



MINUTES OF THE OF KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOLLER CHURCH ROOMS, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 19<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023

Councillors Present: Cllr Mark Rowley (chair)  
Cllrs Lloyd Bunday, Robin Carter, Maggie Don, Scott Edwards, Emily Fedorowycz and Daniel Perrett .

Officers present:- Martin Hammond, Town Clerk

No members of the public/press attended.

Item Number	Description
<b>FC23/016</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b>  None.
<b>FC23/017</b>	<b>Declarations of interest</b>  Cllr Edwards declared an interest in the issue of a giving tree at the Newlands centre as detailed in item FC23/25
<b>FC23/018</b>	<b>Minutes</b>  a) The minutes of the meeting held on 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair b) It was moved by Cllr Bunday and seconded by Cllr Edwards and  <b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr Robin Carter be appointed as the deputy chair of the committee.
<b>FC23/019</b>	<b>Budget Consultation and Timetable</b>  A report was submitted proposing a timetable for the budget preparation and consultation process for the 2024-5 budget.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the timetable set out in the report be approved and that consultation be conducted on the lines described.

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<b>FC23/020</b>	<b>Additional works to Windmill Avenue Allotments</b>  A report was submitted seeking approval for some additional works – the provision of gravel boards – to complete the replacement fencing works to Windmill Avenue allotments. A quote had been received from the contractor who had installed the new fencing, in the sum of £972, to provide gravel boards along the foot of the new fence, to prevent soil leaking out on to the pavement. The quote had additionally included works which the Allotment Association had requested and would pay for, and therefore a cost of £220 for a skip may or may not be required.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the quote from Make Woodworking for the provision of Gravel Boards of up to £1192 be accepted and the cost borne by the community infrastructure fund.
<b>FC23/022</b>	<b>Grants Scheme 2023-24</b>  A report was submitted which sought members' views on the management of the voluntary sector grants scheme for this year. It was agreed that applicants for grants should be asked to address one or more of the following four themes in their application:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Measures which help address the cost of living pressures on local residents</li><li>- Measures which improve the local environment and help to combat climate change</li><li>- Measures which improve mental health and wellbeing</li><li>- Measures which improve the capacity and reach of the voluntary sector</li></ul> <b>RESOLVED</b> accordingly
<b>FC23/023</b>	<b>Mayoral Update</b>  The Mayor referred to events due to be held in town, and the use of those events to raise money for the Mayor's charities.
<b>FC23/024</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>  A series of proposals were made for how the Council could lead by example or advice on measures which tackled climate change. These were circulated by email immediately after the meeting. It was agreed that some of these proposals could be submitted to the next meeting with details on how they could be implemented

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<b>FC23/025</b>	<b>Monitoring of the Corporate Plan</b>  Members noted the update on the corporate plan monitoring report and debated several items, notably <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Toilets provision</li><li>- Christmas events</li><li>- Community resilience fund</li><li>- Neighbourhood planning</li><li>- Town meetings arrangements</li></ul> . It was <b>RESOLVED</b>  a) To agree in principle to work with Newlands Centre and NNC in jointly funding a Giving Tree in the Newlands Centre, which would enable and encourage the making of gifts for looked after children in NNC care for Christmas. b) To bring forward community resilience proposals to the next and future meetings of the committee
<b>FC23/026</b>	<b>Budget Monitoring and Invoices</b>  The current financial position was submitted and noted.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that a payment be made to the clerk, to compensate for the acquisition of a Mayoral display cabinet at a cost of £341.80 including VAT
	Meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed.....

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