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MINUTES OF THE FULL KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BOWLING GREEN ROAD, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2021

Attendees: Cllrs Lloyd Bunday, Carolyn Carter, Robin Carter, Dez Dell, Maggie Don, Eve Edwards, Scott Edwards, Alexander Evelyn, Keiron Farrow, Emily Fedorowyz, Clark Mitchell, Anup Pandey, Daniel Perrett, Mark Rowley, Craig Skinner, James Towns, Keli Watts, Bev Wright, Martyn York

Town Clerk: Emma Driver

No of Public Present: 1

Item No	Item Description
2021/048	Apologies for absence Cllr Sarah Tubbs
2021/049	Declarations of Interest None
2021/050	Agree minutes of the last meeting held on 21 July 2021 Agreed
2021/051	Public Speakers No speakers
2021/052	Announcements from the Mayor <ul style="list-style-type: none">Town Meeting St Peter's & St Paul's Church 21 September 2021 Remind Community Groups they do need to register to speak and a max of 30 groups will be allowed. Mayoral Visits <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ronald Tree Day NurseryAvery Park Care HomeLittle Eats Newlands CentreBlue Plaque Derek TompkinsWoodnewton School – Corby, open new facilityVarious Civic servicesCorona Kitchen celebrations HRH Wessex at Corn Market Hall
2021/053	Announcements from the Leader No announcements for this meeting

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2021/054	<p>MOTION In order to promote road safety and prevent fatalities and casualties Kettering Town Council will lobby the Unitary Council to install a pedestrian refuge on Northampton Road between Sheep Street and Station Road.</p> <p>Moved by Cllr Clark Mitchell and Seconded by Cllr Bev Wright</p> <p>Cllr Bunday proposed an amendment to the motion to read as follows:-</p> <p>In order to promote road safety and prevent fatalities and casualties the leader will write to Highways Department to carry out a new safety audit along Northampton Road between Sheep Street and Station Road</p> <p>Propose Cllr Bunday Seconded Cllr Mitchell</p> <p>Vote Unanimous</p>
2021/055	<p>Items for Discussion</p> <p>Toilets for the Town Centre</p> <p>The Town Centre doesn't have any public toilets apart from the ones situated in the Newlands Centre but these are privately owned and they carry a charge to use them.</p> <p>In the past the Town Centre used to have the metal 'Tardis' style toilets but an audit was carried out at the time and the cost to run them was very high and the decision was taken to remove council owned toilets and have a community toilets scheme whereby local pubs and cafes could sign up and the public could use the facilities. However this scheme has never worked very well.</p> <p>At the start of the first lockdown it was decided to put public toilets by the side of McDonalds (Meadow Road). These are currently being paid by NNC but these are due to be removed. Cllrs Edwards and Bunday have persuaded NNC to keep them in place until Christmas and there could be a possibility for KTC to take them on. The current cost is £2k-£3k per month. Cllrs Bunday and Edwards to speak to NNC and see if they will continue to pay for the toilets until the end of the financial year.</p> <p>It was AGREED that :-</p> <p>This item to be taken to the Finance Committee and once quotes obtained bring back to Full Council.</p> <p>We would need to include the costs to run the toilets in next year's precept.</p> <p>Cllr Skinner to take forward at the next Finance Committee meeting to be held on 23 September 2021.</p>

