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MINUTES OF THE FULL KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOLLER CHURCH ROOMS, MEETING LANE, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023

Attendees: Cllr Keli Watts (Mayor) (Chair)

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

Town Clerk: Martin Hammond

No of Public Present:

Item No	Item Description
2022/090	<b>Apologies for absence</b>  None
2022/091	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>  Cllr Scott Edwards declared a pecuniary interest in that part of the minutes of the Markets and Events Committee of 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2023, (item 2022/104) which detailed discussions about the provision of a Christmas grotto in 2024 and took no part in that discussion.
2022/092	<b>Minutes</b>  The minutes of the last meeting held on 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record,
2022/093	<b>Public Speakers</b>  None
2022/094	<b>Announcements from the Mayor</b>  The Mayor reported back on the success of her International Womens Day event last week and invited the Deputy Mayor to describe arrangements for a Fun run/walk at Wicksteed alongside the regular Parkrun, on 29 <sup>th</sup> April, 9am, in support of the Mayor's charity.



2022/095	<p><b>Announcements from the Leader</b></p> <p>None</p>
2022/096	<p><b>Bee Bricks</b></p> <p>Cllr Mitchell moved and Cllr Wright seconded that</p> <p><i>“Bees are a vital link in pollination and many species are losing their habitats. Kettering Town Council supports the move by NNC to be more environmentally focused in their future planning decisions and asks that they consider the use of bee bricks wherever it is possible”</i></p> <p>After contributions from some members, Cllr Bunday moved an amendment to the motion, which, when read out, was seconded by Cllr Mitchell, who agreed, in doing so, to withdraw his original motion in favour of the amendment.</p> <p>It was accordingly <b>RESOLVED</b> unanimously that</p> <p>“Bees are a vital link in pollination and many species are losing their habitats. Kettering Town Council supports the move by NNC to be more environmentally focused in their future planning decisions and asks that they explore what are the best/proven ways of providing habitat and encouraging bee populations.”</p>
2022/097	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan South West Kettering (Headlands) Area</b></p> <p>A report was attached which included the final version of the Neighbourhood Plan, which remained subject to the outcome of a referendum to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023, The report also outlined the engagement that had taken place with the local community.</p> <p>Members thanked those local people who had driven the development of the plan over a number of years.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the plan as submitted be approved and adopted</p>
2022/098	<p><b>Insurance for 2023-4</b></p> <p>A report was submitted which presented the quotes received from insurance providers for the Council’s corporate insurance for 2023-4.</p> <p>Additional information concerning the lowest quote received was provided at the meeting, namely that an additional premium was required to cover the risk of loss of damage to all the perimeter</p>



	<p>fencing, gates and other structures within the Council's five allotment sites. The total new premium from the lowest tenderer would therefore be £2915</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the lowest quote from Zurich Municipal be accepted in the sum of £2915.</p>
2022/099	<p><b>Communications Strategy and Social Media Policy</b></p> <p>A report was submitted which proposed the adoption of a communications strategy and a social media policy. Members welcomed these and subject to the addition of a reference to digital notice boards it was</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that both the communications strategy and social media plan be adopted.</p>
2022/100	<p><b>Appointment of Trustees, Stockburn Memorial Trust</b></p> <p>Following the submission of a report on the filling of vacancies as trustees of the Stockburn Memorial Trust, it was</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllrs Don and Wright be nominated for appointment as Trustees of the Stockburn Memorial Trust for the 4 years starting April 2023.</p>
2022/101	<p><b>Crime and anti-social behaviour figures for the year ending February 2023</b></p> <p>These were noted. Members remarked on the increase in sexual offences recorded and the increase in incidents of graffiti.</p>
2022/102	<p><b>Planning Committee</b></p> <p>The chairman, Cllr Craig Skinner, outlined the work of the committee since February and summarised the extent to which final planning decision had reflected its views.</p>
2022/103	<p><b>Finance and Governance Committee</b></p> <p>The chairman, Cllr Mark Rowley outlined the work of the committee since 25<sup>th</sup> January. He drew members' attention to minute FC22/064 , which was a recommendation to Council to amend the policy on ward initiatives policy.</p> <p>He moved and Cllr Don seconded and it was</p>



	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the ward initiatives policy rules be amended to remove the provision preventing members supplementing a project already funded by the Town Council
2022/104	<b>Market and Events Committee</b>  The chairman, Cllr Craig Skinner, outlined the work of the committee since February and detailed the programme of events which had been agreed by the Council for this coming year.  A number of members asked questions about how bands in the park could be made available in other parts of town, and after a short debate, it was  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the matter be revisited by the Markets and Events Committee to establish more feasible options in the future.
2022/105	<b>Town meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023</b>  The minutes were noted
2022/106	<b>Resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with S100 of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, by reason of paragraphs 6 and 9 of Schedule 12A to the Act, because the business to be transacted relates to the business affairs of a third party and the determination of a contract for supplies and services.
2022/107	<b>Tenders Christmas Lights</b>  A report was considered by the meeting on the options for procuring Christmas lights on either a three or five year contract from this year.  It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Markets and Events Committee be asked to work through the options in more detail, and make a recommendation to the next meeting of this Council as to the preferred contractor, length of contract and scope of displays being procured.
	The meeting was closed at 7.50pm.

Signed .....



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