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MINUTES OF THE FULL KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BOWLING GREEN ROAD, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 20th APRIL 2022

Attendees: Cllr Scott Edwards (Mayor) (Chair)

Cllrs Carolyn Carter, Robin Carter, Maggie Don, Eve Edwards, Alexander Evelyn, Kieran Farrow, Emily Fedorowycz, Clark Mitchell, Anup Pandey, Mark Rowley, Craig Skinner, James Towns, Sarah Tubbs, Keli Watts, Bev Wright and Martyn York

Town Clerk: Martin Hammond and Emily Brooks, Deputy Clerk

No of Public Present: 8 including speakers

Item No	Item Description
2021/153	Apologies for absence Cllrs Lloyd Bunday, Dez Dell and Daniel Perrett
2021/154	Declarations of Interest None
2021/155	Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on 23 rd March 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record,
2021/156	Public Speakers Notification had been received from people asking to speak on items 160 and 161, as follows:- - John Padwick - item 160 - David Brown, Roger Hatton, John Padwick and Cllr Anne Lee – item 161
2021/157	Announcements from the Mayor Council stood in a minute's silence in memory of Maurice Bayes, former Mayor and Kettering Borough Councillor who had died recently. The Mayor welcomed Emily Brooks, Deputy Clerk, Events and Communications, to the Council, and noted the work she had already undertaken in her first week to set up social media accounts for the Council.

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	<p>The Mayor also referenced the very successful Food and Drink Festival on the 9th April and his visit to the Shire Sounds Graduation Ceremony marking those who had completed work experience at the station.</p>
2021/158	<p>Announcements from the Leader</p> <p>None</p>
2021/159	<p>Crime and Community Safety</p> <p>The police has not been able to attend this meeting and had submitted a short report on their activities in the last quarter; members also noted the crime and anti-social behaviour data for the year to the end of March 2022.</p> <p>It was agreed that contact details provided to the Mayor for police officers be circulated to all members.</p>
2021/160	<p>Public Spaces Protection Order</p> <p>A report had been submitted setting out the terms of the existing PSPO, which was due to expire in July 2022, and which set out the consultation process for its renewal.</p> <p>Mr John Padwick spoke on the shortcomings of the existing PSPO, particularly in regard to two provisions, relating to skateboarding and the ability of the police to remove under 18s from the PSPO area.</p> <p>Cllr Mitchell highlighted these same shortcomings and showed slides that captured inaccurate signage around the area of the PSPO and proposed a form of words to amend the terms of the PSPO.</p> <p>Members debated each of the provisions within the existing PSPO and it was unanimously</p> <p>RESOLVED that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The clerk draft a proposed response, for approval at Annual Council on 18th May, which highlighted the need for the PSPO to prohibit particular behaviours rather than prohibit particular activities, b) That the PSPO area should be expanded to include the Russell St area in recognition of the anti-social behaviour being experienced there.
2021/161	<p>Motion on Consultation by NNC</p> <p>Prior to the motion being debated, Messrs David Brown, Roger Hatton, and John Padwick and Cllr Anne Lee all spoke of their disappointment</p>

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	<p>and anger at the decision by NNC to re-brand the art gallery, library and museum as “Cornerstone”, which in their view was the wrong treatment for the new and improved facilities being constructed, had been conducted without any engagement with stakeholders and the community and which had produced a poor quality result with no local distinctiveness.</p> <p>Cllr Mitchell moved and Cllr Wright seconded that</p> <p>“Kettering Town Council is dismayed at the decision of North Northamptonshire Council to rebrand the Library, Museum and Art Gallery without consultation. We will write to them demanding that going forward we and other stakeholders should be properly involved and consulted on decisions which impact on the town and its heritage and that we are given enough time to debate them before they are implemented”</p> <p>During debate, members proposed a number of amendments to the motion and it was</p> <p>RESOLVED unanimously that</p> <p>“Kettering Town Council is dismayed at the decision of North Northamptonshire Council to rebrand the Library, Museum and Art Gallery without consultation.</p> <p>Going forward we and other stakeholders should be properly involved and consulted on decisions which impact on the town and its heritage and that we are given enough time to debate them before they are implemented.</p> <p>We request that the Cornerstone name is retracted and another name is created, in collaboration with the Town Council, key stakeholders and the wider community”</p>
2021/162	<p>Risk Assessment</p> <p>A report was submitted which sought approval for the adoption of a risk assessment relating to Council governance, services and activities.</p> <p>Members made a number of points and it was</p> <p>RESOLVED that the risk assessment be adopted, with the inclusion of further mitigation measures in the entry about public consultation (item 11)</p>

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2021/163	<p>Pension Entitlement</p> <p>A report was submitted which sought approval to enter into the Northamptonshire Local Government Pension Scheme for the Council's employees.</p> <p>RESOLVED that all Town Council employees who so choose shall be enrolled into the Northamptonshire Local Government Pension Scheme, from 11th April 2022 onwards.</p>
2021/164	<p>Planning Committee</p> <p>The Chair, Cllr York, outlined the proceedings of the Planning Committee meeting in April, and summarised the decisions arrived by the planning authority and the extent to which they reflected the Town Council's views.</p>
2021/165	<p>Finance and Governance Committee</p> <p>The chair, Cllr Skinner, outlined the proceedings of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting in April and highlighted decisions in relation to allotments, events, speed devices, toilets and the general market. The end of year budget statement had been presented and the Council had finished the year with £21,000 likely to be transferred into reserves, once all commitments had been met and all income received.</p>
2021/166	<p>Climate Change Working Group</p> <p>The Chair, Cllr Fedorowycz, summarised ongoing work, in relation to the sustainability hub pages on the website, the development of a bio-diversity plan and tree planting work. The next meeting would be considering a communications plan.</p>
	<p>The meeting was closed at 8.26pm.</p>

Signed

Date