

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Daventry Town Council held at 3, New Street, Daventry on Monday, 25th February 2019 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Lynn Jones (Mayor) – Chairman

Councillors:

Carl Busby
Alan Knappe
Lynne Taylor
Maureen Luke
Peter Luke
Wendy Randall
Dawn Branigan
Katie Thurston
Mike Arnold
Wendy Randall
Mark Wesley

Ted Nicholl *

IN ATTENDANCE: Deborah Jewell – Chief Officer / Town Clerk
Chris Baldwin – Mace Bearer

2 Members of the Public
0 Member of the Press

OPEN FORUM.

None.

TC1902.1 APOLOGIES.

Apologies from Cllr Ron Fox, Aiden Ramsey and Karen Tweedale.

Malcolm Ogle *

TC1902.2 COUNCIL VACANCY – ASHBY FIELDS WARD.

Members noted resignation of Rebecca Helm and

RESOLVED:	That the post be advertised via social media and in the event of the vacancy being decided by co-option, the co-option be held at the beginning of the Town Council meeting scheduled for Monday 29 th April 2019.
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TC1902.3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Councillor	Declaration of Interest	Minute Number
Carl Busby	Member of Committee for Daventry Hub – non-pecuniary	P1901.10

TC1902.4 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.

None received.

TC1902.5 SECTION CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998.

(i) COMMUNITY SAFETY.

Members noted the reports from the sponsored PSCO, Town Ranger and Community Safety Partnership. The Clerk drew members attention to the PCSO's request for the Town Council to note the Locally Identified Priorities for Daventry Town.

Cllr P Luke objected to the Council confirming these priorities without first consulting with the public or specifying the consideration of these priorities on the Agenda. The Clerk advised that the Police had identified these priorities via their own regular consultation process with the public and the Council would be duplicating the process if it were to consult.

RESOLVED:	That the Council confirm the following locally identified priorities for Policing in Daventry Town: 1.Criminal Damage and Vandalism 2.Anti-Social Behaviour (to include vehicle and motorcycle crime) 3.Lower Level Drug Dealing
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(ii) CCTV.

Members noted the reports on CCTV performance and activities for January 2019 and asked for the chart to be printed in colour for ease of reference. Members also referred to the figure for suspicious persons and asked if the Clerk could clarify the criteria for this data.

TC1902.6 MINUTES.

RESOLVED:	That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 28 th January 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.
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TC1902.7 COMMITTEE MINUTES.

RESOLVED:	That the reports of (i) Community Services Committee – 4 th February 2019 (ii) Finance & Policy Committee – 11 th February 2019 (iii) Planning & Development Committee – 13 th February 2019 (iv) Museum Committee – 18 th February 2019 Be received. That the following recommendations be approved: Finance & Policy Committee – ref 11th February FP1902.4 (i) That Code of Conduct be approved. (ii) That Standing Orders be approved. (iii) That Financial Regulations be approved. (iv) That the Asset Register be approved.
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TC1902.8 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

Members referred to the report on community engagement. Cllr Randall spoke of how impressive and heart-warming it was to receive this report and note how, since 2013, numbers had grown, year-on-year, from 517 to 3270. Cllr Taylor and Wesley spoke of the overwhelming success of the 'Empty Chair Project' and successful engagement with the schools. The Council praised the Development and Liaison officer and the Team of Museum Volunteers for their work in bringing the community together and making the Museum a destination for residents and visitors to the Town.

Cllr Busby declared an interest and left the meeting



TC1902.9 GRANTS.

Cllr P Luke advised the wording of the Agenda item was misleading as the Council were to consider approval of the grant. All present noted the wording and referred to the grant application. Cllr Taylor spoke of the good work the organisation had done to provide a 'much needed' service for the young people of the Town. Cllr P Luke advised that it was outside the Council's policy to fund the running costs of an organisation. Members referred to the policy but agreed this was a cause worth supporting, the people running it had proven their ability to operate a club for young people and were providing a safe place which contributed to addressing and reducing anti-social behaviour in the Town.

RESOLVED:	That the Town Council considered its policy on grant funding and agreed, as this service was of benefit to the community, to waive the condition not to fund running costs, and award £400 to Daventry Hub for the hire of a room to operate a youth club for the young people of the Town.
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TC1902.10 DEVOLUTION OF SERVICES/ASSETS TO DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL.

