

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Daventry Town Council held at Town Council Offices, 3 New Street, Daventry on Monday, 25th March 2024 at 6.30pm

Cllr Ted Nicholl – Chairman

Councillors:

Mike Arnold
Scott Cameron
Stephen Dabbs
Dawn Branigan
Lynn Jones
Alan Knape
Phillip Silk-Neilsen
Wendy Randall
Lynne Taylor
Katie Thurston
Karen Tweedale

IN ATTENDANCE: Deborah Jewell, Chief Officer (CO)
Sarah Fox, Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)
5 Members of the public
0 Member of the press

OPEN FORUM.

A representative from the Drayton Grange Football Club spoke in support of the application to vary the Licence to occupy The Headlands Recreation Ground to facilitate an increase in the number of teams and need for more pitch space to train.

Following agreement with all those present, the Chair moved item TC2403.2 to the first item on the Agenda.

TC2403.2 CITIZENS ADVICE – WEST NORTHANTS AND CHERWELL

Pat Coomber-Wood, Chief Executive Officer for Citizens Advice West Northamptonshire and Cherwell (CAWNAC) thanked Daventry Town Council for its continued financial support. Through the support of the Town Council, over 800 households in Daventry have contacted Citizen's Advice because they are living in a negative budget. Ms Coomber-Wood advised that their organisation is seeing a widening group of people struggling to pay their bills, in particular working families and pensioners. The funding provided by the Town Council has helped provide training and the tools for advisors to help families manage their debts on a daily basis, in fact over £500,000 of funding has been generated to help working families and pensioners whose income is less than their outgoings.

The Chair thanked Ms Coomber-Wood for updating the Council on the work of CAWNAC, in Daventry, and reaffirmed its commitment to provide funding for 2024/25.

TC2403.1 NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Inspector Wakeman, Daventry and South Northamptonshire Sector Commander gave members a brief update on Policing matters in Daventry Town. He advised that following numerous reports of items being thrown off the Curly Wurly bridge on the A45 (Stefan Way), onto passing traffic and a near fatal incident involving a metal fence being dropped onto the windscreen of a lorry, the youths responsible had been apprehended and are being dealt with through the appropriate legal processes. Members expressed concern that this may not stop



the incidents happening again, Inspector Wakeman advised it was still a high priority and various agencies and organisations, including the Town Council were meeting to consider options to prevent incidents like this occurring again.

Inspector Wakeman also advised that extensive work had been undertaken by the Neighbourhood Policing Team, to reduce the supply of drugs and drug related ASB in the community and was pleased to report that warrants raised, based on intelligence received from the community, had resulted in a number of ongoing investigations and arrests that have shown a noticeable reduction in violence, especially in the weekend night-time economy.

Inspector Wakeman shared more positive news in relation to funding being provided by the Office of the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner for the provision of Police Officers and/or PSCOs to carry out Pulse Patrols in specific areas of Northamptonshire. Daventry had been chosen for extra patrols in the Town Centre, where patrols will be deployed for 3 hours, spending 15 minutes at each of the designated locations within that time, to keep their presence “fresh” and “new”.

Members thanked Inspector Wakeman and Sargeant Harrison for their very informative and positive update.

TC2403.2 CITIZENS ADVICE – WEST NORTHANTS AND CHERWELL

Moved to first item on the Agenda.

TC2403.3 APOLOGIES.

Councillor	Apologies	Resolved
Janet Matthews	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Malcolm Ogle	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Glenda Simmonds	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Holly Steenson	Received and considered	Apologies Approved

TC2403.4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Councillor	Declaration Of Interest	Minute Number
Ted Nicholl	Non-pecuniary. Applicants for the licence to occupy land on The Medway known to him through his voluntary work at the Dementia Café, Daventry.	TC2403.9(ii)
Alan Knappe	Non-pecuniary. Daughter is a member of Drayton Grange Football Club.	TC2403.9(i)
Karen Tweedale	Non-pecuniary. Resident of Middlemore.	TC2403.6

TC2403.5 MINUTES.

RESOLVED:	That the minutes (Appendix 1) of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 26 th February 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.
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TC2403.6 PLANNING APPLICATION - 2024/0598/FULL - LAND OFF FARNBOROUGH DRIVE, DAVENTRY.

