

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

A6 TOWNS FORUM

Meeting held: 28th June 2017

Present: Councillor John Currall (KBC/RTC) - Chair
Councillor Ruth Groome (KBC/BLTC)
Councillor June Derbyshire (KBC/DTC)
Councillor Andrew Dutton (KBC)
Councillor Christopher Groome (BLTC)
Councillor James Hakewill (NCC)
Councillor Chris Smith-Haynes (NCC)
Councillor Mark Cox (RTC)
Councillor Carolyn Carter (BSPC)
Councillor Peter Cox (BSPC)

Also Present: Martin Hammond (Kettering Borough Council)
Guy Holloway (Kettering Borough Council)
Julie Trahern (Kettering Borough Council)
Sgt Scott Little (Northamptonshire Police)
Anne Ireson (Committee Administrator – KBC)

17.A6TF.01 ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor John Currall be elected Chair of the A6 Towns Forum for the ensuing Municipal year.

17.A6TF.02 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor June Derbyshire be appointed Deputy Chair of the A6 Towns Forum for the ensuing Municipal year.

17.A6TF.03 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Allan Matthews (NCC/DTC), Councillor Ray Davies (RTC), Councillor David Soans (KBC/DTC), Councillor Robin Cutsforth (DTC), Cllr Mark Dearing (KBC) and Cllr Cedwien Brown (KBC/RTC).

17.A6TF.04 MINUTES

In response to a question relating to Minute No. 16.A6TF.50 (Planning Application Consultation with Town Councils) it was agreed that Councillor Hakewill be given an update on the current position regarding the consultation.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the A6 Towns Forum held on 1st February 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

17.A6TF.05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

17.A6TF.06 POLICE STATISTICS

Sergeant Scott Little attended the meeting to present the crime statistics for the A6 Towns over the last 24 months.

It was reported that crime was now recorded in individual wards. Theft was also recorded slightly differently.

In Barton Seagrave 13 fewer crimes had been recorded over the last 12 months. A number of robberies had been recorded, some of these committed by children of school age. One offender had been apprehended.

In Burton Latimer, criminal damage had increased, as had violence offences.

Desborough had recorded an increase of 88 offences, including drug offences and thefts from motor vehicles. Violence offences had also increased.

In Rothwell, drug-related and burglaries had increased.

A number of community protection notice warnings in relation to antisocial behaviour had been issued, in partnership with the Council. Hotspots included the Leisure Centre, the Grange estate and Dunkirk Avenue park in Desborough. In Rothwell the Skate Park was also considered to be a hotspot. Latimer Arts College was a hotspot in Barton Seagrave, but this was mainly linked to the robberies

previously mentioned committed by school age children. Pupils had been excluded from school as a result.

In Burton Latimer, speeding, parking, drugs and antisocial behaviour was a problem in some areas and were being targeted by the police. 96 warning letters and 13 speeding tickets had been issued.

The police had supported some local events recently, including the Local Elections, the General Election and the Women's Tour.

Discussion was held on decriminalised parking progress following a meeting between the Kettering Borough Council and Northamptonshire County Council in May 2016. It was noted that a further meeting was planned for 29th June and it was hoped that progress would be made following this meeting.

It was **AGREED** that Decriminalised Parking be placed on the agenda for the meeting on 13th September

In response to a question, it was noted that separate records of Domestic Violence incidents were not reported for the purposes of the Crime Statistics, although the police did hold separate records.

Sgt Little was thanked for his attendance.

17.A6TF.07 SUMMER EVENTS

A presentation was given by the Head of Corporate Development on the Borough's Summer Events for 2017. The presentation included feedback on the Women's Tour, which took place on 7th June.

Discussion was held on the use of Social Media to publicise events and town councillors were urged to contact the Council if they were aware of any events in the A6 towns which might be included on social media pages.

Town councillors were advised that the Borough Council could help with promotion of events in other ways, such as through advertisements. However, information on events was required several months in advance if inclusion in 'What's On' was to be requested.

17.A6TF.08 INFORMATION ITEMS

Newsround

Rothwell

The Carnival was due to take place on 8th July. On 30th September and 1st October a Rock 'n' Roll event with music and barbecue was planned. The Town Centre Partnership was also organising Saturday morning regular events in the Market Square involving various acts, such as musicians and a magician) utilising a PA system and gazebo.

Burton Latimer

The annual Duck Race had recently taken place and was a tremendous success with good attendance. Thanks were extended to the Fire Brigade and the Police for their support.

Barton Seagrave

Handover of the new village hall would take place within the next two weeks, with the opening ceremony being held at the beginning of September.

Feedback from other Forums

Rural Forum

The last meeting had been held on 2nd February, with the next meeting due to take place on 29th June. The Rural Forum had invited the Chief Constable to attend a future meeting and this had been confirmed. The Forum was hopeful that both the MP and Police and Crime Commissioner would also confirm attendance at a future meeting.

The Forum was continuing to discuss street lighting in rural areas, the provision of Broadband and the subject of truck stops.

17.A6TF.09 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Update on Decriminalised Parking Enforcement
- Update on East Kettering, focusing on road junctions
- Grass and verge cutting

17.A6TF.10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A letter from the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner was circulated at the meeting which gave details of a public consultation regarding proposals for the governance of Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service to transfer from the Fire Authority to the Police and Crime Commissioner, who would therefore become the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

It was noted that the consultation closed on Tuesday, 1st August 2017.

17.A6TF.11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would take place on 13th September 2017

(The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.10 pm)

Signed.....

Chair

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