

**BOROUGH OF KETTERING**

**KETTERING TOWN FORUM**

**Meeting held: 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**Present: Kettering Borough Councillors**

Councillor Lloyd Bunday (Chair)  
Councillor Maggie Don (Deputy Chair)

Councillor Linda Adams  
Councillor Duncan Bain  
Councillor Ash Davies  
Councillor Anne Lee  
Councillor Shirley Lynch  
Councillor Clark Mitchell  
Councillor Mick Scrimshaw  
Councillor Mike Tebbutt  
Councillor Lesley Thurland  
Councillor Keli Watts  
Councillor Jonathan West

**Northamptonshire County Councillors**

Councillor Eileen Hales MBE

**Representatives of Member Organisations**

Julie Mead – (Northamptonshire Police)  
Nathan Murray – (Northamptonshire Police)  
Lesley McCormack – (St Peters & St Paul Parish Church)  
Angela Nitsch – (Resident)  
Josie Madden – (Resident)  
Paul Ansell – (Kettering Civic Society)  
Monica Ozdemir – (Kettering Civic Society)  
Jane Calcott – (Churches Together in Kettering District)

**Also Present**

Shirley Plenderleith (Kettering Borough Council)  
Guy Holloway (Kettering Borough Council)  
John Kinloch (Kettering Borough Council)  
Amy Nimmo (Forum Administrator)

**16.KTF.26 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from The Mayor, Cllr Scott Edwards, Councillors James Burton, Jenny Henson, Philip Hollobone, County Councillor Bill Parker and Myra Bale.

**16.KTF.27 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Kettering Town Forum held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

**16.KTF.28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**16.KTF.29 REPRESENTATIVE ON THE A6 TOWNS FORUM**

There were no volunteers to be the Kettering Town Forum representative on the A6 Towns Forum.

**16.KTF.30 POLICING ISSUES AND STATISTICS**

Inspector Julie Mead introduced herself to the forum and gave a brief outline of her history within the Police.

Sergeant Nathan Murray gave an update on the latest crime statistics for Kettering. The forum heard there was a 10.6% increase in domestic violence and work was being carried out around engaging victims and safeguarding.

Night time economy violence saw a 0.63% decrease and Violence with injury decreased by 4% this was despite a rise in figures nationally.

Kettering had seen an increase in burglary and drug possession offences.

Members of the forum raised concerns regarding anti-social behaviour around the St Andrews church area. Assurance was given that partnership working was being used to attempt to combat the issue and members were urged to report problems to the police.

Members requested information on the situation at Meadow Road Park, where people seemed to be living in tents. Members heard a meeting was being arranged with the Community Safety Officer and the Police to discuss how this could be addressed.

It was noted that the PCC consultation on future priorities had now been published online.

Members requested an update on homelessness in the borough and it was agreed that the Head of Housing be invited to a future meeting to update members on the current situation.

#### **16.KTF.31 WINTER EVENTS**

The Head of Corporate Development attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the planned events in Kettering town centre during the Christmas period.

Members of the forum heard the events had been advertised in local newspapers, social media, lamp post banners, leaflets to school children and television coverage.

Members felt that the events could be better advertised using the gateway signs at entrances to the town. The signs were a good resource and were not being used efficiently for town centre events.

Members requested an update on the 'This is Kettering website' and were informed that a launch was planned for the end of January 2017.

Concerns were raised about rising figures of shoplifting in the town centre and certain shops being targeted. A meeting was to be arranged with the Kettering Retail Crime Initiative and the Council's Community Safety Officer to discuss the issue.

#### **16.KTF.32 PSPOs FOR ALCOHOL CONTROL**

The forum received a report to consult Members on proposals to replace the existing Designated Public Places Order (DPPOs) with a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) as required by the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Kettering Borough Council currently had three separate surviving DPPOs - they were in the town Centre's of Desborough and Burton Latimer, and in the area of the Grange shops in Kettering. They ban alcohol consumption in the public spaces covered. They allow the police to confiscate or dispose of alcohol which is being consumed in the street. The orders had been in place for a number of years, but they would expire in October 2017 if not replaced by a PSPO.

The orders could be replaced with a PSPO which essentially does the same thing, although some of the detailed provisions could be slightly different.

The replacement PSPOs could also contain additional provisions depending on the issues in each location, and they could differ from area to area. Members were reminded that any provisions within the PSPO must meet the requirements of the legislation, that is be evidenced.

The opportunity existed, at the same time, to create new PSPOs for areas currently without one, but with a potential need. Officers were aware that Rothwell, Mill Road Park and Mill Road Pocket Park were areas of interest.

A consultation exercise would have to be conducted if a new PSPO is required and any further restrictions to the existing order. External consultations would include the police, general public, local parish and town councils and any residents groups or known interested parties.

#### **16.KTF.33 WOMENS TOUR 2017**

It was reported that Kettering would be hosting a stage of the Women's Tour 2017. The world class event previously held in the borough attracted footfall, showcased Kettering, supported local businesses, and promoted health and wellbeing and participation in sport.

The date was yet to be confirmed and events in the town to be planned would be dependent on this.

Local businesses would be approached to sponsor the event, with several packages being worked on currently.

#### **16.KTF.34 PHONE BOX REMOVAL**

The forum received a report to consider and formulate a response to British Telecommunications (BT public consultation on the subject of payphone removals in the Borough.

BT contacted KBC's Planning Department in writing on 6<sup>th</sup> October to advise of the public consultation being undertaken as part of its current programme of intended payphone removals. The letter advised that 18 payphones across the Borough had been identified for removal and consultation notices had been posted on each to alert local residents and payphone users to the intended removal. Local communities were provided with the opportunity to "adopt" traditional red phone boxes for the sum of £1.

As stated in Ofcom's 2005 review of universal service in the telecommunications market, it was the responsibility of KBC as a local authority to initiate its own consultation process to obtain the views of the community. This process was being coordinated by KBC's Planning Department. Consultation would be undertaken with all three geographic forums and feedback collated by the Planning Department. Members with specific feedback should do this through the Planning Department

Members felt it was very important to include the parish council's in the consultation.

**16.KTF.35 SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Homelessness Update
- Benefits Update
- Shops in and out of the Town Centre (this item would be discussed when the new Head of Economic Development was appointed)
- Kettering Town Centre Area Action Plan
- Pharmacies – CCG
- Health and Social Care – Northamptonshire County Council

(The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.45 pm)

Signed.....  
Chair

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