

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

KETTERING TOWN FORUM

Meeting held: 27th June 2017

Present: **Kettering Borough Councillors**

Councillor Lloyd Bunday (Chair)
Councillor Duncan Bain
Councillor James Burton
Councillor Ash Davies
Councillor Maggie Don
Councillor Jenny Henson
Councillor Philip Hollobone
Councillor Anne Lee
Councillor Shirley Lynch
Councillor Clark Mitchell
Councillor Lesley Thurland
Councillor Greg Titcombe
Councillor Keli Watts
Councillor Jonathan West
Councillor Paul Marks

Northamptonshire County Councillors

Councillor Eileen Hales MBE

Representatives of Member Organisations

Paul Ansell (Kettering Civic Society)
Monica Ozdemir (Kettering Civic Society)
Julie Mead (Northamptonshire Police)
Scott Little (Northamptonshire Police)

Also Present

Guy Holloway (Kettering Borough Council)
John Hall (Kettering Borough Council)
Callum Galluzzo (Forum Administrator)

17.KTF.01 **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Councillor Lynch proposed and Councillor Davies Seconded that Councillor Lloyd Bunday be the Chair of the Kettering Town Forum for this municipal year.

Councillor Lee proposed and Councillor Watts seconded that Councillor Maggie Don be the Chair of the Kettering Town Forum for this municipal year.

Members cast their votes as follows for the position of Chair:-

Councillor Lloyd Bunday – 10 votes

Councillor Maggie Don – 5 votes

It was therefore

RESOLVED that Councillor Lloyd Bunday be appointed Chair of the Town Forum for the municipal year 2017/18

(Councillor Bunday took the Chair)

17.KTF.02 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

Councillor Watts proposed and Councillor Bunday seconded that Councillor Maggie Don be the Deputy Chair of the Kettering Town Forum for this municipal year. It was therefore

RESOLVED that Councillor Maggie Don be appointed to Deputy Chair of the Town Forum for the municipal year 2017/18

17.KTF.03 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Mick Scrimshaw, Scott Edwards and Ian Jelley

17.KTF.04 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Kettering Town Forum held on 30th January 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

17.KTF.05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

17.KTF.06 REPRESENTATIVE ON THE A6 TOWNS FORUM

Councillor Don volunteered to be the Kettering Town Forum representative on the A6 Towns Forum.

17.KTF.07 POLICING ISSUES AND STATISTICS

Sergeant Scott Little gave an update on the latest crime statistics for Kettering. The forum heard there had been a 3% reduction in the number of recorded crimes in comparison with previous years.

Retail crime including shoplifting and theft had risen over the previous 12 months with an additional 738 incidents being reported. This saw an increase of 24.71% on the previous 12 months. Members of the forum heard that additional crime prevention techniques had been introduced to help combat the rise in crime. Following the introduction of these techniques it was reported that a number of high profile arrests had been made against serial offenders

Members of the forum then heard that there had been an 18% rise in the number of violent offense compared to the previous year. Drug offences had also risen by 21%. It was noted that members of the Police's proactive team had made 57 arrests relating to these offenses. Along with this 77 stop searches and vehicle searches have taken place in relation to these offenses.

Members heard that the Police and partner organisations had been working closer together; the council and the police have also been working closely with the housing and warden teams in gaining closure orders on a number of properties involved in crime.

It was noted that at the next Kettering Town Forum, Inspector Julie Mead will present an item relating to the new policing model and will seek feedback from members of the forum.

Members of the Kettering Civic Society enquired regarding the effectiveness around evening entertainment and night drinking in the town centre in relation to safety.

Members heard that Operation Nightsafe was in pace to safeguard members of the public in the town centre late at night. This involved working with partners such as the street pastors and door staff to recognise individuals who may be vulnerable to protect those who may be at harm. CCTV operators have also been trained in assisting with locating vulnerable individuals as well as setting up a stay safe zone for those who come under this description.

Members of the forum then sought feedback regarding a recent announcement in relation to the Police and Fire Service working closely together.

Members heard that the Police and Fire Service currently work together on a number of projects including joint patrols and prevention works. It was noted that the proposed plan was welcomed and would extend the efficiency and capacity of the force.