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2021/056	<p>Markets Update Cllr Skinner would like to see a thriving market again as this would bring more people into the town centre.</p> <p>Have approached a Vegan Markets Company who have visited Kettering and agreed to hold a market on Saturday 6 November. Hopefully after this they will hold another 3 – 4 markets throughout the year.</p> <p>LSD Promotions are a provider of markets. Cllr Skinner met and showed them around the town. They are carrying out some market research and plan to hold a test event in the spring. If goes well with this event they plan to hold a more regular market.</p> <p>There will be a zero cost to KTC for both markets.</p> <p>Meeting taking place Thursday 16 September with NNC staff to discuss Christmas Markets.</p> <p>A Sub Committee will then be set up by the Finance Committee at their meeting on the 23 September 2021.</p>
2021/057	<p>Town Events Cllr Rowley stated that there are 4 events planned in the Town Centre. The Circus, Memorial Day, Remembrance Day and Christmas Switch On.</p> <p>Finance Committee to set up a Sub Committee with the purpose to see what KTC and business want with minimal cost to KTC with the objective of getting more people into the town</p> <p>It was suggested that we include the museum in our discussions.</p>
2021/058	<p>Allotments Update A Sub Committee to be formed reporting into the Finance Committee.</p> <p>3 Councillors to sit on this Committee. Cllr Towns has done a lot of work with the allotments with 2 other members to be decided at the next Finance Committee meeting to be held on 23 September 2021.</p>
2021/059	<p>Planning Committee Update Cllr York Chair of Planning Committee presented this item.</p> <p>Since the Planning Committee formed in June we have looked at 22 Major and Minor applications and noted 40 applications which fall under Others.</p>

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	<p>KTC have supported 6 applications, made comments on 30 applications and objected to 4</p> <p>We have been notified by NNC of 8 decisions and they are broken down as follows:-</p> <p>3 KTC supported and NNC have approved 3 KTC gave concerns, NNC have approved with conditions. 2 KTC objected to, NNC have refused</p> <p>Move that the minutes of June, July August are accepted and noted.</p>
2021/060	<p>Finance & Governance Committee Update Cllr Skinner Chair of Finance & Governance Committee presented this item.</p> <p>The Finance & Governance meeting has met twice in June and July. Next meeting will be held on Thursday 23 September 2021.</p> <p>KTC is on track to achieve budget set in May. This does include maintaining reserves of £15k.</p> <p>We have made a slight saving in accommodation costs.</p> <p>Might able to apply to Welcome Back funding via NNC to help support people to return people to town centre</p> <p>The bank balance is £54,000</p> <p>Move that the minutes of June and July be accepted & noted.</p>
2021/061	<p>Climate Change Working Group Update Cllr Emily Fedorowycz presented this item.</p> <p>Had some good discussions at their first meeting and recycling as a theme emerged. Wish to improve the recycling information which is included on the KTC website.</p> <p>Rubbish bins. Cllr Dell has managed to secure a couple of bins through NNC. If any Councillor has an area that needs extra bins flag directly to NNC.</p> <p>Recycling bins in town centre. Cllr Fedorowycz has requested Environmental Care and Rob Bridge to re-visit this.</p> <p>Recycling information on website to include FAQs. Cllr Fedorowycz to circulate a draft then once agreed Town Clerk can put on the website.</p>

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	<p>It may be beneficial to create some kind of video for the web page at a future date.</p> <p>Cllr Fedorowycz has requested a site visit to the Recycling Centre. If any other Councillors want to attend they are welcome.</p> <p>Plant a tree for the Jubilee Cllr Fedorowycz has spoken to Paul Parsons the immediate past High Sheriff of Northamptonshire and has advised he would come and speak to KTC if we wanted him to.</p> <p>The Grounds Maintenance Team have confirmed they are already planting 1000 trees and have expressed their concern about maintaining any extra trees KTC plant and where they are going to be planted.</p> <p>NNC have indicated that they don't want to give any land to KTC for this project.</p> <p>Cllr Fedorowycz intends to approach Schools/Care Homes regarding to see if they wish to be involved in this project with us.</p> <p>Wicksteed Park and the Kettering Eco Group will be planting some trees supplied from Boughton Estates.</p>
2021/062	<p>Charities Cllr Lloyd Bunday presented this item.</p> <p>The charities were first formed in 1617 and over the years lots of small charities were formed when people donated money or land or left money/land in their will.</p> <p>Over the years these smaller charities have amalgamated into larger charities :-</p> <p>Kettering Charities for the Poor (Which consists of Kettering Charity Fuel and Kettering Charity Apprenticing) Church & Town Allotments Charity William Martin Charity</p> <p>These charities now report into KTC but will be cost neutral.</p> <p>Cllr Bunday chairs the Charities Trust and will bring to Full Council a presentation in the future, after the New Town Clerk Martin Hammond starts on the 1 October.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 7.53pm</p>

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