

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Daventry Town Council held at Town Council Offices, 3 New Street, Daventry on Monday, 28th March 2022 at 6.30pm

Cllr Karen Tweedale – Chairman

Councillors:

Stephen Dabbs
Lynn Jones
Janet Matthews
Ted Nicholl
Malcolm Ogle
Lynne Taylor
John Tippet
Katie Thurston

IN ATTENDANCE: Deborah Jewell (Chief Officer)
Sarah Fox (Responsible Finance Officer)
0 Member of the public
0 Member of the press

OPEN FORUM.

None.

TC2203.1. APOLOGIES.

RESOLVED:	That the apologies for Cllr's Arnold, Branigan, Carter, Churchley, Knape, Steenson and Randall be approved.
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TC2203.2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest declared.

TC2203.3. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:	That the minutes (Appendix 1) of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 28 th February 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.
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TC2203.4. WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT.

None received. Apologies noted from Cllr's Gilford and Matten.

TC2203.5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

RESOLVED:	That the reports of (i) Community Services Committee – 7 th March 2022 (ii) Finance & Policy Committee – 14 th March 2022 (iii) Planning & Development Committee – 16 th March 2022 Be received (Appendix 2). That the recommendations from the Finance & Policy meeting held on 14 th February 2022, be approved.
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	<i>Reference FP2202.7 – POLICIES</i>
	That the Small Grants Application Form, be approved.

TC2203.6. ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY.

Members noted that the Annual Town Assembly would be taking place at the Daventry Leisure Centre on Monday 4th April 2022.

TC2203.7. INTERNAL FINANCIAL CHECK.

Members considered the recommendation from the Finance & Planning Committee, FP2203.6 to appoint one councillor from Full Council to review the quarter4/year end internal financial check, and it was

RESOLVED:	That Cllr Stephen Dabbs be appointed to review the quarter 4 / Year end Internal Financial Check, in partnership with Cllr Matthews and Arnold.
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TC2203.8. DRAFT PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER CONSULTATION OWNERSHIP OF DOGS AND PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN CERTAIN PLACES.

Members considered and approved the recommendation from the Finance & Planning Committee, FP2203.07 and it was

RESOLVED:	That the Town Council is unable to support the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order in relation to the ownership of dogs and the prohibition of smoking in certain places, as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The format of the consultation was too leading and varied to enable any analysis of the data to be of benefit in the decision-making process and, (ii) The prohibition will be difficult to enforce.
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TC2203.9. DAVENTRY RAIL PROGRAMME COMMITTEE.

The Chair thanked Cllr Tippet for the in-depth report which provided feedback form his attendance to the inaugural meeting of the Daventry Transport Development Group. Cllr Tippet spoke to his report advising of the discussions that had taken place on the various options and restrictions for connection of Daventry to the main rail stations, with the next steps being identified, which would include the need for the committee to create an action and objectives plan and to explore options to conduct a survey of Daventry residents and businesses to establish views on what rail improvements they would like to see.

RESOLVED:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That Cllr John Tippet and the Chief Officer be appointed as representatives for the Daventry Transport Development Group. (ii) That the Town Council support in principle a survey of residents and businesses. (iii) That Cllr Tippet and the Chief Officer work with the board to agree the format of the survey and report back to council for consideration and approval.
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TC2203.10. THE UK LEVELLING UP POLICY.

Cllr Taylor advised that the meeting was informative and explored the types of capital projects that could be considered for possible government funding in 2023/25. Cllr Taylor advised that Daventry has been highlighted as an area of interest and that the Town Council would need to work in collaboration with West Northamptonshire Council to identify a project that would fit

the criteria for funding, with the Town Centre Vision 2035 providing the framework to work from.

The Chief Officer advised that discussions were still in the very early stages, with funding for recreation and leisure being one of the areas identified as a possibility with the aim of the funding to improve offerings within the town with a capital expenditure project.

Members concurred that they were supportive of the Town Council working with West Northamptonshire Council to explore possible projects which would be of benefit to the town and would meet the funding criteria, and it was

RESOLVED:	That Cllr Taylor be appointed to work with the Chief Officer in matters relating to The UK Levelling Up Policy and report back to Council when appropriate.
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TC2203.11. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HIGHWAYS.

Cllr Taylor highlighted concerns that residents had raised with the condition of the roads in and around the town, with many potholes appearing as a result of high levels of traffic and heavy goods vehicles. Cllr Taylor suggested that not all residents report the issues to the relevant authority and this should be encouraged. She suggested the town council discuss with Northamptonshire Highways their schedule of works to resurface problem areas. Members concurred with Cllr Taylor's comments, and it was

RESOLVED:	That the Chief Officer request a meeting with a representative of Northamptonshire Highways to discuss future plans for the roads within the town as well as future connectivity.
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TC2203.12. TRAINING.

Members concurred that the CiLCA training provided by NCALC was a good foundation for all officers, and it was

RESOLVED:	That approval be given for the Projects Officer to undertake CiLCA training course at the cost of £495.00 and register with SLCC to complete a portfolio for the CiLCA qualification at a cost of £410.00.
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TC2203.13. SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998.

(i) COMMUNITY SAFETY

Members noted the report from the Town Ranger and Sponsored PCSO.

(ii) CCTV

Members noted the report on CCTV performance and activities for February 2022.

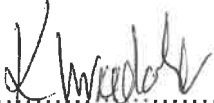
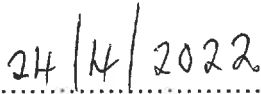
TC2203.14. CORRESPONDENCE.

None.

TC2203.15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Monday, 25th April 2022.

The meeting closed at 19:32 hrs.

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

