



**Kettering**  
TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOLLER CHURCH ROOMS, MEETING LANE, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023

Attendees: Cllr Keli Watts (Mayor) (Chair)

Cllrs Lloyd Bunday, Carolyn Carter, Dez Dell, Maggie Don, Eve Edwards, Scott Edwards, Alexander Evelyn, , Emily Fedorowycz, Clark Mitchell, Anup Pandey, Daniel Perrett, , Craig Skinner, James Towns, Sarah Tubbs, Bev Wright and Martyn York.

Town Clerk: Martin Hammond

No of Public Present: none

Item No	Item Description
2022/108	<b>Apologies for absence</b>  Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Robin Carter, Farrow and Rowley
2022/109	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>  None made
2022/110	<b>Minutes</b>  The minutes of the last meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record,
2022/111	<b>Public Speakers</b>  None
2022/112	<b>Announcements from the Mayor</b>  The Mayor invited her chaplain to say some words to the meeting.  She reminded members that this was her last full business meeting as Mayor and commented on the honour and responsibility that came with the office, and wished all future holders of it to enjoy and respect the role.



	<p>She also advertised the park run that the Deputy Mayor had helped organise on 29<sup>th</sup> April at 9am at Wicksteed Park, in support of the Mayor's charity, Sands, and urged members to engage with it if they could.</p>
2022/113	<p><b>Announcements from the Leader</b></p> <p>The Leader endorsed the Mayor's comments about the Mayoralty and also praised the recent litter picking that had been carried out by voluntary groups across town.</p>
2022/114	<p><b>Crime and anti-social behaviour</b></p> <p>Sgt Matt Rock attended the meeting and set out recent activities that the police had undertaken in response to trends in crime and ASB locally. The statistics for the year ending March 2023 had been circulated to members with the agenda.</p> <p>Sgt Rock also outlined the three locally identified priorities for the current quarter, which were</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Road safety and road traffic offences</li><li>- Burglary, including shed and motorbike theft</li><li>- Drug misuse and dealing</li></ul> <p>Members asked questions about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- rising levels of car crime</li><li>- the provision of youth services by the OFPCC</li><li>- problems of young people causing a nuisance in the town centre, focused particularly around the McDonalds site</li><li>- community resolution approaches</li><li>- police patrols in parks and open spaces at night time</li><li>- the use made of CCTV in evidence gathering</li></ul>
2021/115	<p><b>Hanwood Park</b></p> <p>Chris Langdon, Project Director for Hanwood Park urban extension gave a presentation on Hanwood Park's plans for the development of the urban extension over the next few years. He covered the current status of the development, work in progress, the feedback gathered from stakeholders, including the Town Council, the opportunities and challenges for the development, and the next steps and ongoing engagement. He particularly referenced:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Junction 10A on the A14</li></ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The imminent announcement of the nature of the secondary school</li><li>- Traffic and movement across and into and out of the development, including the crossing of the Ise Valley near Elizabeth Road.</li><li>- Design codes and the development of the district centre</li></ul> <p>Members asked a number of questions around</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Road connections into the Grange estate and the impact they might have on quality of life, plus the alternative impact more concentrated use of Deeble Rd would have on the Ise estate. The subsequent discussion covered the need to reduce traffic movements just as much as to accommodate them. The role of new technology to reduce traffic movements was referenced.</li><li>- Health centre provision and the importance of brigading in one building related health and community services, overlaid with the complexity of securing health outcomes from multiple interested health partners</li><li>- Cycle infrastructure and traffic calming</li><li>- The design and functionality of green spaces within the development, wildflower planting</li><li>- Nursery provision and working with existing nursery providers</li><li>- “Electric houses” and how they could be encouraged across the development</li></ul>
2022/116	<p><b>Application for the designation of the Green Patch as an Asset of Community Value</b></p> <p>The Council had been consulted on the above mentioned nomination.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the application be fully supported.</p>
2022/117	<p><b>Dog Control PSPO Consultation</b></p> <p>NNC had sought the Town Council’s views, as a pre-application stage on the potential extension of the dog control PSPOs which were currently in force in town but which were due to expire in 2023. There were two levels of control in place currently</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Areas where dogs were not allowed – largely sites in the town centre and in cemeteries</li><li>- Areas where restrictions applied to all dog use – which applied to all the parks and open spaces within the former Borough of Kettering.</li></ul>



	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the following observations be communicated to NNC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Meadow Rd Park should be added to those areas where dogs were excluded</li><li>b) That controls on dog use should be more rigorously applied in Rockingham Road Pleasure Park, North Park and Brambleside open spaces</li><li>c) That NNC should be asked to ensure that the right level of resource to enforce these provisions was in place and that better and clearer signage should be provided in all affected spaces to make it clear what the rules were.</li></ul>
2022/118	<p><b>Planning Committee</b></p> <p>The chairman, Cllr Skinner outlined the work of the committee since March and summarised the extent to which final planning decisions had reflected its views.</p>
2022/119	<p><b>Finance and Governance Committee</b></p> <p>In the absence of the chairman, Cllr Edwards outlined the work of the committee and its recent decisions.</p>
2022/120	<p><b>Market and Events Committee</b></p> <p>The chairman, Cllr Skinner, outlined the work of the committee and drew members' attention to two recommendations within the minutes, one of which was dealt with under minute 22/122 below.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Abolish the free introductory days policy for market traders and give the clerk or deputy clerk discretion to provide a discount on any new trader's fees, where it makes a difference to the trader assuming a regular presence</li><li>b) increase the charge for speciality markets (stall and pitch) to £21 and (pitch only) £10, except for the 2023 season of summer Saturdays.</li></ul>



2022/121	<p><b>Resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with S100 of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, by reason of paragraphs 6 and 9 of Schedule 12A to the Act, because the business to be transacted relates to the business affairs of a third party and the determination of a contract for supplies and services.</p>
2022/122	<p><b>Tenders Christmas Lights</b></p> <p>This matter had been referred to the Market and Events Committee, for them to formulate a recommendation for this meeting to consider in relation to contract length and preferred provider.</p> <p>The Market and Events Committee reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- They preferred a three contract over a five year contract, to maximise flexibility and reduce the Council's overall financial exposure</li><li>- They were reluctant to remove aspects of the specification and welcomed the addition of the manor house museum gardens to the display coverage and</li><li>- In the light of both those decisions, felt that the offer by Blachere was both less expensive and at least the same if not better than that submitted by the other company</li></ul> <p>It was accordingly</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that a three year contract be entered into with Blachere Ltd in the sum of £38569.30 per annum, for the provision of Christmas lights in Kettering Town Centre from 2023 onwards.</p>
	The meeting was closed at 8.55 pm.

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