The Clerk updated members on the submission of a business case to Ian Vincent, Chief Executive of Daventry District Council and Cllr Chris Millar, Leader of Daventry District Council, for the transfer of parks and open spaces to the Town Council. The Clerk advised that the report met with a positive response and promise of further discussion with the District Council.

Cllr Wesley advised his attendance to the meeting, at which the business case was submitted and demonstrated its competence and ability to deliver a service that was not to the detriment of the wider area.

Cllr Randall informed those present, that Cllr Millar had advised her, as Leader of the Labour party, of the Town Council's request to deliver services currently undertaken by the District Council and funded via 'special expenses' and she had confirmed the ability of the Town Council to deliver these services.

Members thanked the Clerk for her work on this matter.

TC1902.11 DAVENTRY SOUTH WEST NEXXUS PLANNING WORKSHOPS – LAND AT SOUTH WEST DAVENTRY.

Members referred to the report. Cllr Wesley, although understanding of the need to work with planners on new developments, expressed his objection to the development of an isolated community. Cllr Wesley highlighted that the Joint Core Strategy had identified this area of land as unsuitable for development and it would appear with the delay in the submission of a planning application for Daventry North East SUE and lack of development on the Micklewell site this was a decision based on maintaining the five-year housing supply quota. Cllr Arnold agreed and on viewing the site suggested the only way to bring this community into the Town would be to extend the A45 around the periphery of the proposed site and build on the current A45.

Cllr Taylor and Jones advised the openness of the discussions and the common concern in relation to the isolation of this site and its connectivity to the Town.

Cllr Wesley referred to lack of development of sites 1, 3 and 5 and Daventry North East SUE and suggested the Town Council request a review of the joint core strategy and creation of a new town vision.

RESOLVED:	That the Clerk refer to the Planning Consultant for advice on requesting a review of the Joint Core Strategy and creation of a new Town vision and report back to Council at its meeting on 25 th March 2019.
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TC1902.12 TOWN COUNCIL INSURANCE.

Members considered the options included within the report from the Town Clerk/Chief Officer and

RESOLVED:	<p>That the Town Council confirm its key insurance needs as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furniture, fixtures, fittings (replacement value) • Computer and office equipment (replacement value) • Audio-visual equipment (replacement value) • Other contents (museum artefacts) • Mayors Chains (offsite cover – replacement value) • Small Mace (offsite cover – replacement value) • Large Mace (offsite cover– replacement value) • CCTV (replacement value) • Business interruption (£50,000) • Loss of data (£10,000) • Money (£250,000) • Public Liability (£15,000,000) • Employers Liability (£10,000,000) • Fidelity Guarantee (£675,000) • Legal Expenses (£200,000) <p>That authorisation be given to enter into a 3 year agreement with Came and Company Local Council Insurance.</p>
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TC1902.13 REMEMBRANCE CROSSES.

Cllr Randall stated £31.50 was a minimal amount to honour the men who had given their lives, and it was unanimously

RESOLVED:	That the Town Council award the sum of £31.50 to purchase crosses to be lain on the graves, in Belgium, of each person named on the War Memorial relative to The Great War.
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TC1902.14 INTERNAL FINANCIAL CHECK.

Members considered the appointment of a member of the Town Council to oversee the Quarter 4/Year End Financial check and it was

RESOLVED:	That, for reasons of good practice and scrutiny, Cllr Busby be appointed to oversee the Quarter 4/End of Year financial check.
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TC1902.15 CORRESPONDENCE.

- (i) Members noted correspondence advising of the need to offer suggestions for a street name on new development and suggestion put forward by developer for Mustang, to reflect long term relationship Daventry Town has with the Ford Motor Company.

Cllr Taylor spoke of her disappointment at the choice of name, as she felt it should reflect British heritage. Members agreed and asked the Clerk to respond advising of their preference for a name that reflects British heritage and Council to respond with alternative name following meeting of the Planning and Development Committee, scheduled for 6th March 2019.



TC1902.16 MAYORS ENGAGEMENTS

Members noted the report on the Mayoral activities for February 2019.

TC1902.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Date of next meeting Monday, 25th March 2019. The meeting closed at 19:35.

SIGNED H. Jones DATED 25/03/19