

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the Annual Town Assembly of Daventry Town Council held at Daventry Community Centre, Ashby Road, Daventry on 23rd April 2018 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr Lynne Taylor – Chair and Town Mayor

IN ATTENDANCE: 16 Members of the Public
12 Daventry Town Councillors
0 Member of the Press
Deborah Jewell, Town Clerk
Sarah Fox, Assistant to Town Clerk

1 WELCOME

The Chair /Town Mayor, Cllr Lynne Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited members of the Town Council to introduce themselves and the wards that they represent.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous Annual Town Assembly held on 15th May 2017, were signed as a correct record.

3 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

The Chair referred to the Annual Town Report (Appendix 1) and advised those present that she or other members of the Council would be happy to answer any questions on any matter relating to the Town in the Open Forum (Agenda Item 5).

4 COMMUNITY POLICING

Daventry Community Sergeant, Sam Dobbs, reflected on the year providing details of the successes and difficulties in community policing in Daventry Town and the District.

He advised that Daventry Town was leading the way forward in Community Safety with the newly appointed sponsored PSCO, newly appointed Daventry Town Ranger along with the established Town Centre CCTV Provision.

Sgt Dobbs introduced PSCO Kirsten and the Town Council Sponsored PCSO Mia to residents. The PSCO's spoke of the new neighbourhood alert notifications that residents could subscribe to in order to be alerted of crimes and other important information within the Town and wider area.

The Chair advised residents that the sponsored PSCO was complimentary and supplementary to the existing police numbers and that the Town Ranger and CCTV Control Room would be working together with the PSCO.

The Chair /Town Mayor, Cllr Lynne Taylor thanked Sgt Dobbs, PCSO Kirsten and PCSO Mia.

5 OPEN FORUM

The Chair/ Town Mayor asked those present to open the discussion on Town matters.

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A resident raised concerns with road safety and highlighted the need for a speed watch scheme to be set up in problem areas to monitor speed.

The resident was advised that those interested in being part of the scheme would need to attend a course to then be able to monitor areas for speeding. They were advised that it had proven difficult in the past to get people involved and participate, and that it would require three to four people to co-ordinate the scheme.

The Chair advised that the promotion of a Speed Watch Scheme, would be considered at the next meeting of the Community Services Committee.

A resident raised concerns with the management of the Welton Road Cemetery by its current contractors working on behalf of Daventry District Council. They advised that more care and consideration was needed to those graves that were already in existence when digging new graves.

The Town Councillor for this ward advised that they were hopeful this would change when the new contract agreed by Daventry District Council commences.

The issue of the Town Entrance on the A45 in relation to the scrap yard was raised by one concerned resident. The Chair advised that this issue had been highlighted to the relevant authorities. Sgt Dobbs advised that the police and Daventry District Council had inspected the site and were seeking a resolution in relation to public and highway safety.

Daventry District Councillor Ken Ritchie expressed his concern in relation to the impending changes to Local Government and the future impact on this rural area with decisions being made for Daventry Town and Daventry District by Northampton.

The Chair advised that the Town Council could not change the direction of the proposed changes to Local Government but would look explore the challenges and opportunities in relation to the devolution of the larger council's services.

A resident expressed concern with the general poor state of the Town's roads and the large number of pot holes that needed urgent repair.

The Chair advised that residents must report any issues such as these to Northamptonshire Highways for the issues to be noted and the necessary action taken.

A resident asked if the Town & District Council were in agreement on the way forward in relation to the proposed changes to Local Government.

The Chair advised that the Town Council would be in talks with the District Council on the proposals, as and when they arise.

The Chair, Cllr Taylor thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20:21hrs

SIGNEDChair/Town Mayor

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