

Kettering Town Council

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

Attendees: Cllr Keli Watts (Mayor) (Chair)

Cllrs Lloyd Bunday, Carolyn Carter, Robin Carter, Dez Dell, Maggie Don, Eve Edwards, Scott Edwards, Kieran Farrow, Emily Fedorowycz, Clark Mitchell, Anup Pandey, Mark Rowley, Craig Skinner, James Towns, Sarah Tubbs, and Bev Wright,

Officers present :- Martin Hammond and Emma Dezelu

No members of the public present:

Item No	Item Description
2022/034	Apologies for absence Cllrs Alex Evelyn, Daniel Perrett and Martyn York
2022/035	Declarations of Interest None from members The Deputy Clerk, Emma Dezelu, declared a pecuniary interest and left the room for the duration of item 2022/046
2022/036	Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on 13 th July 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record,
2022/037	Public Speakers None
2022/038	Announcements from the Mayor A minute's silence was held in memory of HM the Queen, for former councillor Mick Scrimshaw and former Mayor Jenny Henson. The Mayor and Cllrs Don and Bunday paid tribute to Mick Scrimshaw and Cllr Scott Edwards spoke in tribute of Jenny Henson for the work both had done for the people of Kettering. The Mayor referenced upcoming events which members were encouraged to attend. .

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	<p>Finally, it was noted that this meeting was the last Council meeting likely to happen in the existing Chamber.</p>
2022/039	<p>Announcements from the Leader</p> <p>The Leader advised members that a Safer Streets grant had been secured for Kettering including Avondale/Grange and that the renewed leisure contract for facilities in Kettering included an investment of £30000 in gym facilities.</p>
2022/040	<p>Policing and Community Safety</p> <p>PC Ollie Quinlan attended the meeting to outline trends in crime and anti-social behaviour and to answer members' questions.</p> <p>Members sought advice and clarity on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trends and spikes in vehicle crime and underlying reasons - The extent and level of risk being managed by the police and schools in relation to sexualised behaviours and image sharing between young people - The continued nuisance being experienced from the misuse of the car parks close to Tesco is Pytchley Road and the interventions taken as well as the responsibility of NNC in relation to noise nuisance. The recent misuse of fireworks was also highlighted. - Enforcement of access restrictions in Newland St
2022/041	<p>Kettering Charities for the Poor</p> <p>A presentation was made on the history, governance, and activities of the three charities that the Council administered on behalf of the trustees.</p>
2022/042	<p>Motion – bus services</p> <p>It was moved by Cllr Don and seconded by Cllr Scott Edwards that</p> <p><i>Kettering Town Council is dismayed at the announcement that the number 2 bus, which services the Counties estate and venture park estate is being cancelled.</i></p> <p><i>We will support the North Northamptonshire councillors with their request to reopen negotiations with the service provider to ensure a basic service still continues to provide our residents with the lifeline they need.</i></p> <p>During debate, an amendment was moved by Cllr Rowley and accepted by Cllr Don as the mover of the motion, and unanimously agreed that the following words be added to the motion</p>

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	<p><i>The Council is also concerned about other reductions in services throughout the town</i></p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p><i>Kettering Town Council is dismayed at the announcement that the number 2 bus, which services the Counties estate and Venture Park estate is being cancelled.</i></p> <p><i>The Council is also concerned about other reductions in services throughout the town</i></p> <p><i>We will support the North Northamptonshire councillors with their request to reopen negotiations with the service provider to ensure a basic service still continues to provide our residents with the lifeline they need.</i></p>
2022/043	<p>Appointments to Outside Bodies</p> <p>A report was submitted seeking appointments to two outside bodies</p> <p>In relation to the Homestart Board appointment, two members were proposed and members were asked to vote on which person should be appointed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Councillor Keli Watts - 8 members- Councillor Eve Edwards – 8 members <p>The Mayor indicated that she would be willing to use her casting vote to vote for herself. After discussion, it was</p> <p>RESOLVED that the names of both members be submitted to Homestart as appointees.</p> <p>In relation to the vacancy on the Kettering Church and Town Lands Allotment Charity, the Kettering Charities for the Poor and the William Martin Charity, it was</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Scott Edwards be appointed to fill the three vacancies.</p>
2022/044	<p>Logo and Branding</p> <p>A report was submitted describing the process which has been followed to appoint a graphic designer and arrive at a final logo and branding for the Town Council. The design chosen by the Working Group was submitted to the meeting. The cost of the exercise was £995.</p>

