

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Daventry Town Council held at 3, New Street, Daventry on Monday, 17th December 2018 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Lynn Jones (Mayor) – Chairman

Councillors:

Ted Nicholl
Ron Fox
Carl Busby
Malcolm Ogle
Alan Knappe
Karen Tweedale
Lynne Taylor
Maureen Luke
Peter Luke
Wendy Randall

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

3 Members of the Public
0 Member of the Press

OPEN FORUM.

DDC Cllr Ken Ritchie spoke of the consultation on the unitary proposal for Northamptonshire and advised that he opposed to the current proposal of a two unitary council, and would suggest a better alternative would be to divide the county into three unitary authorities with Daventry and South Northants becoming one of the Unitary Council's which have similar issues and characteristics, with Northampton and West Northants making up the other two.

The Chair thanked Cllr Ritchie for his comments and advised members would be considering the Town Council's response under Agenda item TC1812.9.

TC1812.1 APOLOGIES.

Apologies from Cllr Mark Wesley, Dawn Branigan, Katie Thurston and Mike Arnold.

TC1812.2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Wendy Randall, DDC Cllr - No pecuniary interests.

TC1812.3 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.

NCC Councillor Richard Auger gave an update on the postponement of the 2019 District and County elections and the financial position of the County Council, specifically in relation to Children's Services.

TC1812.4 SECTION CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998.

(i) COMMUNITY SAFETY.

Members noted the reports from the sponsored PSCO and Town Ranger.

(ii) CCTV.

Members noted the reports on CCTV performance and activities for October and November 2018.

TC1812.5 MINUTES.

RESOLVED:	That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 26 th November 2018 be approved and signed as a correct record.
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TC1812.6 COMMITTEE MINUTES.

RESOLVED:	<p>That the reports of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Community Services Committee – 3rd December 2018 (ii) Planning & Development Committee – 5th December 2018 (iii) Finance and Policy Committee – 10th December 2018 <p>Be received.</p> <p>That the following recommendations be approved: Finance & Policy Committee – 10th December 2018 ref FP1814.6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the Co-Option Policy be approved. (ii) That the Recoding of Meetings Policy, be approved.
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TC1812.7 NORTHANTS CALC DATA PROTECTION OFFICER (DPO) SERVICE.

Members considered the appointment of the DPO and concurred that with the recent special dispensation allowing Clerks to be the DPO for Parish and Town Councils it was

RESOLVED:	That Daventry Town Council advise Northants CALC of their decision to appoint the Town Clerk as the DPO.
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TC1812.8 PLANNING APPLICATION DA/2018/1033, DAVENTRY LIBRARY SITE, NORTH STREET, DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, NN11 4GJ, DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES ON SITE AND ERECTION OF NEW CINEMA (USE CLASS D2 WITH A3/A4) AND RESTAURANTS (USE CLASS A3) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, ENGINEERING, CAR PARKING AND LANDSCAPE WORK.

Members considered the proposed planning application and concurred that they were concerned with the proposed parking facilities for both the Cinema Complex and proposed site that the Library was to be relocated and that further consideration needed to be given.

RESOLVED:	That Daventry Town Council were supportive of the application, but that further consideration in relation to parking facilities needs to be given for this development.
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TC1812.9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM UPDATE.

Cllr Randall expressed her objection to the postponement of District and County elections, as Councillors were elected for a term of four years. The Clerk advised that the consultation, deadline for responses was 25th January, was an opportunity for members to respond on the proposal for two Unitary Authorities, referred members to comments submitted by DDC Cllr Ritchie in the Open Forum. Members supported the three Unitary option, and it was

RESOLVED:	That the Clerk submit the Town Council's concerns on the creation of two unitary authorities and give support for a three Unitary option.
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TC1812.10 PROPOSED UNITARY STRUCTURE FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

Members referred to the Clerk's report. Cllr Randall highlighted the need for the Town Council to pursue ownership of sites like the New Street Recreation Ground, which was gifted to the people of the Town and should therefore be transferred to the Town Council to manage and maintain. Cllr Luke noted the District Council's response was to transfer financial risks and lacked assets that could generate income, which would help offset costs.

Cllrs Jones, Nicholl and Taylor advised that their meeting with officers and members of DDC was cordial and positive, DDC were supportive of the Town Council managing assets within the Town but stressed they had a legal 'duty' to 'preserve the freedom and flexibility of assets and services for the new unitary council, especially the Country Park, Borough Hill and New Street Recreation Ground, as these were District wide facilities. Cllr Nicholl advised the but emphasised that any income generating asset was not negotiable.

Cllr Nicholl stated that the Town Council needed to seek advice in relation to any legal restraints that prevented the transfer of assets/services from DDC, and it was

RESOLVED:	That authorisation be given for the expenditure of CIL monies to seek legal advice to pursue the transfer of assets and services from DDC.
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TC1812.11 DAVENTRY DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION.

(i) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR EMPTY HOMES

Members considered the consultation and concurred that individual responses be submitted to the consultation before the deadline of 6th January 2019.

(ii) DRAFT SPORTS FACILITIES INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Cllr Taylor advised members that the consultation referred to a new Leisure Centre for the future, which she felt was needed now as Daventry, with its increasing population was being left behind in quality leisure facilities on offer. She advised that a larger, fit for purpose building with flexible use sports halls and all year-round outdoor facilities would also encourage visitors to the Town.

RESOLVED:	That Daventry Town Council urge Daventry District Council to consider replacement Leisure Centre for Daventry Town.
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TC1812.12 DAVENTRY DISTRICT COUNCIL PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 13th DECEMBER 2018.

Cllr Taylor advised that she had attended the meeting Chaired by Cllr Millar, Leader of Daventry District Council, in attendance was the DDC Community Executive Director, Northampton Highways, Sgt Dobbs and approx. 20 Parishes. Daventry Town Council's submitted question "what was the District Council's policy on the transfer of assets and devolution of services" which was answered by Cllr Millar who advised that DDC was keen to consider the transfer of assets and devolution of services on the proviso that the Parish was competent, capable and fiscally responsible.

TC1812.13 CORRESPONDENCE.

- (i) Members noted the request from a concerned resident for the installation of a grit bin located at the underpass the leads from Inlands Rise to the Southbrook Estate. Cllr Busby advised that he arrange a meeting with the resident to access the site and establish if it would meet Northants Highways Criteria.

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- (ii) The Chair advised of an email received from West Haddon Parish Council who were holding a cluster meeting on 17th January, The Chair advised her attendance to the meeting along with the Town Clerk.
- (iii) The Clerk advised of notification received advising of Northamptonshire County Council's 2019-20 Budget Consultation which closes 23rd January 2019. Members concurred that they would respond to the consultation on an individual basis.
- (iv) The Clerk advised she had received correspondence from Nexus Planning on workshops they wish to run on the proposed development at Daventry South West at the end of January 2019. The Clerk advised she would email members to enable them to provide details of groups/individuals to be invited to take part. Members concurred that the Planning Consultant be invited to attend.

TC1812.14 MAYORS ENGAGEMENTS.

Members noted the report on the Mayoral activities for December 2018.

TC1812.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Date of next meeting Monday, 28th January 2019. The meeting closed at 19:53

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