

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

at a meeting of the Council of the Borough of
Kettering held at the Municipal Offices,
Bowling Green Road, Kettering on 26th
September 2018

Present:

Councillor	James Burton (Mayor)	Councillor	David Howes
"	Duncan Bain	"	Ian Jelley
"	Michael Brown	"	Anne Lee
"	Lloyd Bunday	"	Paul Marks
"	John Currall	"	Clark Mitchell
"	Ash Davies	"	Russell Roberts
"	June Derbyshire	"	Mark Rowley
"	Maggie Don	"	Mick Scrimshaw
"	Andrew Dutton	"	Jan Smith
"	Scott Edwards	"	Shirley Stanton
"	Ruth Groome	"	Margaret Talbot
"	Jenny Henson	"	Mike Tebbutt
"	Philip Hollobone	"	Lesley Thurland

18.C.44 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cedwien Brown, Mark Dearing, Jim Hakewill, David Soans, Greg Titcombe, Jonathan West and the Deputy Mayor, Keli Watts

18.C.45 MINUTES

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the meeting of 18th July 2018 and the Extraordinary Council held on 29th August 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

18.C.46 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

18.C.47 **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor offered his thanks to Councillors Anne Lee, Jonathan West and Paul Marks for attending an engagement at Boughton House, where a tour and afternoon tea took place, raising £120 for the Mayoral charities. Cllr Mike Tebbutt was thanked for his donation, although he had been unable to attend the event.

Members were invited to the following Mayoral events:-

- Fashion Show on 10th October in the Council Chamber
- The Pumpkin Man evening on 29th October in the Council Chamber
- The Mayor's Civic Ball on 16th November at Wicksteed Park

The Mayor noted that he and the Mayoress had undertaken a total of 87 civic duties to date.

18.C.48 **LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Leader reported on a number of recent local and national awards received by the Council

It was heard that KBC had been re-accredited as "Investors in People" until 2021, which was considered to be a wonderful achievement and was testament to the hard work of council staff. In addition, KBC had won "Team of the Year" at the National Recycling Awards, whilst Kettering Museum and Gallery had won a Heritage Award for best exhibition. At the APSE Awards 2018, KBC had been nominated as finalists for "Best Service Team" for its warden service.

The Leader and Mayor offered congratulations to all those involved for their hard work in helping KBC continue to win such awards.

18.C.49 **REPORT OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR**

The Managing Director added his congratulations and thanks to those involved in winning or being nominated for the above awards.

18.C.50 **RIGHT TO SPEAK**

Three members of the public registered their intention to speak on items on the agenda.

18.C.51 SEATS ON STREETS: PROPOSED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER (LDO)

A report was submitted which requested Council approval for a new Local Development Order (LDO) to replace a previous LDO approved in September 2013 that had now expired.

The LDO would allow a simplified procedure to be followed enabling Kettering Town Centre restaurants and cafes to use part of the public realm/pavement for seating and tables associated with their businesses.

On 3rd July 2018, members of Planning Committee had endorsed the recommendation that an updated LDO be prepared and that it be subject to consultation before being presented to Full Council for adoption. The area of the town centre that the updated LDO would cover was outlined to members alongside the scope of the order, the focus of which was on the heart of the town centre and parts of the Purple Flag areas falling within this area. It was proposed that the lifetime of the LDO be made permanent, so that it would not expire unless otherwise formally withdrawn or amended.

It having been proposed by Cllr Ian Jelley and seconded by Cllr Mark Rowley it was

RESOLVED That Council adopted the draft Seats on Streets Local Development Order attached at Appendix 3 to the report and agreed the Statement of Reasons for Making the LDO attached at Appendix 4 to the report.

(Voting: Unanimous)

18.C.52 MOTION – “INFRASTRUCTURE, JOBS HOUSING” APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT IN THE BOROUGH

In the absence of the original motion proposer, Cllr Jim Hakewill, it was proposed by Cllr Ruth Groome and seconded by Cllr Andrew Dutton that:-

“This Council reaffirms that the long-time quoted “Infrastructure, Jobs, Housing” approach to development in the Borough is as crucial for the people we represent, today as it always has been, and will continue to be so.”

Sarah Showers addressed the meeting and raised concerns in relation to the Rothwell North link road that had yet to be built. A number of issues pertaining to pollution, congestion and danger to residents were outlined to the meeting.

Mr Green spoke and also raised concerns regarding air pollution in the Borough, specifically with reference to Rothwell.

Kevin O'Brien attended the meeting and addressed the committee also in relation to the infrastructure, pollution and potential risks associated with the Rothwell North development.

The motion received cross-party support during debate.

It was

RESOLVED that this Council reaffirms that the long-time quoted "Infrastructure, Jobs, Housing" approach to development in the Borough is as crucial for the people we represent, today as it always has been, and will continue to be so.

(Voting on the Motion: Unanimous)

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

18.C.53 MEADOW ROAD PARK – TARGET HARDENING

Councillor Mick Scrimshaw asked the Portfolio Holder for Rural Affairs the following question:-

"Are there any moves to make Meadow Road Park secure in a similar fashion to the works undertaken on Northampton Road recreation ground and elsewhere?"