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	<p>RESOLVED that the proposed logo and branding be adopted by the Council with immediate effect.</p>
2022/045	<p>Lease South End Allotments</p> <p>A report was submitted which proposed entering into a new lease with South End Allotments for the land off Whiteford Drive Kettering. This replaced the lease which had expired in 2020, but also included two parcels of land next to the allotment site which North Northamptonshire Council had agreed to transfer to the Town Council.</p> <p>The terms of the lease had been agreed with the lessor, the South End Allotment Society, was intended to run for 15 years and incurred an annual rental of £125.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the proposed lease, as set out in the report and appendix, be agreed.</p>
2022/046	<p>Recommendations from the Staffing Committee</p> <p>A report was submitted which summarised the conclusions of a recent meeting of the Staffing Committee, which had agreed to recommend to Council that the contractual hours for the deputy clerk be increased from 16 per week to 28 and had also recommended the creation of a new post of administrative officer for 10 hours a week.</p> <p>RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) An increase in contractual hours for the Deputy Clerk to 28 per week, be approved, with effect from December 1st 2022b) Approval be given for the creation of a new post of part time administrative officer
2022/047	<p>Budget and Corporate Plan 2023/4 onwards</p> <p>A report was submitted which set out a proposed budget for the 2023/24 financial year. The report set out the likely out-turn for the 22/23 financial year and sought to anticipate the main changes which would occur between the two financial years, these being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Employee Costs - reflects the full year costs of the staffing proposals agreed in 2022/046 and including assumptions about the pay awards in 2022 and 2023- Market costs a projected ad reduced loss of £14,000.- Public toilets – a provision of £26,000 to add to that not spent in 2022/23, plus a part year provision of £25,000 for management costs.- Grants – an increase in the total budget to £30,000

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	<p>- Events – an increase in the budget to £112,000 (from £46,000). to reflect the desire to provide Kettering by the Sea and recognising that it may be necessary to take on the full costs of Christmas lights and the light switch on event, which NNC is likely to withdraw from administering in 2023.</p> <p>The proposed budget amounted to £400,000, which was likely to generate a precept of about £23.50 for a band D household, and therefore represented a 20% increase, equivalent to an addition 7.6p per week for the average council tax payer.</p> <p>The report also set out the consultation process and referenced the need to amend and update the corporate plan.</p> <p>Members made some observations on the proposed budget items and it was moved by Cllr Don and seconded by Cllr Rowley and</p> <p>RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) the likely out-turn for 2022/23 be notedb) the draft outline budget be approved for consultationc) the clerk be authorised to revise the corporate plan to reflect new and current pressures and the shape of the budget.d) the consultation plan set out in the report be approved
2022/048	<p>Town Meeting 4th August 2022</p> <p>The minutes and conclusions from the Town Meeting in August were submitted and noted.</p>
2022/049	<p>Planning Committee</p> <p>The chairman, Cllr Craig Skinner, outlined the work of the committee over its last three meetings and summarised the extent to which final planning decisions had reflected its views.</p>
2022/050	<p>Finance and Governance Committee</p> <p>The chairman, Cllr Mark Rowley, outlined the work of the committee over its last two meetings and in particular it was noted that the external auditor had given a statement of assurance in relation to the 2021/22 accounts.</p>
2022/051	<p>Markets and Events Committee</p>

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	<p>The chairman, Cllr Craig Skinner, outlined the work of the committee over its last two meetings. Members requested that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- In future, events at the Market Place should extend into town wherever possible- That Bands in the Park should be extended so that kit took in other venues <p>There was a recommendation from the Committee that rents for specialists markets should be increased to £20 per pitch/stall following feedback and it was</p> <p>RESOLVED accordingly</p>
2022/052	<p>Neighbourhood Planning Committee</p> <p>The chairman, Cllr Scott Edwards, outlined the business of the last meeting and indicated that a referendum on the neighbourhood plan was expected early in 2023.</p>
	<p>Extension of meeting</p> <p>At 8.58pm, It was unanimously agreed that the meeting should extend beyond 9am to conclude the business under item 054.</p>
2022/053	<p>Climate Change Working Group</p> <p>The climate change champion and chair of the working group, Cllr Emily Fedorowycz introduced two sets of minutes and outlined the various proposals that the working group wished to make in relation to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Preferences expressed by attendees at a consultation event in august as to where the Council could focus its efforts- A specific proposal to explore the business case for placing “green roofs” on bus shelters in town <p>Members debated the merits of the proposals, but in particular expressed concern that the proposals had emerged without all members of the working group having been fully engaged in them. The proposals were currently un-costed and would need further investigation before any of them could be adopted.</p> <p>Members agreed that the role and functionality of the working group needed to be reviewed and put on a more transparent footing and that Council should have the opportunity of setting policy and endorsing consultations before specific interventions and projects were proposed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) a report be submitted to the next meeting of Council on the form and functionality of a climate change member body and

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	b) the proposals emerging from the Climate Change WG be developed into firmer and costed proposals for future consideration.
	The meeting closed at 9.04pm.

Signed

Date