

## DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of Daventry Town Council held at Town Council Offices, 3 New Street, Daventry on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 6.30pm

Cllr Ted Nicholl – Chairman

**Councillors:**

Mike Arnold  
Scott Cameron  
Stephen Dabbs  
Lynn Jones  
Alan Knape  
Janet Matthews  
Phillip Silk-Neilsen  
Malcolm Ogle  
Wendy Randall  
Glenda Simmonds  
Holly Steenson  
Lynne Taylor  
Katie Thurston

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Deborah Jewell, Chief Officer (CO)  
Sarah Fox, Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)  
0 West Northamptonshire Council Councillor  
Harrison Daventry Neighbourhood Police Sergeant  
1 Members of the public  
0 Member of the press

#### **OPEN FORUM.**

Sgt Harrison of the Neighbourhood Policing Team introduced himself and advised members he would like to speak, on Policing matters in the Town, under Agenda item TC2403.11(i) Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Community Policing. There being no objections, the Chair brought forward item TC2402.11 to the first item on the Agenda.

#### **TC24.02.11 SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998.**

##### **(i) COMMUNITY POLICING.**

Sgt Harrison spoke on ongoing issues with itinerant persons being aggressive and anti-social in the Town and residential areas. He advised that the Police were doing everything within their powers to manage the situations and were hopeful that on the submission of numerous reports other Agencies would take appropriate action to resolve the situation.

Sgt Harrison advised members of the ongoing serious issue with young people throwing various sized items over the 'curly wurly' bridge onto vehicles travelling along Stefan Way (A45). This was of particular concern to the Police as incidents of this nature could result in a fatality and the Sgt asked members of the Council to do everything in their power to help resolve this serious issue. Members advised they were not supportive of demolishing the bridge but would help in any way possible and put pressure on West Northamptonshire Council Community Safety Team and Highways to source appropriate resource to deal with this matter.

Sgt Harrison finished with news of several operations to reduce the supply of drugs in the town had been successful.

(ii) **COMMUNITY SAFETY.**

Members referred to the Rangers report and applauded the work she did within the community.

The CO drew member's attention to the attendance of the Community Ranger to the Pride Event and that since writing her report West Northamptonshire Council had advised all partners supporting this event that they would no longer take the lead and had suggested the Town Council should take on this role. The CO advised this was a decision for Council and members would need to give the office their views to enable the CO to feedback to the other partners. Members asked the CO if the office had the resources to cover the work involved. The CO replied that Town Council staff were able to support but due to the number of events being organised by the Town Council at this time of year, they were not able to take the lead. The CO also advised that the Town Council hadn't included this event in their event's budget for 24/25, so finance was a further consideration.

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the Town Council was supportive of a Pride event but due to the short notice, lack of budget and pressure on Town Council staff, the Town Council were unable to take the lead for the 2024 event.
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(iii) **CCTV.**

The Chief Officer advised members that the recent issues caused by rats gaining access to the ducts containing the fibre network, had been resolved.

Members noted the CCTV reports.

**TC2402.1. PRESENTATION.**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the representatives of West Northamptonshire Council were unable to attend and present to members details of the 2nd phase of the Home Upgrade Grant.

**TC2402.2. APOLOGIES.**

Councillor	Apologies	Resolved
Dawn Branigan	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Karen Tweedale	Received and considered	Apologies Approved

**TC2402.3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests declared.

**TC2402.4. MINUTES.**

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the minutes (Appendix 1) of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 and 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2024, be approved and signed as a correct record.
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**TC2402.5. WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (WNC) COUNCILLOR REPORT.**

Councillor	Ward	Apologies	Report
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	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