The Portfolio Holder for Rural Affairs responded as follows:-

"Proposals for the wider reconfiguration of the Meadow Road Park, to make it a more usable space and better connect it to the town centre, are due to come to the Executive Committee this autumn. This redesign of the park will take into account the need to prevent unauthorised encampments"

18.C.54 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – COMMUNITY ENCOURAGEMENT

Councillor Jim Hakewill asked the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Delivery & Environment the following question:-

"What will the political leadership team be doing to encourage other communities across the Borough to replicate the amazing success of

the Broughton community in getting its Neighbourhood Plan overwhelmingly endorsed in last week's referendum?"

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Delivery & Environment responded as follows:-

"We congratulate Broughton on this achievement and recognise that this will in itself encourage others to continue their hard work on the plans that they have started through to completion"

18.C.55 PARISHING OF KETTERING TOWN

Councillor Jim Hakewill asked the Leader the following question:-

"When will the debate on creating a Town of Parish Council in the Kettering town area, in advance of the move unitary governance be commenced by engaging widespread community participation?"

The Leader responded as follows:-

"This was the subject of a motion to a previous Council.

We will work in concert with our North Northamptonshire neighbours as we come together to plan and develop the appropriate structures for North Northamptonshire in the future."

18.C.56 LOCAL POLLINATOR STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION

Councillor Jim Hakewill asked the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Delivery & Environment the following question:-

"What actions have been taken to deliver on the five resolutions of the Executive on the 12th April 2017 following the adoption of the Local Pollinator Strategy (LPS) namely:

- (i) an online toolkit be introduced;*
- (ii) the strategy be reviewed annually through the Monitoring and Audit Committee;*
- (iii) the strategy be embedded, wherever possible, within the planning system at Kettering Borough Council;*
- (iv) information cards be produced with packets of seeds attached, themed on Kettering Borough Council's pollinator strategy; and*
- (v) any costs associated with (iv) above should be contained within existing budgets.*

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Delivery & Environment responded as follows:-

“Environmental Care utilise the LPS as part of their strategy of planting pollinator-friendly plants across the Borough including all bedding plants. In addition the LPS is factored into considerations for the location of any new meadows, with the cut off from existing meadows used to seed new locations.

KBC’s Green Infrastructure Delivery Plan makes links to the Pollinator Strategy as an additional initiative for improving Green Infrastructure. Also, officers adopt the principles advocated in the Strategy when discharging landscape conditions on planning permissions.”

18.C.57 KETTERING TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB – IDENTIFIED SITE DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Mike Brown asked the Portfolio Holder for Community, Leisure & Youth the following question:-

“Would the Community, Leisure and Sports Portfolio pass on my sincerest gratitude to the Council, its Councillors and its Officers, for finally helping and facilitating with Finding KTFC a Site within Kettering Town? We have all had a long and arduous journey together and now is the time to pass on thanks from the Community. Could I ask the portfolio holder to clarify the next steps for moving forward with the development of the site?”

The Portfolio Holder for Community, Leisure & Youth responded as follows:-

“The next steps will be for Kettering Town Football Club to undertake the necessary work to complete and submit a planning application for the site.”

Cllr Brown asked the following supplementary question

“Will you continue to help with any planning consents and planning advice?”

The Portfolio Holder for Community, Leisure & Youth replied as follows:-

“I am sure the planning department would offer planning advice as they would to any applicant.”

18.C.58 **REMEMBRANCE DAY AND INTER-FAITH WORK**

Councillor Mick Scrimshaw asked the Portfolio Holder for Finance the following question:-

“As the centenary of the end of the Great War approaches, can the portfolio holder:

- 1. Advise how the Borough Council intends to work with the British Legion and the Inter Faith Forum to maintain the annual Remembrance Day event, especially as we face the establishment of the unitary councils, and*
- 2. Acknowledge the importance of building bridges between the different faiths in our community?”*

The Portfolio Holder for Finance responded as follows:-

“We offer support to the British Legion and the InterFaith forum for the annual Remembrance Day and have recently received the invitation for this years’ event. We do not envisage this to support to change in the future.

We acknowledge the importance of building bridges and working with all faiths in our community both now and in the future.”

18.C.59 **RURAL BUS SERVICES**

Councillor Maggie Don asked the Portfolio Holder for Rural Affairs the following question:-

“Can the portfolio holder advise of progress made on the ‘establishment of a brand new scheme, covering a revised rural route’ as advised at the last council meeting, and what discussions with the County Council about this and other rural routes are taking place? There is real and urgent need to support our rural communities to get to work and school in particular.”

The Portfolio Holder for Rural Affairs responded as follows:-

“At the last meeting of Council we confirmed that Wilbarston Council was working hard to establish a bus service to serve the village and the surrounding parishes and that we would support them in doing so We are currently not aware of any other parishes working on schemes for their areas.

There are no discussions taking place with NCC regarding rural bus services at this time.”

18.C.60 **PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

Councillor Jim Hakewill asked the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration the following question:-

“People in Rothwell and around the Borough, particularly around schools, have severe concerns about enforcement of safe parking. Given the dramatically different circumstances now (impending Unitary Government) since the protracted negotiations around decriminalised parking commenced, how soon could a decision be made to join the other six Boroughs and Districts in the Countywide scheme and bring much needed safety enforcement to the Borough’s streets?”

The Portfolio Holder for Regeneration responded as follows:-

“We have been advised that the Parliamentary timetable is such that there is no possibility before the end of March of any decriminalised parking order being introduced to the House.”

(The meeting started at 7.00pm and ended at 7.43pm)

Signed

The Mayor

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