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MINUTES OF THE FULL KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOLLER CHURCH ROOMS, MEETING LANE, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 24TH APRIL 2024

Attendees: Cllr Emily Fedorowycz (Mayor) (Chair)

Cllrs Lloyd Bunday, Carolyn Carter, Robin Carter, Dez Dell, Maggie Don, Scott Edwards, Alexander Evelyn, Clark Mitchell, Mark Rowley, Craig Skinner, James Towns and Keli Watts,

Town Clerk: Martin Hammond

No of Public Present:

Item No	Item Description
2023/104	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Eve Edwards, Pandey, Tubbs, Wright and York
2023/105	Declarations of Interest Cllrs Carolyn and Robin Carter, Cllr Scott Edwards and Cllr Skinner all highlighted their membership of Barton Seagrave Parish Council in relation to item 112, Community Governance Review.
2023/106	Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on 20 th March 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record,
2023/107	Public Speakers None
2023/108	Announcements from the Mayor The Mayor provided a summary of her most recent engagements and fund raising work, including the Quiz which had raised £1100. She referenced the forthcoming summer Saturday and the trash dash on the same day.



	<p>Members who had pledged money towards Kettfest were asked to submit their ward initiative fund forms to ensure payments could be made</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Planning workshop, agreed at the last meeting would be held on 12th June in the Toller Church Rooms at 7pm.</p>
2032/109	<p>Announcements from the Leader</p> <p>None</p>
2032/110	<p>Business Crime Partnership</p> <p>Alison Farr and Neil Cowley provided a presentation on the objectives and work of the Business Crime Partnership, which was a self funding not for profit social enterprise. It existed to help reduce business crime and a lot of it focus was on improving the environment and safety of town centres in order to improve business conditions and reduce anti-social behaviour. Some of their work in other town centres in the county was described.</p> <p>They proposed that the town centre of Kettering would benefit from a mechanism for businesses to more easily report incidents and issues to the BCP which would then refer them on to the right agency and follow up where necessary. This would hopefully improve confidence in reporting incidents, improve the intelligence gathering for agencies and consequently improve enforcement and resource deployment. Such an addition to the BCP's role would cost £1500, plus set up costs, and a grant for set up costs had already been submitted to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.</p> <p>Member asked questions about how such a service might operate and what geography it could cover, how information would be handled and who would have access to the reporting and data sharing systems, as well as how report would be followed up and action reported back to those making referrals.</p> <p>RESOLVED that a report be submitted to the Finance and Governance Committee seeking views on making a contribution to a town centre/business area reporting system for ASB and related incidents.</p>
2023/111	<p>Crime and anti-social behaviour figures for xxxx 2022</p> <p>Sgts Matt Rock and Ollie Quinlan attended to outline recent crime and ASB figures across the town, and to summarise recent police activity and current priorities.</p>



	<p>The Priority Area of Avondale Grange has now concluded, with a lasting difference to problems in the area, and members noted the positive difference the initiative had had.</p> <p>A town centre tasking group had been established by the relevant agencies to improve confidence in reporting, improve understanding of issues which were of concern to the public and improve the responsiveness of agencies. This would dovetail with any reporting system that the Business Crime Partnership set up.</p> <p>There had been two closure orders of properties applied recently to tackle drugs selling.</p> <p>Members raised continuing problems with the way in which Voi and private e-scooters and e-bikes were being used, including the recent accident in Kettering which had been highlighted in the media, of a collision between a pedestrian and a scooter rider. Members sought assurance about how the use of scooters was being enforced.</p> <p>Members were advised that following a scheme being introduced in George St, Corby, to enforce traffic regulations through ANPR cameras, an agreed scheme to do the same in Newland St would be introduced in the coming months.</p>
2023/112	<p>Community Governance Review Town and Parish Councils</p> <p>A report was considered which sought views on the response to a consultation by NNC on conducting a community governance review for town and parish councils before May 2025. The report set out the various issues which a community governance review could examine in relation to ward boundaries and the Town Council's external boundaries.</p> <p>RESOLVED that NNC be advised that a community governance review, to examine ward boundaries and the Town's boundaries with Barton Seagrave and on its northern edge, would be welcomed.</p>
2023/113	<p>Safeguarding Policy</p> <p>A report was submitted which proposed that the Council adopt a child protection and safeguarding policy, in recognition of its role in events management, the imminent adoption of the role of a Mayoral cadet and generally to give confidence to the public, and protection for</p>



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	<p>members, and showed that the Council took its responsibilities seriously.</p> <p>Members considered whether or not to apply the requirement to secure DBS checks to all members.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the draft policy be adopted, with an additional clause which sought to secure a positive DBS check for each elected member, where the statutory process allowed.</p>
2023/114	<p>Corporate Risk Assessment</p> <p>A report was submitted which set out a revised corporate risk assessment for the Council and its activities.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the revised corporate risk assessment be approved for publication</p>
2023/115	<p>Planning Committee</p> <p>The minutes of the Planning committee meetings in March and April were noted.</p>
2023/116	<p>Market and Events Committee</p> <p>The minutes of the Market and Events Committee meeting in April were noted. The chair of the committee drew attention to the decision to hold a half marathon in March 2025 and to the proposals by Mr and Mrs Nunney to continue to hold events during the year in memory of their son Sebastian, which the committee had agreed to support.</p>
	<p>The meeting was closed at 8.13pm.</p>

Signed

Date