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MINUTES OF THE FULL KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOLLER CHURCH ROOMS, MEETING LANE, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 17th JANUARY 2024

Attendees: Cllr Emily Fedorowycz (Mayor) (Chair)

Cllrs Lloyd Bunday, Maggie Don, Eve Edwards, Scott Edwards, Alexander Evelyn, Clark Mitchell, Anup Pandey, Daniel Perrett, Mark Rowley, Craig Skinner, James Towns, Sarah Tubbs, Keli Watts, and Bev Wright

Town Clerk: Martin Hammond

No of Public Present: 1

Item No	Item Description
2023/072	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Carolyn and Robin Carter, Cllr Dez Dell, Cllr Keiran Farrow and Cllr Martyn York
2023/073	Declarations of Interest None
2023/074	Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on 13 th December 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record.
2023/075	Public Speakers None
2023/076	Announcements from the Mayor The Mayor reminded members of the Holocaust memorial day event on 26 th January, at 2pm, in the Manor House Museum Gardens. She asked members to stand for a minute's silence for Byrn Morgan, who had been Mayor of Kettering in 1996/7 and a long serving member of Kettering Borough Council.



	<p>She additionally referenced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The next Town Meeting on 21st February- The Accommodation Concern Quiz and sleep out in aid of homelessness this coming weekend- The current Love Wildlife Competition being open for entries- Some recent engagements she had fulfilled
2032/077	<p>Announcements from the Leader</p> <p>The Leader also referenced the death of Cllr Mike Tebbutt who had been a long serving member of Kettering Borough Council.</p> <p>Remarking on the recent planning decision at appeal, to refuse the application for employment land at Weekly Hall Woods, he commented on the wisdom of working collaboratively with the applicant to find a satisfactory way forward for the future of the site.</p> <p>Finally, he advertised the ongoing consultation on NNC's budget for the coming year.</p>
2032/078	<p>Crime and anti-social behaviour figures for the year to date</p> <p>These were noted.</p>
2023/079	<p>Highways and Pavement Maintenance</p> <p>Graeme Kane, Rob Carroll and Jon Sutton attended from NNC and Kier to explain how they approached highway and pavement maintenance, how repairs were assessed, prioritised and implemented, and what inspection and monitoring regimes were in place. Current performance was outlined.</p> <p>Members asked questions about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Referring repairs to some other agencies- How the quality of repairs was ensured, given that some roads appeared to have repeated problems in much the same locations- What advice residents should be given about making insurance claims- Particular problems with tree roots damaging pavements and transparency about the costs and remedies for this- The need to enforce against the blocking of pavements by refuse bins and parked vehicles- The need to get upstream of the issue of repairs, with a scheduled maintenance programme stretching into the future



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- New technologies that could be deployed- Yellow line enforcement and the very elongated process for making new TROs to introduce new restrictions <p>It was agreed that members would follow up with details to Graeme Kane about hotspot locations and that he would contact those members who had described particular hotspots during the meeting.</p> <p>NNC and Kier were thanked for their attendance and presentation and their candid responses.</p>
2023/080	<p>Highway restrictions Consultation by NNC</p> <p>A report was submitted which set out 8 proposed traffic regulations orders across town.</p> <p>Members queried two of those proposed orders and</p> <p>RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The proposal to introduce a 5 tonne weight limit throughout the Telford Way Industrial estate be opposed, on the basis that this would prevent most businesses there from continuing to operate and was far too low a limit.b) The proposal to introduce a new “loading only” bay in St Andrews Rd be modified to allow residential parking at times of the day when loading was not required by adjacent retail premises, so as to preserve as much of the residential parking capacity as possible.
2023/081	<p>Precept and Budget for 2024/5</p> <p>Members considered the proposed budget as set out in the papers, and it was unanimously</p> <p>RESOLVED that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The budget set out in the papers be approved in the sum of £504,550 and thatb) A precept of £490,000 be requested of North Northamptonshire Council, resulting in a Band D equivalent council tax of £28.68.



2023/082	<p>Website hosting</p> <p>A report was presented which described the need to replace or transfer the current website hosting arrangement and seeking permission to progress finding a new provider within a short timescale. It was verbally reported that it was likely that the decision could now be made by Finance and Governance Ctte at its meeting on the 24th January, but the added flexibility sought within the report would still be useful.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the task of procuring any new website hosting arrangement be delegated to the clerk, in conjunction with the chair of Finance and Governance Committee, where the timetable for doing so does not permit for reports to Council or Finance and Governance Committee.</p>
2023/083	<p>Appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2024/5</p> <p>It was moved by Cllr Skinner and seconded by Cllr Mitchell and</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cllr Alexander Evelyn be nominated for the post of Deputy Mayor for 2024/5.</p> <p>For the motion 13; Against 0 Abstentions 2</p>
2023/084	<p>Planning Committee</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the 6th December and a summary of the proceedings from the meeting in January were reported and noted.</p>
	<p>The meeting was closed at 8.15 pm.</p>

Signed

Date