



MINUTES OF THE OF KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOLLER CHURCH ROOMS, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 29th MARCH 2023

Councillors Present: Cllrs Lloyd Bunday, Robin Carter, Maggie Don, Scott Edwards, and Daniel Perrett

Also present Cllr James Towns (for items 81 and 82)

Officers present:- Martin Hammond, Town Clerk

One member of the public attended; Mike Thurland, Kettering Allotment Society

Item Number	Description
FC22/077	Election of chair for the meeting In the absence of the chair, Cllr Edwards was elected chair for this meeting
FC22/078	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Fedorowycz, Rowley and Skinner. Cllr Perrett was substituting for Cllr Rowley
FC22/079	Declarations of interest None declared
FC22/080	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 1 st March 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair
FC22/081	Registration of Allotments with Land Registry A report was presented which sought authority to employ solicitors to ensure the registration of the Council's allotment land. NNC had prepared the title documents and included the additional parcels of land at South End Allotments. Willson Browne Solicitors were already engaged by the Council to complete an easement over the Northfield Avenue allotments in favour of WPD and it was

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	<p>RESOLVED that Willson Browne be employed to act for the Council to register its allotment land with the Land Registry for a fee of £950.</p>
FC22/082	<p>Windmill Avenue Allotments Fencing Renewal</p> <p>A report was submitted seeking approval to award a contract for the renewal of fencing at Windmill Avenue allotments. The committee at its meeting on 25th January had agreed to seek quotes for the work, and the only company to quote, of those approached, had quoted £14139.50.</p> <p>Mr Thurland of Kettering Allotment Society expressed the society's support for this investment and their appreciation of the work the Town Council was doing to support allotments.</p> <p>Members considered how to meet this cost and it was</p> <p>RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Make Woodworking's quote of £14139.50 be acceptedb) The cost of the works be met by drawing<ul style="list-style-type: none">- £6200 from the allotments budget for 2023-4- £5000 from the community infrastructure budget for 2023-4- £3000 from reserves
FC22/083	<p>Climate Change update</p> <p>A report was submitted summarising current activity, and referenced a Carbon Literacy Toolkit developed by the Society of Local Council Clerks and the Carbon Literacy Project.</p> <p>The report was noted.</p>
FC22/084	<p>Community Resilience Fund</p> <p>A report was submitted which sought approval to award a grant to North Northants Sports and Wellbeing Club in order for them to provide a Womens Safe Workshop in the Avondale Grange area. Workshops were designed to improve the confidence of women to leave their homes by themselves. This project had not succeeded in being funded through the NNC's Community budgeting round which had been voted on in February by local people, but was nevertheless felt to be a project which met the Council's objectives and budget and was capable of being delivered in the near future. The Council had set aside £1000 from its community resilience</p>

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	<p>budget to support projects on the Avondale Grange estate, in order to supplement the levelling up funding already earmarked for the area.</p> <p>RESOLVED that a grant of £1000 be made from the Community Resilience Fund to North Northants Sports and Wellbeing Club for them to provide a Womens Safe Workshop in the Avondale Grange area.</p>									
<p>FC22/085</p>	<p>Small Grants Applications</p> <p>A report was submitted summarising the eleven applications received under the second round of the small grants programme. The report evaluated the grants against the Council's criteria and objectives. There was £4000 available to use by the end of this financial year.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the following grants be made</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="496 927 1385 1373"> <tr> <td data-bbox="496 927 794 1072">North Northants First Responders</td> <td data-bbox="794 927 1091 1072">Demonstration equipment for first aid training courses</td> <td data-bbox="1091 927 1385 1072">£880</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="496 1072 794 1149">Kettering Food Bank</td> <td data-bbox="794 1072 1091 1149">Running costs</td> <td data-bbox="1091 1072 1385 1149">£1000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="496 1149 794 1373">Off the Streets</td> <td data-bbox="794 1149 1091 1373">Workshops for young people with an anti-gang, anti-knife message and bleed kit training</td> <td data-bbox="1091 1149 1385 1373">£1000</td> </tr> </table>	North Northants First Responders	Demonstration equipment for first aid training courses	£880	Kettering Food Bank	Running costs	£1000	Off the Streets	Workshops for young people with an anti-gang, anti-knife message and bleed kit training	£1000
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<p>FC22/086</p>	<p>Coronation Grants</p> <p>A Report was submitted summarising the two applications received under the coronation grant fund, which stood at £2000. A further application had subsequently been received and it was, after consideration,</p> <p>RESOLVED that the following grants be made</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="496 1778 1385 2040"> <tr> <td data-bbox="496 1778 794 1962">North Northants First Responders</td> <td data-bbox="794 1778 1091 1962">Purchase of a branded gazebo to use in volunteer recruitment exercises</td> <td data-bbox="1091 1778 1385 1962">£500</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="496 1962 794 2040">Kettering Sea Cadets</td> <td data-bbox="794 1962 1091 2040">Coronation BBQ to engage the</td> <td data-bbox="1091 1962 1385 2040">£500</td> </tr> </table>	North Northants First Responders	Purchase of a branded gazebo to use in volunteer recruitment exercises	£500	Kettering Sea Cadets	Coronation BBQ to engage the	£500			
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		community and recruit volunteers	
	Crescents Community Centre	Coronation day event – catering costs	£250
FC22/087	<p>Former Gala Bingo Club</p> <p>A verbal report was made by the Clerk and Leader after their meeting with the two local businesswomen interested in buying and concerting the former Gala Bingo Club in High St Kettering for community and commercial use.</p> <p>RESOLVED that a letter of support be provided, indicating the Town Council's willingness to become a partner in the project and take up occupation of space created by the project</p>		
FC22/088	<p>Monitoring of the Corporate Plan</p> <p>The committee received a report on progress against the action plan within the corporate plan for 2022-23. Updates on most unresolved items were provided verbally.</p>		
FC22/089	<p>Budget Monitoring and Invoices</p> <p>The financial position as at 22nd March 2023 was submitted, showing payments made in the last month and the overall budgetary position. Expected budgetary variances were highlighted and noted. It was likely that some further funds would be added to reserves after year end, over and above what had been anticipated.</p> <p>RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The report be noted b) The following payments be approved:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NNC – tyre replacement on trailer used for market set up £240 incl. VAT - Mayor – expenses November-March £121.01 c) That £20,000 be transferred into reserves before the year end d) The clerk be authorised to secure a performing rights licence 		
	Meeting closed at 7.55 pm		

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