

Kettering Town Council

MINUTES OF THE FULL KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BOWLING GREEN ROAD, KETTERING AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE 2021

Attendees : Cllrs Lloyd Bunday, Dez Dell, Maggie Don, Eve Edwards, Scott Edwards, Alexander Evelyn, Keiron Farrow, Emily Fedorowyz, Clark Mitchell, Anup Pandey, Daniel Perrett, Mark Rowley, Craig Skinner, James Towns, Sarah Tubbs, Keli Watts, Bev Wright, Martyn York

Town Clerk : Emma Driver

No of Public Present : 7

Item No	Item Description
2021/022	Apologies for absence Cllr Robin Carter – NNC Training Cllr Carolyn Carter – Sickness
2021/023	Declarations of Interest None
2021/024	Agree minutes of last meeting held on 19 May 2021 Agreed to sign as true and accurate record
2021/025	Public Session Speakers spoke on item 2021/026
2021/026	Motion Kettering Town Council Agrees to declare a climate emergency in line with the one adopted by the now dissolved Kettering Borough Council. The following requested permission to speak on this motion:- Simon Cox North Northants Business Network Saw little collaboration 2 years ago when this was first proposed by KBC but now hopes that we will work closer together and encourage business to put in small steps to help at local level. One of our meetings will be to encourage business to become net zero. Hope the motion get passed this evening.

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John Padwick Speaking on behalf of Youth Works.

We are planning for the future and this will be mainly for the youth than for most of us here today and pleased to see on agenda tonight. We have the potential to focus more closely on our communities. We have lovely green spaces Ise for example, green patch and the green leader projects should be commended. All new developments need areas of wildness and Weekley Hall Woods fits in with this. Small patches of land are worth it too. We need more allotments. Let's not head back to the old normal but look forward to resetting to the new normal. Work with new NNC. Promote cycling, have more electric charging points. Could organise a local challenge between local wards. Formation of citizens assembly pick up tremendous energy doing littler picks, wombles. Credit to the councillors who pulled together. Need to make a tighter focus in Kettering. Have community champions for their areas. Potential is clear to be seen.

Alison Holland Founder/Director of Brightwayz - a local social enterprise

Working towards sustainable everyday travel. Carbon has increased over 20% over a decade which is more than a billion extra miles. Need to enable active travel. Support climate emergency motion to support any initiatives that are available to promote sustainable transport. Government requires NNC to submit plans for bus transport and asking NNC whether they will improve enhanced partnership under the control of NNC – more joined up bus service and ticket for one route. Hoping bus strategy is underway and they should come to town council for our opinions and urge us to support this. Looking to reduce inequalities and social isolations. Local schools have received national recognised accreditation. Councillors could be speaking to schools in your ward and retweeting their achievements on social media.

Amendment to the declaration statement:-

RESOLVED that this Council:

- recognises the strength of public opinion recently expressed in London and Northamptonshire, particularly by young people, on the issue of climate change and the need to achieve carbon reduction targets to protect the health and wellbeing of our future generations;
- congratulates the UK Parliament for declaring a climate emergency;
- believes that all levels of government have a duty to limit the impacts of climate change along with our partners;
- will place 'climate change implications' on all agendas immediately prior to the recommendations section, to demonstrate compliance with the spirit of this motion;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• acknowledges that North Northamptonshire Council has placed climate change policies at the heart of its operations and services;• that a councillor be nominated to be the Council's Climate Change Champion and form a Working Group that examines and pursues solutions to address the impact of climate change within the Town Council remit;• by passing this motion formally declares a climate emergency in Kettering and commits to a target of making the services covered by the Town Council carbon neutral by 2030." <p>Proposed by Cllr Martyn York Seconded by Cllr Emily Fedorowycz</p> <p>Cllr Emily Fedorowycz to be Climate Champion who would then set up a working group and to involve the wider community.</p> <p>Passed with unanimous vote</p>
2021/027	<p>Motion Car parking is currently free in authority owned car parks because of covid. Kettering Town Council will push the Unitary Authority to carry out a full survey of charges across the whole of North Northants before they are reinstated.</p> <p>After discussion it was AGREED to make the following amendment to the motion:-</p> <p>Parking is currently free in authority owned car parks because of covid. Kettering Town Council will urge the Unitary Authority to carry out a full review of charges across the whole of North Northants before they are reinstated.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Lloyd Bunday Seconded by Cllr Martyn York</p> <p>Passed with Unanimous Vote</p>
2021/028	<p>Motion In order to save the council money we aim within this term to become paperless and single use plastic free</p> <p>After discussed it was AGREED that the wording should stay the same for the motion</p> <p>Propose that we task the Climate Champion as recommended in statement to the first motion, be tasked with bringing back in a timely manner a full report and recommendation that has been fully costed.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Lloyd Bunday Seconded by Cllr Craig Skinner Passed with Unanimous vote</p>

