Committee</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of 29th November were circulated. The chairman, Cllr Skinner, summarised the decisions take about next year's programme of events. Members expressed appreciation for the events programme this year, in particular the Christmas lights switch on and the Friday night discos.</p>
2023/071	<p>Town Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the Town meeting held on 15th November were noted.</p>
	<p>The meeting was closed at 8.07pm.</p>



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Signed

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