**TC2402.6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	<p>That the reports of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Community Services – 5<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>(ii) Finance &amp; Policy Committee - 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024</li> <li>(iii) Planning &amp; Development Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024</li> </ul> <p>Be received (Appendix 2).</p> <p><b>That the following recommendations from the Finance and Policy Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 be approved:</b></p> <p><b>FP2402.4 COMMUNITY GRANTS</b></p> <p>That Daventry Motorcycle Festival be awarded a grant of £3000.00, from the General Fund for the provision of free family entertainment at the Daventry Motorcycle Festival June 2024, and that this be the last payment for this amount, further applications will only be considered up to a maximum amount of £1k.</p> <p><b>FP2402.4 POLICIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Code of Conduct, be approved.</li> <li>(ii) Standing Orders, be approved.</li> <li>(iii) Financial Regulations, be approved.</li> <li>(iv) Asset Register, be approved.</li> <li>(v) Financial Risk Assessment, be approved.</li> <li>(vi) Bee Keeping Agreement and Conditions, be approved.</li> <li>(vii) System of Internal Control, be approved.</li> <li>(viii) Disposal of Open Space/Amenity Land, be approved.</li> <li>(ix) Asset Management Plan, be approved.</li> <li>(x) Flag Policy, be approved.</li> </ul> <p><b>Following approval of FP2402.4 (vii), as amended, it was agreed that</b></p> <p>To ensure the continued effectiveness of internal audit, the Council approves the appointment of their internal auditor via the membership of Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils at a cost of £1750.00 per annum.</p>
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**TC2402.7. COUNCIL INSURANCE AND FIDELITY GUARANTEE 2024/2025.**

The RFO spoke to her report on council insurance policies for 2024/25 and rationale for the agreeing the fidelity guarantee in the amount of £1m. Members noted the decrease of 1.9% in the total cost of insurance for 2024/25, and

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	On consideration of the Council's statement of balances in April 2023 and September 2023, the fidelity guarantee be approved in the sum of £1m.
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**TC2402.8. PLANNING APPLICATION -2024/0598/FULL - LAND OFF FARNBOROUGH DRIVE, DAVENTRY.**

Members considered the aforementioned planning application and reiterated their disappointment that there had not been enough time to arrange a meeting with the developers and meet the deadline for comments, which had been extended to 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The CO advised they submit comments to meet the deadline but continue to seek a meeting with developers to better understand their design codes and submit further comments thereafter.

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	<p>That the Town Council submit comments in relation to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disappointed the original plans have been changed from being a retirement village that would compliment the adjacent care home and provide services and amenities that would enhance the lives of retired people.</li> <li>• Concerns with parking provision not being visible to dwellings creating an ideal space for anti-social behaviour</li> <li>• Parking design resulting in on-road parking, both on the development and on the spinal road, Farnborough Drive.</li> <li>• On-road parking causing issues with service vehicles, especially refuse lorries having to access the parking areas to empty the bins.</li> <li>• Fully support the planting of trees, but developer to ensure they are a species that thrives in urban environments and doesn't harm urban infrastructure.</li> <li>• Concerns with the lack of detail relating to the water area/SUD, which could be a hazard if not managed correctly.</li> </ul>
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**TC2402.9. ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY.**

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the Annual Town Assembly be held on Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2024, at 7pm in the meeting room, at the Arc Cinema, North Street, Daventry.
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**TC2402.10. STAFF MATTERS.**

Members noted and congratulated the Projects Officer on completing and being awarded the Certificate of Local Council Administration.

**TC2402.11. SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998.**

- (i) **COMMUNITY POLICING.**
- (ii) **COMMUNITY SAFETY.**
- (iii) **CCTV.**

Agenda item brought forward and considered prior to the first item in this Agenda.

**TC2402.12. CONSULTATIONS.**

- (i) Have your say on our plans to improve Air Quality - West Northamptonshire Council - Citizen Space Cllr Randall advised members that WNC were monitoring air quality but were doing very little to address the issue. Cllr Arnold commented that due to Daventry's wide verges and relatively open areas within the Town, it did not have an identified need for air quality monitoring.

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That members respond on an individual basis
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- (ii) Post-16 Transport Policy Statement Consultation 2024 - West Northamptonshire Council - Citizen Space Deadline for the submission of comments 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That members respond on an individual basis
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**TC2402.13. CORRESPONDENCE.**

The Chief Officer advised members of an enquiry from a local business to launch a street food festival in Daventry on New Street Park and as per the covenant and policy re licencing of the Towns Open Spaces, this would have to be approved by Council and as the business was proposing 24<sup>th</sup> May as their fist event, the office needed a steer from the council on whether they would consider this application, should the business decide to submit a full application.

Members advised they were supportive of an event of this nature, but full consideration needed to be given to staff resource to open and close the site, genre of music, availability of power to so many food outlets, provision of lighting.

The CO thanked them and confirmed the business would be encouraged to complete an application form, which would be presented to members for their approval.

**TC2402.14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The meeting closed at 20:05 hrs.

SIGNED..........DATED.....25<sup>th</sup> March 2024.....