

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Daventry Town Council held via Video Conference on Zoom on Monday, 28th September 2020 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Lynne Taylor (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillors:

Alan Knappe
Peter Luke
Karen Tweedale
Mike Arnold
John Tippett
Ted Nicholl
Malcolm Ogle
Lynn Jones
Wendy Randall
Maureen Luke
Katie Thurston

IN ATTENDANCE: Deborah Jewell – Chief Officer (CO)
Sarah Fox – Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)

2 Members of the Public
0 Member of the Press

OPEN FORUM

A representative from the Daventry Outdoor Pool Committee advised of a sharp rise in demand for an outdoor swimming facility in the Town, and the Outdoor Pool Committee were holding another meeting, to discuss how to move this forward and members of the Town Council were welcome to attend. She also advised that a petition had been started to evidence support in the local community, to Daventry District Council, with 2125 signatures to date.

Cllr's Thurston and Churchley joined the meeting.

The Chair thanked the representative and advised that as the item was not on the agenda it would not be possible for members to enter into debate and reminded those present that the Town Centre Vision Consultation had also given residents the opportunity to submit suggestions on how the Town should and change and evolve.

TC2013.1 APOLOGIES.

Apologies from Cllrs Ron Fox, Dawn Branigan and Mark Wesley.

TC2013.2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest declared.

TC2013.3 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.

Cllr Auger advised that currently all the County work was dominated by Covid-19 activity and referred to the latest Northants Together Update. Cllr Auger commended the work being carried out by Public Health Northamptonshire and the sensible approach being taken to push the message out to members of the community to observe social distancing and adhere to

protective measures that had been put in place to help reduce the infection rates for the County. He advised that there is work being carried out to look at the mental health impact on children within the County's School.

Cllr Auger stated that the blueprint and structure for the Unitary Council had been agreed, whilst work was continuing on the budgetary envelope, at the moment it would appear that there will be a massive shortfall in the operation of the new Unitary, but the government have yet to advise any financial settlement and measures.

He advised members that it had been agreed that The Children's Trust will have a board covering the whole of Northamptonshire.

Cllr Auger commented that along with financial pressures, Covid-19 had resulted in a second delay with local elections and highlighted the need for the electoral commission to consider a contingency plan to ensure that the 2021 elections go ahead as planned.

TC2013.4 MINUTES.

RESOLVED:	That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 24 th August 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.
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TC2013.5 COMMITTEE MINUTES.

RESOLVED:	<p>That the reports of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Community Services Committee - 7th September 2020 ii) Planning & Development Committee – 9th September 2020 iii) Finance & Policy Committee – 14th September 2020 <p>Be received.</p> <p>That the recommendations from the Finance and Policy Committee on 14th September 2020 be approved;</p> <p><i>Reference FP2011.5 – Policies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Allotments, be approved, ii) Keeping hens and/or rabbits on allotments, be approved iii) Role & Remit of Mayors Cadet, be approved.
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TC2013.6 MINISTRY OF HOUSING, COMMUNITIES & LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION – PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE.

The Chief Officer referred to consultation and the summary of the white paper called “Planning for the Future” that was produced by NCalc and members needed to consider how they wished to respond.

The Chair advised it is was important the Council reviewed the document and suggested the Officer's review the consultation and submit a draft response to be considered at the Council meeting scheduled for Monday 26th October.

The CO advised that only comments relevant to the community would be possible as Officer's would not have sufficient knowledge for the more technical aspects of the consultation. Members concurred that the draft response should be approached from the community point of view but should officers require assistance for any technical aspects of the consultation to produce the draft response that the appointed Planning Consultant be approached to assist.

RESOLVED:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) That the Council's Officers review and submit a draft response for consideration at the Town Council meeting scheduled for Monday 26th October 2020.(ii) That approval be given to utilise funds from the Councils Earmarked Reserves to consult with the Council's Planning Consultant should advice be required for the technical aspects of the consultation.
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TC2013.7 DAVENTRY TOWN IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP (DTIWG)

The Chair advised that she had been in attendance and that the main updates were in relation to the West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan, Settlements and Countryside Local Plan Part 2 and South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership. Daventry specific updates included the Mulberry Place Cinema development which remains on target to open April 2021; The Daventry Town Centre Vision which had moved to the next phase, collating information from the survey to create a draft vision anticipated for the next stage of public consultation in November; Eastern Way, it was anticipated that the District Council would approve the disposal of the land for the development of a school in this location.

TC2013.8 SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998.

- (i) **PCSO.** Report not received.
- (ii) **CCTV.** Report noted.
- (iii) **COMMUNITY RANGER.** Members thanked the Ranger for the informative report.
- (iv) **DAVENTRY DISTRICT AND SOUTH NORTHANTS COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP.** The bi-annual report was received and noted.

TC2013.9 CORRESPONDENCE.

The RFO informed members of an invitation, to all Town Councillors, to attend the Daventry Voluntary & Community Sector Forum Zoom Meeting being held on Friday 9th October 2020.

The Chair referred to the previous Town Council meeting at which no nominations were received to attend the NCALC Annual Conference and AGM to be held on 3rd October 2020. Further to consultation with the CO the Chair advised that it was important for a representative from the Council be in attendance and the CO had agreed to attend and feedback to members. Members concurred that they were supportive of the CO attending the meeting to represent the Council.

TC2013.10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Date of next meeting Monday 26th October 2020.

The meeting closed at 19:23 hrs.

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