



MINUTES OF THE FULL KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOLLER CHURCH ROOMS, MEETING LANE, KETTERING AT 6.30PM ON 10TH JULY 2024

Attendees: Cllr Craig Skinner (Mayor) (Chair)

Cllrs Lloyd Bunday, Robin Carter, Dez Dell, Maggie Don, Eve Edwards, Scott Edwards, Alexander Evelyn, Emily Fedorowycz, Clark Mitchell, Daniel Perrett, Craig Skinner, James Towns, Sarah Tubbs, Keli Watts (from 6.45pm) , Bev Wright and Martyn York.

Officers: Martin Hammond and Emma Dezelu

No of Public Present: 4

| Item No | Item Description |
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| 2024/016 | Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Carolyn Carter, Anup Pandey and Mark Rowley |
| 2024/017 | Declarations of Interest None |
| 2024/018 | Minutes The minutes of the annual meeting held on 15 th May 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record, |
| 2024/019 | Public Speakers None received |
| 2024/020 | Announcements from the Mayor The Mayor commented on the success of Kettfest and on visits he made to the Guildhall to listen to the Northamptonshire Music Performing Arts Trust youth concert, the Hope UK open day and the Ripple Effect exhibition provided by Picture the Difference at the William Knibb. |



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| 2024/021 | Announcements from the Leader None |
| 2024/022 | Policing, Crime and anti-social behaviour Inspector Matt Rock, accompanied by sergeants Hollie Callaghan and Mark Walsh attended the meeting to update on recent police activity and planned engagement activities with local residents. The crime and ASB statistics for the year to date were provided. These showed sustained drops in crime levels and in ASB incidents. Councillors asked about <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The incidence of sexual offences and what the police were doing to engage with young people in particular- The prospect of evening SB in the town centre increasing over the summer and how this could be pre-empted. The police had not yet had the offered contact from the Royal Hotel to discuss use of their premises. |
| 2024/023 | Accommodation Concern John Perry from Accommodation Concern addressed members and outlined the work of Accommodation Concern and the profile of clients and their concerns. Benefits work not exceeded housing and debt inquiries. It was proving harder to maintain engagement with some clients experiencing mental health issues but the overall proportion of clients with mental health needs had increased significantly. John also acknowledged the support from the Town Council. |
| 2024/024 | Financial Regulations A report was submitted which sought approval for a new set of financial regulations. The new regulations took into account the recent publication of a national model set of rules, and responded to recommendations from the internal auditor to develop a bad debts policy, and to enhance the detail in the asset register. Finally, new spending limits were proposed to reflect the impact of inflation on the existing provisions. The bad debts policy wording had been considered and agreed already by the Finance and Governance Committee. Members considered the inclusion of paragraph 3.6 which required councillors in debt for council tax arrears to declare this and not take part in decisions about the Council's budget and precept. Given the |



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| | <p>difficulty in enforcement of this provision, it was agreed to seek the views of the NNC Monitoring officer on the inclusion of the clause.</p> <p>RESOLVED that approval be given to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The proposed text of the financial regulations as set out in Appendix One to the report, with the exception of clause 3.6, pending the views of the NNC Monitoring Officerb) The debt write off policy as set out in paragraph 9 of the regulationsc) The new requirements on the details of the asset register as set out in paragraph 14 of the regulationsd) Changes in the quotations and tendering procedure triggers as set out in paragraph 11 of the regulationse) Changes to the limits on spending under emergency powers and the use of the Council's payment cardf) Corresponding changes to Standing Orders to reflect (d) aboveg) The appointment of Cllr Maggie Don to conduct bank reconciliation with the clerk each month. |
| 2024/025 | <p>Events Policy Statement</p> <p>A report was submitted which sought approval for the adoption of an Events Policy Statement. This brought together into a single document the Council's aims and objectives for providing events, its policy and practice and the standards to which it would operate. It built on the experience of the last two years and sought to capture all the Council's related policies.</p> <p>Members continued to show their appreciation of the work to provide the events programme</p> <p>RESOLVED that the proposed events policy statement be adopted.</p> |



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| 2024/026 | <p>Central Kettering Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>A report was submitted which asked Council to agree on the extent of the proposed neighbourhood plan for the central area of Kettering and to make an application to the planning authority to designate the intended area accordingly. The report outlined the options the Council had and summarised the discussion at the workshop held on 12th June. Members agreed that a designated area to which the plan's policies would apply should nevertheless involve engaging the whole community across town in its design given the centrality of the town centre to the plans coverage</p> <p>RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) North Northamptonshire Council be asked to designate the area shown in gold and purple on the plan included within the report as a Neighbourhood Plan Area entitled "Central Kettering Neighbourhood Plan"b) That the community engagement for the development of this Neighbourhood Plan be designed so that it seeks to inform and engage residents of the whole town, in anticipation that all residents may be entitled to vote in an eventual referendum |
| 2024/027 | <p>Planning Committee</p> <p>The minutes and proceedings of the Planning Committee on 8th May and 5th June were reported and noted.</p> |
| 2024/028 | <p>Finance and Governance Committee</p> <p>The minutes and proceedings of the Finance and Governance Committee on 1st May and 19th June were reported and noted. The chair drew attention to the decisions to provide core grants to some local voluntary groups and to the decision to commission an anti-social behaviour reporting system from the Business Crime Partnership for a trial year.</p> |
| 2024/029 | <p>Market and Events Committee</p> <p>The minutes and proceedings of the Planning Committee on 26th June were reported and noted. Members asked about the functionality of the Market Place fountains. It was still hoped that this would be operational shortly.</p> |



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| 2024/030 | Town Meeting The minutes and proceedings of the meeting on the 22 nd May were reported and noted. The theme for the next meeting in September was "Getting Ready for winter" |
| | The meeting was closed at 7.17pm. |

Signed

Date