

Kettering Town Council

MINUTES OF THE FULL KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BOWLING GREEN ROAD, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 19th JANUARY 2022

Attendees: Cllr Scott Edwards (Mayor) (Chair)

Cllrs Lloyd Bunday, Carolyn Carter, Robin Carter, Dez Dell, Maggie Don, Eve Edwards, Alexander Evelyn, Keiran Farrow, Emily Fedorowycz, Clark Mitchell, Mark Rowley, Craig Skinner, James Towns, Sarah Tubbs, Bev Wright and Martyn York

Town Clerk: Martin Hammond

No of Public Present: none

| Item No | Item Description |
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| 2021/111 | Apologies for absence Cllrs Anup Pandey, Daniel Perrett and Keli Watts |
| 2021/112 | Declarations of Interest |
| 2021/113 | The minutes of the last meeting held on 15 th December 2021 were approved and signed as a correct record. |
| 2021/114 | Public Speakers None |
| 2021/115 | Announcements from the Mayor The Mayor wished everyone a happy new year and referenced Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 th January. He also thanked the Deputy Mayor for stepping in at Council and on some Mayoral engagements whilst he was isolating. |
| 2021/116 | Announcements from the Leader The Leader referred to the ongoing consultation on the North Northamptonshire Council budget and encouraged members to respond to it. |
| 2021/117 | Policing and Community Safety Sgt Greg McClean and PC Ollie Quinlan attended to brief members on recent trends in crime and anti-social behaviour in Kettering, and to answer members' questions and concerns. |

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| | <p>Crime and ASB statistics up to the end of December had been circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>Members referenced the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The apparently poor resolution of sexual offences compared to other offences, recognising that there was a time lag with resolving more complex cases- Anti-social behaviour targeted at shops on the Ise estate- The high levels of common assault being recorded which were not then followed through by the victims- Nuisance and road safety concerns caused at night time off Pytchley Rd by “boy racers” <p>The police were thanked for their attendance.</p> |
| 2021/118 | <p>Consultation Responses on the Budget and Corporate Plan</p> <p>Members considered a report and appendix which summarised the responses received to the consultation on the budget and the corporate plan. together with two further responses received after the papers had been published but before the consultation period ended.</p> <p>It was agreed that the budget heading “tree planting” should be widened to refer to “biodiversity and tree planting measures”</p> <p>Members noted that the consultation, whilst adding a good deal of helpful and granular detail to both the budget and the corporate plan, did not on the whole suggest the need for a significant change in direction on either.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> that the consultation results be noted and proposals received be taken up as individual projects and items are developed.</p> |
| 2021/119 | <p>Budget and precept 2022/23</p> <p>Members considered the proposed budget as set out in the papers, in the light of the consultation responses reported earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>It was unanimously</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The budget set out in the papers be approvedb) A precept of £325,000 be requested of North Northamptonshire Council |

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| | <p>c) Notice be given to terminate membership of the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils with effect from 31st March 2022.</p> |
| 2021/120 | <p>Corporate Plan</p> <p>Members considered the proposed corporate plan, as set out in the papers, in the light of the consultation responses reported earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>It was unanimously :-</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> that the Corporate Plan be approved and adopted.</p> |
| 2021/121 | <p>Planning Committee</p> <p>Cllr York outlined the work of the Planning Committee and the outcome of decisions by NNC as planning authority.</p> |
| 2021/122 | <p>Finance and Governance Committee</p> <p>Cllr Skinner outlined the work of the Finance and Governance Committee and referenced work on markets, events, toilets, allotments and the lottery.</p> |
| 2021/123 | <p>Climate Change Working Group</p> <p>Cllr Fedorowycz gave a verbal report on the work of the Working Group. She referenced the installation of more litter bins by NNC, the forthcoming installation, also by NNC, of electric vehicle charging points (ECVPs) and the development of more information pages for the Town Council website on sustainability. Tree planting ideas were being advanced.</p> <p>Members asked if NNC was likely to be working towards a Kettering in Bloom entry and if it was going to re-institute the Tenants Garden Competition, and it was agreed to find out .</p> <p>It was agreed that NNC should be asked to consider an event to mark the introduction of the first on-street EVCPs.</p> |
| | <p>The meeting was closed at 7.43 pm.</p> |

Signed

Date