The Chief Officer advised that due to unforeseen circumstances, the representatives for the proposed development on land off Farnborough Drive, Daventry were unable to attend the meeting to feedback on the planning application.

TC2403.7 WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT.

Councillor	Ward	Apologies	Report
David James	Daventry East	None Received	None Received
Peter Matten	Daventry East	In attendance	None Received
Colin Morgan	Daventry East	None Received	None Received
Terry Gilford	Daventry West	None Received	None Received
Lauryn Harrington-Carter	Daventry West	None Received	None Received
Wendy Randall	Daventry West	In attendance as DTC member	
Alan Chantler	Braunston & Crick	None Received	None Received
Rosie Humphreys	Braunston & Crick	Received	None Received
Malcolm Longley	Braunston & Crick	None Received	None Received

TC2403.8 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

RESOLVED:	<p>That the reports of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Parks, Open Spaces & Environment Committee – 4th March 2024 (ii) Planning & Development Committee – 6th March 2024 (iii) Finance & Policy Committee - 11th March 2024 <p>Be received and the following recommendations considered for approval:</p> <p>Parks, Open Spaces & Environment Committee – 4th March 2024</p> <p>OS2403.4 LICENCES</p> <p>That approval be given for the delegation of authority to approve the issue of licences relating to land and assets owned by Daventry Town Council to the Finance and Policy Committee, as of 1st April 2024 and</p> <p>That the Council dissolve the Parks, Open Spaces & Environment Committee and amend the terms of reference for the Finance and Policy Committee to include the role and responsibilities of this committee, at the Annual Town Meeting to be held on 20th May 2024.</p> <p>OS2403.7 PLAY AREA</p> <p>That Cllrs Arnold, Knape, Randall, Taylor, Thurston, and Tweedale be appointed on a working group to explore a suitable location for new play/activity provision in Daventry Town Centre.</p> <p>OS2403.8 COUNCIL ASSETS</p> <p>That approval be given for the granting of a Licence to Futures Housing Group to facilitate works to be carried out on public open space at Rodney Close and Blake Close, Southbrook.</p> <p>Finance & Policy Committee - 11th March 2024</p> <p>FP2403.4 LICENCE TO OCCUPY LAND – See item TC2403.9 (ii)</p> <p>Recommendation to consider approval to issue a one-year licence to occupy land on The Medway, and that due to the needs of the resident all costs be waived relating to the issue of the Licence be waived.</p>
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<p>FP2403.6 POLICIES</p> <p>Treasury Policy be approved.</p> <p>FP2403.7 INTERNAL FINANCIL CHECK</p> <p>That Cllr Tweedale be appointed to review Quarter 4/Year End Financial Check, in partnership with Cllrs Arnold and Thurston.</p>
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TC2403.9 PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, DAVENTRY - LICENCE TO OCCUPY.

<p>RESOLVED:</p>	<p>That approval be given to</p> <p>(i) Drayton Grange Football Club – for a variation to their Licence to Occupy land known as The Headlands Recreation Ground during the week and weekends for the purpose of football training and football matches.</p> <p>(ii) Residents of The Medway, Daventry – for a Licence to Occupy land owned by Daventry Town Council to enable a pathway to be constructed to enable access and egress of a wheelchair/mobility scooter from their residence.</p>
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TC2403.10 PRIDE PARTY IN THE PARK – 29th JUNE 2024.

The Chief Officer advised that Pride Party in the Park Daventry 2024 was to be led by Northampton University replacing West Northamptonshire Council as the co-ordinator of the 2024 event. Daventry Town Council would continue to support via their social media.

TC2403.11 SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998.

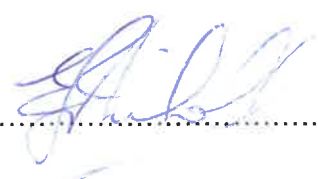
- (i) **COMMUNITY POLICING.** Members noted the report from the Sponsored PCSO.
- (ii) **COMMUNITY SAFETY.** Members noted the report from the Community Ranger.
- (iii) **CCTV.** Report noted.

TC2403.12 CORRESPONDENCE.

The Chief Officer advised receipt of a Road Traffic Regulation Order reducing the speed limit to 40mph on the A361 between the new Micklewell Roundabout and the junction to Ashby St Ledgers.

TC2403.13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Monday 29th April 2024.

The meeting closed at 19:23 hours.

SIGNED.......... DATED..... *29 April 2024*