

Kettering Town Council

MINUTES OF THE FULL KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BOWLING GREEN ROAD, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 16th FEBRUARY 2022

Attendees: Cllr Scott Edwards (Mayor) (Chair)

Cllrs Lloyd Bunday, Carolyn Carter, Robin Carter, Dez Dell, Maggie Don, Alexander Evelyn, Emily Fedorowyz, Clark Mitchell, Daniel Perrett, Mark Rowley, Craig Skinner, James Towns and Bev Wright,

Town Clerk: Martin Hammond

No of Public Present: Three

Item No	Item Description
2021/124	Apologies for absence Cllrs Eve Edwards, Kieran Farrow, Anup Pandey, Sarah Tubbs, Keli Watts and Martyn York,
2021/125	Declarations of Interest None
2021/126	Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on 19 th January 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record, subject to correcting the spelling of Cllr Farrow's name.
2021/127	Public Speakers Notification had been received from people asking to speak on items
2021/128	Announcements from the Mayor The Mayor referenced the Holocaust Memorial Day event on 27 th January, the imminent SWEP to identify those sleeping on the street and the other events he had attended since the last meeting.
2021/129	Announcements from the Leader The Leader advised Council that a new traffic order sign had been agreed to amend access to Newland St, to allow hackney carriages to set down and pick up, in pursuance of the decision arrived at during

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	the December meeting of Council. The new sign was displayed on screen at the meeting.
2021/130	<p>Consultation on Bus Service Improvement Plan</p> <p>A report was submitted setting out the proposed contents of the bus improvement plan, on which NNC was consulting.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to make the following comments:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The plan should aim to improve interconnectivity between bus services and railway stations as a principal objective - The plan should identify which routes will benefit from Tier 1 services (every 15-20 minutes) and make these well known to residents - Measures to improve awareness of bus services through timetables distribution and advertising are supported but the plans should go further and seek to provide all households and businesses with up to date information about services – with the availability of an App for smart phones and much wider and deeper availability of paper copies in libraries, GP and dentists surgeries and other public receptions or information points, and by more extensive use of electronic advice boards. A disproportionate number of bus service users are likely to be more reliant on paper copies of timetables than the general population and this should be recognised in the communications plan - The plan does not focus as much as it could on support for community transport provision - Whilst lower emission vehicles are identified as an objective, the plan should go further and seek the introduction, possibly as a pilot scheme, of fully electric vehicles - There needs to be a better system for travellers to report faults, for example, in real time information displays at bus stops - The plan does not address the need to recruit and retain bus drivers and this remains a risk to service quality and reliability if not dealt with. - The creation of a stakeholder group is welcomed; given their relative populations, Kettering, Corby and Wellingborough Town Councils should have an automatic place on it. <p>Cllrs Evelyn and Perrett arrived at 7.10pm</p>
2021/131	<p>Kettering Town Lottery Constitution</p> <p>A report was submitted which sought approval for a constitution to govern the management of the Town Lottery and which asked members to identify both the overall purpose of the Lottery but also the spending priorities for its first year of operation.</p>

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	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>a) that the constitution as submitted to the meeting be adopted with the addition of the following spending objectives within section 2.2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cultural opportunities and events - debt advice and support <p>b) that for 2022/23, the Council prioritise spending of the proceeds of the lottery on measures and services which</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - promoted and enabled better health and wellbeing - developed and promoted more sustainable lifestyles - improved housing standards, access to housing, reduced homelessness and improved debt advice
2021/132	<p>Crime and anti-social behaviour figures for January 2022</p> <p>These were noted.</p>
2021/133	<p>Planning Committee</p> <p>In the absence of the chairman, the clerk advised that a number of fresh decisions on planning applications had been made by NNC since the last meeting of Council, and none of them were at variance from the views expressed by the Planning Committee.</p>
2021/134	<p>Finance and Governance Committee</p> <p>Cllr Skinner summarised the activities of the Finance Committee and he and Cllr Robin Carter answered members' questions about events planning, the security of allotment sites, and those potential options for the location of public toilets which had been discarded.</p>
2021/135	<p>Climate Change Working Group</p> <p>Cllr Fedorowycz outlined work on tree planting at Wicksteed Park, Northampton Rd recreation ground and the Ise Valley, as part of the Queens' Green Canopy Initiative. The tree planting season was coming to an end this spring, so future plans would need to wait until November to be realised. Cllr Fedorowycz answered questions on tree planting by schools and community groups.</p>
	<p>The meeting was closed at 7.35 pm.</p>

Signed

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Date