

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Daventry Town Council held at 3, New Street, Daventry on Monday, 19th December 2016 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Glenda Simmonds (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillors:
Mike Arnold
Lynne Taylor
Lynn Jones
Ron Fox
Carl Busby
Sheila Game
Mark Wesley
Karen Tweedale
Aiden Ramsey
Wendy Randall

IN ATTENDANCE: Deborah Jewell – Town Clerk
Sarah Fox – Committee Secretary
Chris Baldwin – Mace Bearer

1 Members of the Public
0 Member of the Press

OPEN FORUM

None.

TC1616.1 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr P Luke, M Luke, J Wesley, T Nicholl and Z Hussain.

TC1616.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Councillor	Declaration Of Interest	Minute Number
Aiden Ramsey	Former Employee of the Daventry UTC	TC1616.13
Mike Arnold	Spouse is employee working with of NCC Children Centre	TC1616.18 (v)

TC1616.3 MINUTES

RESOLVED:	That the minutes of the Special Town Council meeting held on Tuesday, 22 nd November and the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 28 th November 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record.
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TC1616.4 DAVENTRY CANAL ARM

Cllr Lynne Taylor advised members that she considered the email from Ian Vincent, Chief Executive of Daventry District Council to be dismissive and was shocked at such a reply from one Council body to another. Cllr Taylor further advised that Mr Vincent did not reference the part of the Daventry District Council's Constitution that would not allow the Town Council's questions to be put forward to the District Council members and on reviewing the Constitution, she was unable to find the clause to which he referred and advised that the Town Council represented the people of Daventry who are the citizens that the District Council Constitution refers to.

Members concurred that they were both appalled and disappointed with the response and it was

RESOLVED:	That the Clerk writes to Ian Vincent the Chief Executive of Daventry District Council to ascertain what form the questions of public interest should take in order to get them answered by the District Council members.
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TC1616.5 COMMITTEE MINUTES

RESOLVED:	<p>That the reports of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Planning & Development Committee – 8th December 2016.(ii) Community Services Committee – 7th November 2016.(iii) Finance and Policy Committee – 12th December 2016. <p>Be received.</p> <p>That the recommendation for Citizens Advice, Daventry and District as recommended by the Finance and Policy Committee on 12th December be considered under Agenda Item TC1616.6.</p> <p>That the recommendation for the Council Budget and Precept as recommended by the Finance and Policy Committee on 12th December be considered under Agenda Item TC1616.7.</p> <p>That the Earmarked Reserves for 2017/2018 as recommended by the Finance and Policy Committee on 12th December be approved.</p> <p>That authorisation as recommended by the Finance and Policy Committee on 12th December be given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Close the Unity Trust Current account and reduce the Unity Trust Deposit Accounts to £75,000.(ii) Invest £75,000 into the Public-Sector Deposit Fund.
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TC1616.6 CITIZENS ADVICE, DAVENTRY AND DISTRICT.

Members considered the recommendation from the Finance and Policy Committee and it was

RESOLVED:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) That funding be awarded of £9800, to CADD for the period April 2017 to December 2017.(ii) That the funding of the award should be taken from the general fund.
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TC1616.7 COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2017/18.

Members gave due consideration to amended budget, tax base detail and resultant increase in the charges for a 'Band D' property for the financial year 17/18 and agreed changes in the some of the budget lines to ensure any increase was minimal.

RESOLVED:	That the budget and precept of £374,840.00 for 2017/18 be approved.
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TC1616.8 CONSULTATIONS.

Members reviewed the following consultations:

- (i) Daventry District Council (DDC) - Statement of Community Involvement.

- (ii) DDC - Biodiversity – Supplementary Planning Document
- (iii) DDC - Allocations Scheme
- (iv) NCC – Draft Budget and Council Plan
- (v) NCC – Children’s’ Centre Services

and agreed all the proposed documents were vague and needed greater clarity and definition to be effective and it was

RESOLVED:	That the comments as presented in the report (appendix iv) be submitted to the in response to the appropriate consultations.
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TC1616.9 WORKPLACE CHALLENGE – FLEXIBLE LUNCH BREAK MANIFESTO.

Cllr Mike Arnold advised members that he was already registered for the challenge and that the initiative was to promote and encourage physical activity for the well-being of employees.

Members concurred that they were supportive of the initiative and it was

RESOLVED:	That the Town Council support the Workplace Challenge and encourage staff and members to participate in physical exercise within the working day.
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TC1616.10 CCTV.

Members noted the report and no actions to be taken.

TC1616.11 TOWN DEVELOPMENT – DAVENTRY DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Cllr Lynne Taylor advised members of her attendance to the Daventry Town Development Implementation Working Group on 7th December 2016. She advised members that the meeting was well attended and that she was only able to provide information that wasn't deemed to be commercially sensitive. Progress was being made in relation to the proposed Micklewell development, Site 5, and because the Monksmoor development was slightly behind schedule, the Primary School within the development was now estimated to be completed in 2018.

TC1616.12 PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – DAVENTRY DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Cllr Lynne Taylor advised members of her attendance to the Parish and Town Council Meeting on 15th December 2016.

Cllr Taylor advised that the meeting was well attended and included Northamptonshire Highways, so she also raised the concern of faded yellow box lines on the highway regulating traffic accessing and egressing from Bowen Square.

Cllr Taylor was invited to ask the question submitted by Daventry Town Council “Can Daventry District Council assure residents that no CIL funding will be used in any construction and future maintenance of the proposed canal arm and associated works? Are district wide residents aware that their council tax could be adversely affected by this scheme?” Cllr Millar responded by stating that the Canal Arm was considered to be of benefit to the whole of the District and that the canal was on the Regulation 123 list and CIL monies had been identified to fund the project and CIL monies were sourced from all new developments in the District, not just the Town.

Cllr Taylor advised members that Cllr Poole was in attendance and stated that the canal arm was critical to the development of the Daventry North East Sustainable Urban Extension.

TC1616.13 UNIVERSITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE (UCT) – DAVENTRY.

Members referred to the recent news of the closing of the UTC and expressed disappointment and support for the staff and pupils effected by the closure and it was

RESOLVED:	That the Clerk write to the Parker E-ACT and DSLV Senior Schools to offer the Town Council's support and assistance in promoting and raising the profile of the schools and their students.
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TC1616.14 CORRESPONDENCE.

None to report.

TC1616.15 MAYORS ENGAGEMENTS.

Members noted the report.

TC1616.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Date of next meeting Monday, 30th January 2016.

The meeting closed at 19:58.

SIGNED..... DATED.....

FOR APPROVAL