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MINUTES OF THE FULL KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOLLER CHURCH ROOMS, MEETING LANE, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 20TH MARCH 2024

Attendees: Cllr Emily Fedorowycz (Mayor) (Chair)

Cllrs Lloyd Bunday, Carolyn Carter, Robin Carter, Dez Dell, Maggie Don, Eve Edwards, Scott Edwards, Alexander Evelyn, Kieran Farrow, Clark Mitchell, Anup Pandey, Mark Rowley, Craig Skinner, James Towns, Sarah Tubbs, Keli Watts and Bev Wright.

Officers present:- Martin Hammond and Emma Dezelu

No of Public Present: 3

Item No	Item Description
2023/085	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Tubbs and York
2023/086	Declarations of Interest None
2023/087	Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on 17 th January 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record,
2023/088	Public Speakers Alison Holland advised that she was present in case there was a discussion about item 97 (Shopmobility) where Brightwayz might be able to help.
2023/089	Announcements from the Mayor The Mayor provided Council with information about her forthcoming and recent Mayoral events and referenced the Council's imminent events. The events brochure had been circulated to all members and more copies were available to take and circulate more widely.



	<p>She commented on the successful campaign to change the new parking policy at Sainsbury's and thanked all those who had helped influence Sainsbury's decision. She also described visits to two new employers making a difference on climate change, on the Strictly for Sebastian event which had raised £56,000 for KGH and the outcomes of the Town meeting.</p> <p>The clerk was invited to reinforce the rules on the ward initiatives fund this year, which would be disrupted by planned and likely election timetables and which had been set out in an email that morning to all members.</p>
2023/090	<p>Announcements from the Leader</p> <p>None</p>
2023/091	<p>Kettfest 2024</p> <p>Zoe Martin described the shape and arrangements for Kettfest, which was taking place on 22nd June across the town centre. The event was being part funded by the Kettering Cultural Consortium and Zoe was seeking support from members from their ward initiatives fund towards the event, for particular performances or facilities. Members subsequently spoke to Zoe directly about what they were willing to sponsor.</p>
2023/092	<p>Crime and anti-social behaviour figures for xxxx 2022</p> <p>These were submitted and noted.</p>
2023/093	<p>Protocol for member participation in events management</p> <p>A report was submitted which set out a draft protocol to help guide officers and members when organising events, where members were actively involved in working on an event. The report had been approved by the Finance and Governance Committee for submission to Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the protocol as set out in the report be approved</p>
2023/094	<p>Investment Strategy</p> <p>A report was submitted which included a draft investment strategy to guide the Council's future investment decisions. The report had been approved by the Finance and Governance Committee for submission to Council.</p>



	<p>The Council's budget had now grown to the point that it exceeded the trigger for preparing an investment strategy as set out in national guidance. The strategy provided guidelines for how the Council should deploy its surplus funds and reserves and was aligned with its financial regulations and banking practice.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the investment strategy as set out in the report, be approved.</p>
2023/095	<p>Insurance Policy 2024-5</p> <p>A report was submitted seeking approval to award the insurance contract to Zurich Municipal Ltd. They had been the only insurer to submit a quote as part of a recent tendering exercise, and their quote was less than the budget estimate.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the tender by Zurich Municipal in the sum of £2927.86 be approved.</p>
2023/096	<p>Nomination to Hanwood Park Community Trust Board</p> <p>In response to an invitation to appoint a member to the emerging Hanwood Park Community Trust Board, it was moved by Cllr Bunday and seconded by Cllr Scott Edwards and</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cllr Alexander Evelyn be so appointed for the coming 12 months.</p>
2023/097	<p>Shopmobility</p> <p>A report was submitted which set out the circumstances by which Shopmobility in Kettering was facing the non renewal of their grant from NNC, without which it probably could not continue in operation after the end of March 2024. The Town Council had been asked to consider making a grant to allow the service to continue. The report proposed various options for the Council to consider and the meeting was updated on conversations that had taken place over the past few days with other parties on ways of ensuring the service continued.</p> <p>It was agreed that measures needed to be put in place which prevented the service from a premature closure after the end of March and that the Town Council should work to bring parties together to ideally arrive at a long term solution. At the same time, the Town Council could not step into the shoes of the local authority and replace lost grants and should not seek to do so in this case.</p>



	<p>RESOLVED that authority to be delegated to the clerk, together with the Leader and the Chair of Finance and Governance Committee, to make decisions over the next few weeks which maintained the service's continuation but which did not involve any financial commitment by the Town Council.</p>
2023/098	<p>Revision to Town Lottery policy</p> <p>A report was submitted which proposed amendments to the policy on making Town Lottery Grants, which had been considered and agreed by the Finance and Governance Committee and was recommended to Council for adoption.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) That future lottery grants be confined to one single award each financial yearb) That in 2024, the subject area against which proposals will be sought will be culturec) That in 2024, Kettering Cultural Consortium be consulted on any potential award before it is made.
2023/099	<p>Neighbourhood Planning Committee</p> <p>Cllr Scott Edwards introduced the minutes of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee and explained the point the committee had reached in laying out the scope and coverage of a new neighbourhood plan for Kettering. the committee had recommended that a workshop involving all members should take place to ensure that there was broad and firm support for the proposals before the process was begun in earnest and consultants employed to take it forward.</p> <p>RESOLVED to hold a members' workshop for all members on the scope and coverage of the neighbourhood plan.</p>
2023/100	<p>Planning Committee</p> <p>The Minutes of the meetings held on 10th January and 14th February were introduced and summarised by the committee chair and noted.</p>



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2023/101	<p>Finance and Governance Committee</p> <p>The minutes of the meetings held on 24th January and 28th February were introduced and summarised by the committee chair and noted.</p>
2023/102	<p>Market and Events Committee</p> <p>The minutes of the meetings held on 31st January and 6th March were introduced and summarised by the committee chair and noted. The Cahir updated on discussions which had taken place with the Royal British Legion about Remembrance Sunday arrangements and with potential providers about a running event next march</p> <p>The events brochure for 2024 had been published and was being distributed and members each had a copy provided. Members expressed their appreciation for the work of the committee and the offices in assembling this year's programme of events.</p> <p>Cllr Scott Edwards also referenced the results of the Santa's Grotto which had been jointly provided by Newlands and the Town Council and which had raised £1400 for Cransley Hospice; the pricing structure had been greatly appreciated by users. The arrangements would be repeated in 2024.</p>
2023/103	<p>Town Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the Town Forum on 21st February were noted.</p>
	<p>The meeting was closed at 7.50pm.</p>

Signed

Date