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2021/029	<p>Motion We will investigate the cost of recording future meetings and uploading them to YouTube and presenting the results to the finance committee</p> <p>Cllr Mitchell public want to engage in local politics, more people want to engage and one way we can do this is video and record meetings for other people to view and make local politics more accessible.</p> <p>It was AGREED that Cllr Lloyd Bunday would find out what costs are and deliver to Finance committee</p> <p>Moved by Cllr Clark Mitchell Seconded by Cllr Bev Wright</p> <p>Passed with Unanimous vote</p>
2021/030	<p>To formally adopt the style Kettering Town Council as per Section 4 item 4.4 of the Community Governance Order 2020</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Lloyd Bunday Seconded by Cllr Anup Pandey</p> <p>Passed with Unanimous vote</p>
2021/031	<p>Adoption of the Council's Grievance Policy</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Craig Skinner Seconded by Cllr Eve Edwards</p> <p>Passed with Unanimous vote</p>
2021/032	<p>Adoption of the Council's Disciplinary Policy and Procedure</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Anrup Pandey Seconded Cllr Daniel Perret</p> <p>Passed with Unanimous vote</p>
2021/033	<p>To revise the Terms of Reference for the Finance & Governance Committee to 6 Councillors plus Clerk</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Lloyd Bunday Seconded by Cllr Craig Skinner</p> <p>For 1 vote Against 17 votes</p> <p>It was AGREED that the Terms of Reference for the Finance & Governance Committee stay as 7 Councillors.</p>

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2021/034	Staffing Matter – Recruitment of Town Clerk Mayor thanked the Town Clerk for her help in getting the Town Council set up. It was AGREED by Unanimous vote to advertise the position on the Kettering Town Council website
2021/035	Establishment of Staffing Committee Appointment of members and adoption of Terms of Reference Proposed by Cllr Lloyd Bunday Seconded by Cllr Craig Skinner Cllr Lloyd Bunday, Cllr Dez Dell and Cllr Maggie Don Passed with Unanimous vote.
2021/036	Signing of The Armed Forces Covenant To formally agree to signing of the Armed Forces Covenant on Armed Forces Day 26 th June 2021 Proposed by Cllr Alexander Evelyn Seconded by Cllr Martyn York Passed with Unanimous vote
2021/037	Correspondence received and already circulated Plant a tree for the Jubilee It was AGREED that any trees that are planted need to be the correct trees in the correct place. Need to consider long term maintenance costs also. Cllr Fedorowycz and the Climate Working Group to look into and report back to Full Council Invitation to the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner Virtual Councillor meetings (12th July) Councillors to attend if possible Parish Path Warden recruitment Jamie Wildman has put himself forward for this role. Cllr Edwards has known Jamie for a number of years and he suggested he come along to the meeting this evening. It was AGREED that Jamie's name should be forwarded as Parish Path Warden for Kettering. Cllr Emily Fedorowycz thanked Jamie for putting himself forward and she has another application for the other side of town. Cllr Fedorowycz would ask them to apply to Clerk Passed with Unanimous vote
	8.07pm the meeting closed