

Kettering Town Council

MINUTES OF THE FULL KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BOWLING GREEN ROAD, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 13th July 2022

Attendees: Cllr Keli Watts (Mayor) (Chair)

Cllrs Lloyd Bunday, Carolyn Carter, Robin Carter, Dez Dell, Maggie Don, Eve Edwards, Scott Edwards, Alexander Evelyn, Keiron Farrow, Clark Mitchell, Anup Pandey, Daniel Perrett, Mark Rowley, Craig Skinner, James Towns, Sarah Tubbs and Bev Wright,

Town Clerk: Martin Hammond

No of Public Present:

Item No	Item Description
22/019	Apologies for absence Apologies were received from the Deputy Mayor and Cllr Martyn York
22/020	Declarations of Interest None
22/021	Minutes The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 18 th May 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record,
22/022	Public Speakers Notification had been received from Mike Annable to speak on item 22/028
22/023	Announcements from the Mayor The Mayor welcomed the Deputy Clerk, Emma Dezelu to her first Council meeting and advised members that there would be a number of fund raising events being advertised shortly in support of the Mayor's charity.
22/024	Announcements from the Leader None

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22/025	<p>Crime and Anti-social behaviour</p> <p>Sgts Matt Rock and Greg McClean of Northamptonshire Police were present to summarise and contextualise the recent crime and anti-social behaviour statistics and to answer members' questions.</p> <p>Concerted efforts had been made to deal with activity associated with groups of young people in the town centre and in some residential areas which had borne fruit. An increased police presence on the Grange estate had been helping to increase public confidence and intelligence gathering about drugs misuse. Operation Citadel had concluded and was still being evaluated.</p> <p>Sgt Rock outlined the Chief Constable's priorities for this year and the five geographic areas of focus on anti-social behaviour in Kettering which were the Grange Estate, St Andrews church environs, Northfield Ave and Stanier Close, the Asda car park and the Carina Way car park.</p>
22/026	<p>Fly-tipping and waste management in Kettering</p> <p>Charlotte Tompkins, waste manager at NNC, gave a presentation on fly-tipping, and measures to combat it. Members asked questions about how investigations were conducted and offenders prosecuted and suggested that periodic bulk refuse collection points should be re-introduced, to cut fly-tipping in areas with greatest incidence. Some suggested locations were offered up. Members also expressed concern that the charging policies on bulk refuse collection and potentially on garden waste would increase fly-tipping.</p> <p>The presentation slides prepared for the meeting would be circulated to all members.</p>
22/027	<p>Consultation on Taxi Licensing Policy</p> <p>A report was presented summarising the consultation on a new NN-wide taxi licensing policy.</p> <p>Members asked questions about emissions standards for vehicles, the differentiation in taxi fares between areas within the NN district and when the changes would be introduced, to address current uncertainty amongst the licenced trade.</p> <p>RESOLVED that a positive response to the consultation be made to NNC, urging early introduction of the changes and picking up other points made in the report and during the debate.</p>
22/028	<p>Motion – Levelling Up Funding</p>

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	<p>Prior to the motion being put, Mike Annable of the Kettering Swimming Association addressed the meeting, proposing that a new pool should be a levelling up objective for Kettering and a higher priority than a second pool in Wellingborough.</p> <p>Cllr Mitchell moved and Cllr Don seconded that</p> <p><i>Kettering Town Council is disappointed with the announcement as to where levelling up funds have been allocated. We insist that at the earliest opportunity representatives from both the decision making panel and financial teams will advise the town council as to how private businesses and money pits were prioritised in the allocation of funds over projects within Kettering including ones within Avondale Grange and area, described as left behind in a government report.</i></p> <p>During debate, members made a variety of points about the nature of government bidding criteria, the distinction between levelling up funding and left behind funding, the wider context of support for different parts of the unitary authority's area. The accessibility of some of the projects being submitted for funding by NNC was criticised.</p> <p>The meeting was advised that NNC were preparing a sports and leisure strategy to enable more schemes to be made "oven ready" over time and that an announcement was due on some further funding in the near future.</p> <p>For the motion - 7 Against - 10</p> <p>The motion was defeated.</p>
22/029	<p>Logo and Branding</p> <p>A report was submitted which sought approval for a new logo and branding for the Council.</p> <p>After debate it was</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) that a specialist designer be commissioned to develop a designb) that a three member working group, comprising the Mayor, Cllr Don and Cllr Evelyn, convene to agree a brief for the workc) that the proposed designs be submitted to the next meeting of Council.

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22/030	<p>Planning Committee</p> <p>Cllr Skinner summarised the work of the Planning Committee and the degree to which the Committee's views had been reflected in planning decisions by NNC.</p> <p>A brief update was given on the half completed building in Jobs Yard which was the subject of enforcement action by NNC and the Health and Safety Executive.</p>
22/031	<p>Finance and Governance Committee</p> <p>Cllr Rowley summarised the work of the Finance and Governance Committee drawing attention to the grants awarded at its last meeting.</p>
22/032	<p>Markets and Events Committee</p> <p>Cllr Skinner summarised the work of the Markets and Events Committee and answered member's questions, focusing on upcoming events, progress with developing the general market</p> <p>Members noted that once recent publicity flyer had not featured the Council's name and asked that this did not occur again.</p>
22/033	<p>Climate Change Working Group</p> <p>Item deferred</p>
	<p>The meeting was closed at 9 pm.</p>

Signed

Date