16.KTF.41 FLYTIPPING

Environmental Health Manager Jon Hall attended the meeting and gave a presentation on Flytipping in the Borough.

Members of the forum heard that nationally incidents of fly-tipping had shown a steady decline from 2007/08-2012/13 and an increase between 2013/14 and 2015/16. It was noted that the estimated cost of clearance of fly-tipping to local authorities in England in 2015/16 was nearly £50 million.

Members heard how data relating to fly-tipping was captured and that it involved a number of departments within the council. It was noted that statistics in the Borough of Kettering followed those of the national average.

Three Wards were reported as having a large number of fly-tipping incidents. William Knibb reported 284 incidents, St Michaels and Wicksteed reported 277 and All Saints ward reported 233 incidents in 2016/17.

It was heard that a tasking group meet every month to discuss and organise resources to combat hot spots where there is an increase in reported incidents of fly-tipping.

Members heard that there were a number of education projects and campaigns that had been initialised to help reduce the number of fly-tipping incidents. These included the use of leafleting to residents in hotspots and working in conjunction with the "Keep Britain Tidy" campaign.

Members of the forum heard that Environmental Care co-ordinated a project supported by Environmental Health, Northamptonshire Police and the Northamptonshire Fire Service, to deliver a unified approach to tackling issues in Woods Street, Havelock Street, King Street and Regent Street named Project Elizabeth.

Last Year the Environmental wardens investigated a total of 105 fly tipping incidents. Of these ten have resulted in Fixed Penalty

Notices being issued to suspects with one prosecution in court where the defendant was found guilty and ordered to pay a large fine. 23 Fixed Penalty Notices had been issued to people who have been caught littering from their vehicle.

Item / Issue	Summary of Response Given
When educational resources have been sent out, in what languages have they been sent out?	The leaflets have been sent out in the past in a bilingual format to cater for all nationalities in the borough.
What can be done in terms of surveillance of fly-tipping hotspots? Can more be done in terms of CCTV to help investigate incidents?	Cameras in the borough are currently owned and managed by the County Council. We do have access to these but Kettering Borough Council is currently looking at purchasing and installing cameras in these hotspots
What is the current cost to the Council for dealing with incidents of fly tipping and can more be done in terms of setting up community waste skips or waste amnesties to act as a local solution to the problems.	Waster amnesties and community skips have been used in the past in local hot spots where fly tipping incidents have been reported. This is certainly something that can be looked into with the Waste Strategy Group.
A number of shopping trolleys have ended up in the Slade Brook from the neighbouring ASDA supermarket. What can joint work be done with ASDA to combat these issues?	We have not heard or spoken to ASDA regarding these issues but it something that can be achieved and communication can be started with ASDA to look into this.
Has there been a spike in the number of incidents of fly tipping when the local recycling centres are closed.	This can certainly be a reason why there has been a number of increases in the number of reported fly tipping incidents but will liaise with NCC regarding this.

16.KTF.42 SUMMER EVENTS

Head of Corporate & Cultural Services Guy Holloway attended the meeting and gave a presentation about what members could expect from the summer events in the borough and to reflect on past events.

Members received an update regarding the recent Women's Tour cycle race which was held in the Market Place. It was noted that due to difficult timing with the general election and being mid-week,

generally the event was a success and positive feedback was received.

It was noted that a detailed report was currently being written regarding the event and would be fed back to members at a future date.

Members heard that Kettering by the Sea festivities will run for 4 weeks this year from the 21st July to the 19th August. This year's activities include a summer trail, Play schemes and a "Monkeys in the Manor" fun day in the Manor House Museum.

It was heard that the number of summer play schemes visiting neighbouring villages and A6 towns was doubled compared to previous years and that unlike other years; it would be free of charge for children.

Members of the forum then heard that through the Council's social media outlets over 20,000 people has been reached with print media also being advertised in a number of local publications and into schools as well.

Members enquired about the use of sponsorship for the recent Women's Tour Bike Race and how did the council benefit from this.

Members heard that £5000 was raised through local sources and businesses. The aim was to build on relationships with these sponsors to gain possible future sponsorship.

16.KTF.44 SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Items suggested for future meetings of the forum were:-

- Paving issues within the Town Centre
- Town Centre Protection Update
- New Policing Models

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

Signed.....
Chair

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