

# Kettering Town Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BOWLING GREEN ROAD, KETTERING AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 19 MAY 2021

Outgoing Kettering Borough Council Mayor James Burton opened the meeting. He stated what a privilege it had been to be the last Mayor for Kettering Borough Council and to also be opening the first meeting of the new Kettering Town Council. He congratulated all the newly elected councillors and wished every one the very best for the future of Kettering Town Council.

Item No	Item Description
<b>2021/001</b>	<p><b>Election of Chair &amp; Deputy Chair</b></p> <p>Cllr Keli Watts proposed Cllr Scott Edwards as Chair Cllr Alexander Evelyn seconded Passed with unanimous vote</p> <p>Cllr Dez Cell proposed Cllr Keli Watts as Deputy Chair Cllr Clark Mitchel seconded Passed with unanimous vote</p> <p>Cllr Maggie Don stated that she was voting for the Chair but not for the Mayoral roles as she was against the role of Mayor and felt we did not need one. It is unnecessary and expensive. The regalia is part of our history which belongs to the museum.</p>
<b>2021/002</b>	<p><b>To resolve that Chair and Deputy Chair be respectively styled as the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor</b></p> <p>Mayor – Cllr Edwards Cllrs Against 1 Abstentions 2</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Against 1 Abstentions 2</p> <p>Cllr Edwards gave a speech thanking everyone for nominating him and what an honour it was to serve the people of Kettering once more as the first Mayor for Kettering Town Council. The Mayoress will be Cllr Eve Edwards. Cllr Edwards would be announcing his Mayor's Charities soon and congratulated all the newly elected councillors.</p>

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<b>2021/003</b>	<p><b>Adopt the Code of Conduct</b></p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Lloyd Bunday          Seconded by Cllr Maggie Don          Passed with unanimous vote</p>
<b>2021/004</b>	<p><b>Adoption of Standing Orders</b></p> <p>Cllr Lloyd Bunday proposed an amendment to this policy was required and it should reflect political proportionality as all 20 elected councillors had been elected as representatives for political parties.</p> <p>Cllr Lloyd Bunday proposed an amendment for the Terms of reference for the two Committees (Planning and Finance). Both state the Mayor should have automatic committee membership and would like to have this removed so councillors can be members in their own right.</p> <p>The Chairmanship of these Committees should also be chosen by the committee members at their first meeting.</p> <p>Seconded by Cllr Martyn York</p> <p>Passed with unanimous vote</p>
<b>2021/005</b>	<p><b>Appointment of a Member to serve as Leader of the Council</b></p> <p>Cllr Lloyd Bunday proposed by Cllr Carolyn Carter          Seconded by Cllr Robin Carter          1 Abstention</p>
<b>2021/006</b>	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b></p> <p>None</p>
<b>2021/007</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>None</p>
<b>2021/008</b>	<p><b>Adoption of Financial Regulations</b></p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Lloyd Bunday          Seconded by Cllr Alexander Evelyn          Passed with unanimous vote</p>
<b>2021/009</b>	<p><b>Noting the budget agreed by KBC on KTCs behalf</b></p> <p>Cllr Maggie Don stated that the market stalls had been transferred over to KTC but nowhere in the budget was there costings for putting these stalls up and down.</p>

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	<p>After discussion it was agreed that the budget had been passed and this was the precept that had been charged to the residents of Kettering. It was historical and we were being asked to note the budget.</p> <p>Cllr Maggie Don proposed that we approve in principal and look at this at the first Finance meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Lloyd Bunday seconded.</p>
2021/010	<p><b>Appointment of signatories to the bank account and review of the bank mandate</b> Town Clerk, Cllr Mark Rowley, Cllr Scott Edwards, Cllr Craig Skinner</p>
2021/011	<p><b>Establishment of committees and appointment of members to them</b></p> <p><b>Planning Committee</b> Cllr Craig Skinner, Cllr Daniel Perret, Cllr Martyn York, Cllr Alexander Evelyn, Cllr Robin Carter, Cllr Keli Watts, Cllr Clark Mitchell, Cllr James Towns, Cllr Emily Fedorowycz</p> <p><b>Finance and Governance Committee</b> Town Clerk, Cllr Scott Edwards, Cllr Lloyd Bunday, Cllr Pandey, Cllr Craig Skinner, Cllr Maggie Don, Cllr James Towns</p> <p><b>South West Kettering (Headlands Community) and Neighbourhood Planning Forum</b> 3 ward members - Cllr Maggie Don, Cllr Scott Edwards, Cllr Eve Edwards</p>
2021/012	<p><b>Appointment of members to the following Twinning Associations Ohlo, Lahnstein and Jamaica</b> Cllr Eve Edwards, Cllr Mark Rowley, Cllr Carolyn Carter</p>
2021/013	<p><b>Adoption of the Council's Freedom of Information Publications Scheme</b> Approved</p>
2021/014	<p><b>GDPR Compliance</b> Approved</p>
2021/015	<p><b>Adoption of the Council's Complaint Policy</b> Approved</p>
2021/016	<p><b>To approve the appointment of external and internal auditors</b> PKF Littlejohn External Auditors £400 for basic limited assurance audit Northants CALC internal Auditors £350 plus £100 onboarding fee Total £850 Approved</p>

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2021/017	<p><b>Review of assets and agreement to prepare the council risk assessment</b> Approved</p>
2021/018	<p><b>Agree to become members of NCALC and agree their training course schedule for new councillors</b> The Clerk confirmed NCALC Membership is £6,657.22 per annum</p> <p>Membership and Training approved</p>
2021/019	<p><b>Adoption of the Coat of Arms</b> A resident spoke against having the supporters on the new Coat of Arms as an image of an unchained slave should be consigned to history and we have the chance to be creating something new.</p> <p>Cllr Clark Mitchell – thanked the speaker for their time and proposed Option B which was having no supporters on the Coat of Arms.</p> <p>Seconded by Cllr Mark Rowley</p> <p>2 Abstentions 18 voted in favour</p>
2021/020	<p><b>Public Speakers</b></p> <p>A resident congratulated Cllr Scott Edwards on becoming Mayor. They also wanted to know what time limit people could expect to be responded to when they contacted the council.</p> <p>Another resident also spoke congratulating the councillors, wished KTC success and how this was a new opportunity for the town council to be more sustainable</p>
2021/021	<p><b>Future Town Council Meeting Dates</b></p> <p>All dates agreed apart from the August date which was to be removed.</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed 7.40pm</p>

Signed

  
Cllr Scott Edwards

Date

21 - July - 21.