

**BOROUGH OF KETTERING**

**KETTERING TOWN FORUM**

**Meeting held: 11th September 2017**

**Present: Kettering Borough Councillors**

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

Councillor Duncan Bain  
Councillor James Burton  
Councillor Ash Davies  
Councillor Mick Scrimshaw  
Councillor Anne Lee  
Councillor Shirley Lynch  
Councillor Clark Mitchell  
Councillor Lesley Thurland  
Councillor Jonathan West  
Councillor Paul Marks  
Councillor Scott Edwards (Mayor)

**Northamptonshire County Councillors**

Councillor Eileen Hales MBE

**Representatives of Member Organisations**

Paul Ansell (Kettering Civic Society)  
Monica Ozdemir (Kettering Civic Society)  
Jane Calcott (Neighbourhood Watch)  
Julie Mead (Northamptonshire Police)  
Emma Nycz (Northamptonshire Police)

**Also Present**

Shirley Plenderleith (Kettering Borough Council)  
Julie Trahern (Kettering Borough Council)  
Jon Hall (Kettering Borough Council)  
Bill Field (Kettering Borough Council)  
Callum Galluzzo (Forum Administrator)

**17.KTF.11 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from County Councillor Bill Parker and Councillors Linda Adams, Jenny Henson, Phillip Hollobone and Keli Watts.

**17.KTF.12 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Kettering Town Forum held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

**17.KTF.13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor James Burton declared an interest in item 7 & 8 as a market trader within the town centre.

**17.KTF.14 REPRESENTATIVE ON THE RURAL FORUM**

Councillor Lee volunteered to be the Kettering Town Forum representative on the Rural Forum.

**17.KTF.15 JOINT TOWN CENTRE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE**

Environmental Health Manager Jon Hall, Warden team leader Bill Field and PC Emma Nycz attended the forum and gave a presentation on the joint working between the council and the police to tackle issues within the town centre.

Members of the forum heard that Kettering Town Centre faces a number of low level offences with regards to aggressive begging, drinking of alcohol, drug taking, youth offending and general ASB

Members heard how Kettering was not unique in facing problems like this within the town centre. Serial offenders from major cities were coming to rural towns such as Kettering where they would be able to gain profits on their illegal activities.

The Forum heard that thanks to the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) the council and police now have additional powers to help deal with issues within the town centre.

As well as having additional powers, joint working with partner agencies like the police proved to be effective. Joint Patrols and sharing of intelligence are two examples of this joint working initiative.

Since the introduction of the PSPO, ten prosecutions against offenders have come about. Nine of these had resulted in Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO). Where one of these were breached resulting in a warrant for the offenders arrest.

Members of the forum heard that partners including the police and other agencies meet regularly to highlight individuals or hotspots of concern or any issues that may have arisen.

Members heard of three case studies where the council and partner agencies have worked together using new powers to ensure that offenders or individuals were dealt with according to the offence.

#### **17.KTF.16 POLICE STATISTICS**

PC Emma Nycz gave a brief overview of the police statistics that were provided to members and invited members to contact her if they had any questions or issues.

#### **17.KTF.17 NEW POLICING MODELS**

Northamptonshire Police Inspector Julie Mead attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the Police's new working arrangements and models.

Members heard that policing had changed massively over the past 25 years partly thanks to the rise of technology and cyber-crime. The objective of the review was to improve the efficiency and delivery of service by the police.

It was heard that despite there being a physical reduction in headcount for neighbourhood policing, these officers would not be used for local response teams as had happened in the past, instead they would be used for community engagement projects and initiatives allowing for a stronger focus on community engagement.

Members also heard that thanks to new technology, community based officers would be given special tablets that meant that they could perform any task at any location as if they were in a station, Touch down points such as community centres and community facilities would be used by officers to perform day to day admin tasks thus creating a physical presence for members of the public.

It was also heard that there would be 4 new policing hubs within Northamptonshire; The Weekly Woods Justice Centre was to include a Northern Accommodation Building, Prisoner Investigation centre and Learning and Development centre.

Members enquired about the proposal to have named local officers in the community, which would be a beneficial scheme for local residents.

Members also enquired about the ways in which local councillors and partner organisations could assist the Police in ensuring that the New Policing Model is known publicly.

It was heard that following a recent police survey that 75% of people prefer to contact the police via phone and only 4% seek face to face contact. This meant that there would be reduced hours at the Police front desk in Kettering.

**17.KTF.18 TOWN CENTRE PAVING**

It was agreed that due to the absence of a representative from the Northamptonshire County Council Highways department that the item will be deferred until the next Forum to allow a representative from the highways department to attend. .

**17.KTF.19 SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Items suggested for future meetings of the forum were:-**

- Town Centre Paving
- Christmas Events

(The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.40 pm)

Signed.....  
Chair

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