

# Kettering Town Council

MINUTES OF THE TOWN MEETING HELD IN THE TOLLER CHURCH ROOMS ,  
MEETING LANE, KETTERING AT 7PM ON THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2022

## Attendees :

The Mayor, Cllr Keli Watts (Chair) and Councillors Lloyd Bunday, Carolyn Carter  
Robin Carter, Dez Dell, Maggie Don, Alexander Evelyn, Anup Pandey, Mark Rowley  
James Towns, Bev Wright, Martyn York

Josie Pearce – parish church  
John McLaren – parish church  
NCC Cllr Paul Marks,  
Greg Titcombe, FORRPP  
Eileen Smith – Kettering Soroptomists  
Penny Moseley – Kettering Soroptomists  
Margaret Wright –Kettering Soroptomists  
Eleanor Patrick – Toller Church  
Kevin Marchand - Headlands Area Residents Association

Martin Hammond, Town Clerk, and Emma Dezelu, Deputy Town Clerk

Item No	Item Description
1	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Eve Edwards, Scott Edwards, Keiron Farrow, Emily Fedorowycz, Clark Mitchell, and Daniel Perrett, Simon Cox, North Northants Business Network and Jo Moore Accommodation Concern.</p>
2	<p><b>Welcome from the Mayor</b></p> <p>The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was primarily about the Town Council's budget but that did not preclude anyone from raising any other issue that was of concern to them. .</p>
3	<p><b>Presentation on the Town Council's Budget</b></p> <p>The Town Clerk gave a presentation on the Council's current and proposed budgets, on the Council's corporate priorities and on those items that the Council would be adding into its budget for 2023/24.</p> <p>The main changes in the budget for next year was an additional sum to pay for Kettering by the Sea and for the whole cost of Christmas lights, as well as increases in the employee costs arising</p>

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from increased resources agreed by Council and the 22/23 pay award.

The provision from the 22/23 budget for public toilets would be held in a reserve account and supplemented by a smaller requirement in the 23/24 year, so as to gather enough money to provide for and run new public toilets in 2023.

There followed an opportunity for questions. Arising from those questions, it was proposed that

- KTC needed to increase its profile and that the content of some of the boards on display at the meeting could be used to help explain its role and priorities more widely.
- That KTC should consider developing an environmental audit to measure its current and future environmental impact. It was noted that NNC would be conducting a similar exercise in the near future.

Attendees welcomed the opportunity to work more closely with the Town Council on their events.

It was requested that in future, wider publicity is given to traffic orders which closed streets in support of events.

**Meeting closed 7.45pm**

Signed  
Date

(chair)