

## DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of Daventry Town Council held at Town Council Offices, 3 New Street, Daventry on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 6.30pm

Cllr Karen Tweedale – Chairman

#### **Councillors:**

Ian Adkins  
Mike Arnold  
Stephen Dabbs  
Janet Matthews  
Malcolm Ogle  
Wendy Randall  
Phillip Silk-Neilsen  
Glenda Simmonds  
Lynne Taylor

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Deborah Jewell - Chief Officer (CO)  
0 Members of the Public  
0 Members of the Press

#### **OPEN FORUM.**

None.

#### **TC2412.1. APOLOGIES.**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Resolved</b>
Dawn Branigan	None received	None Approved
Scott Cameron	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Lynn Jones	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Alan Knape	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Ted Nicholl	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Katie Thurston	Received and considered	Apologies Approved

#### **TC2412.2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests declared.

#### **TC2412.3. MINUTES.**

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the minutes (Appendix 1) of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.
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#### **TC2412.4. WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT.**

Members referred to the West Northamptonshire Councillor report, submitted by WNC Councillor Rosie Humphreys and

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Report</b>
David James	Daventry East	None received	None Received
Peter Matten	Daventry East	None received	None Received
Colin Morgan	Daventry East	None received	None Received
Terry Gilford	Daventry West	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	Received	None Received
Rosie Humphreys	Braunston & Crick	Received	Received
Malcolm Longley	Braunston & Crick	None Received	None Received

**TC2412.5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	<p>That the reports of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Finance, Policy &amp; Assets Committee – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024</li> <li>(ii) Planning &amp; Development Committee – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024</li> </ul> <p>Be received and the following recommendations considered for approval:</p> <p><b>Finance &amp; Policy Committee – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b></p> <p><b>FP2411.05 POLICIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Hospitality and gifts, as amended be approved.</li> </ul>
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**TC2412.6. SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998**

**(i) COMMUNITY SAFETY.**

The Chief Officer advised members that the youth intervention work was progressing positively as service providers were being identified to work together to provide support services to some of the families and the schools.

**(ii) COMMUNITY RANGER.** None received.

**(iii) CCTV.** None received.

**TC2412.7. CONSULTATIONS.**

Members referred to the following consultations and concurred that due to the variety of opinions and differing responses to each of the questions within each consultation, members should respond on an individual basis.

- (i) Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government Enabling Remote Attendance and Proxy Voting at Local Authority Meetings. <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-standards-and-conduct/remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting/> Deadline for submission of comments Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- (ii) West Northamptonshire Council School Admission Arrangements for September 2026 intakes. [Consultation on school admission arrangements for September 2026 intakes](#) Deadline for submission of comments Tuesday 31st December 2024
- (iii) West Northamptonshire Council Polling District and Polling Place Review 2024. [Polling District and Polling Place Review 2024](#) Deadline for submission of comments Sunday 5th January 2025
- (iv) West Northamptonshire Council Sexual Health and Reproductive Services Delivery April 2025. [Have your say on the way Sexual Health and Reproductive Services are delivered - West Northamptonshire Council - Citizen Space.](#) Deadline for submission of comments Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**TC2412.8. CORRESPONDENCE.**

Chairman, Cllr Karen Tweedale advised members of a letter received from the Dem Café, thanking the previous Chairman/Mayor for the donation from his mayoral fund-raising events.

Cllr Karen Tweedale also advised members of an email received from a resident, supporting the decision to cancel the Christmas market and praising the Council for the all the work done by the team in organising engaging events.

**TC2412.9. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS.**

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	to exclude the press and public from the meeting prior to consideration of the following items on the agenda on the grounds that exempt information (as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) is likely to be disclosed.
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**TC2412.10. STAFF MATTERS.**

The personnel panel presented the 25/26 budget proposals, and it was

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	to approve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a budget of £456,861.00, based on predicted pay offer of 5% being agreed by NJC and the unions, for the financial year 25/26, and</li> <li>• Any shortfall in 2025/26 to be funded via the general reserve, and</li> <li>• The total amount of the shortfall be considered for inclusion in the precept in the financial year 26/27.</li> </ul>
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Members then considered a report on arrangements for the recruitment of a Chief Officer and in consideration of the Town Council’s budget of approximately £1.6m and remit to deliver a wide range of services, together with its ambition to meet the needs of the community, it was

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	to recruit a Chief Officer within the NJC band for LC4 Substantive, SCP 50-54, £62,377 - £70,065 and seek a candidate with the capacity to achieve LC4 Above.
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**TC2412.11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

The date of next Town Council meeting will be Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

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