


## DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Daventry Town Council held at Town Council Offices, 3 New Street, Daventry on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 at 6.30pm

Cllr Malcolm Ogle – Chairman

### Councillors:

Mike Arnold  
Emily Carter  
Stephen Dabbs  
~~Lynn Jones~~  
Janet Matthews  
Ted Nicholl  
Lynne Taylor  
Phillip Silk-Neilsen

John Tippet . 

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Deborah Jewell, Chief Officer  
Sarah Fox, Responsible Finance Officer  
2 Members of the public  
0 Member of the press

Pat Coomber-Wood, Interim Chief Officer, Citizens Advice Daventry & District  
Harry Burr, Chief Executive, Sustainable Transport Midlands

### OPEN FORUM.

None.

### TC2212.1. APOLOGIES.

Councillor	Apologies	Resolved
Dawn Branigan	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Lynn Jones	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Alan Knappe	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Wendy Randall	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Holly Steenson	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Katie Thurston	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Karen Tweedale	Received and considered	Apologies Approved

### TC2212.2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Councillor	Declaration Of Interest	Minute Number
John Tippet	Non-pecuniary – Director of Sustainable Transport Midlands	TC2212.4
Phillip Silk-Neilsen	Non-pecuniary – Volunteer for Citizens Advice Daventry & District	TC2212.3

### TC2212.3. SOCIAL CAPITAL – CITIZENS ADVICE DAVENTRY AND DISTRICT

The Interim Chief Officer, Citizens Advice Daventry and District (CADD), spoke to her report on the services provided in Daventry and thanked the Town Council for their continued support and funding of the service for Daventry Town which has proved vital in the most challenging



of times and will be vital over the coming months with the incredible pressure on residents to manage debt and navigate through the numerous challenges during the cost-of-living crisis. She also spoke of the need for the council's continued support and funding for 2023/2024.

Members concurred that the service provided by CADD was vital for residents of the town and it was

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the funding of £10,000 be included in the draft budget for 2023/2024 which is to be reviewed later in 2022.
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#### **TC2212.4. DAVENTRY TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

Members received a presentation from the Chief Executive of Sustainable Transport Midlands (STM), on the origins and the future of Daventry Transport Development Group (DTDG). He advised that DTDG had been established to promote the improvement of public and active transport connectivity to Daventry and have in partnership with the various stakeholders been exploring why, how, and when improvement to the network should be made. He advised that DTDG had been developing a survey to ascertain the views of Daventry residents and surrounding communities and were looking to host a launch event in Daventry, due to resource capability and financial constraints the group are looking to Daventry Town Council to manage or support the project by either taking full ownership of the project or a project franchise.

Cllr Matthews commented that she understood the need but did not feel the council had the capacity, experience and knowledge to take the lead on this project.

Cllr Arnold commented that it would be difficult for a parish council to take on what could be a multi-million-pound project without the relevant expertise in this field.

Cllr Rosie Humphries drew members attention to her membership of the West Northamptonshire Council Sustainability Working Group to the meeting, and it was resolved.

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That Standing Orders be Suspended to enable Cllr Humphries to speak.
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The member of the WNC Sustainability Working Group enquired if the DTDG had approached Midland Connect & South Midlands to explore them taking on the ownership of the project.

Mr Burr responded that they had approached Midland Connect & South Midlands and they had advised that they did not have the capacity to take on the ownership of the project.

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That Standing Orders be re-instated.
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Cllr Tippet advised members that the project was still in its infancy and that DTDG were exploring options to understand via data collection what residents wanted or needed in order to further explore how improvements to the transport connectivity could be achieved.

Members considered the options proposed by the STM Chief Executive, for the Town Council to take on the lead and management of the project and concurred that they were supportive of the groups aims and objectives but had neither the skills or capacity to take a leading role.

#### **TC2212.5. MINUTES.**

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the minutes (Appendix 1) of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2022.
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<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the Chief Officer create a page on the website signposting to relevant organisations and links to online advice and extend an invitation to the community sector to attend a virtual/physical meeting to discuss the impact of the cost-of -living crisis on the community and what actions if any can be taken to support residents.
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**TC2212.11. DAVENTRY TEEN CLINIC.**

The Chief Officer advised that Teen Clinic launch event held at the Arc Cinema had received a positive response from the community and that the event was well attended. She advised that the first Teen Clinic session was to be held at Daventry Mind on 7<sup>th</sup> November, and that for the pilot scheme the clinic would be held once a month. The Chief Officer highlighted that the Projects Officer had been heavily involved in the project and that as the project evolves, expected less involvement from the Town Council team.

**TC2212.12. DAVENTRY TOWN CENTRE VISION 2035 (DTCV35).**

Cllr Taylor highlighted to members that the Town Centre Vision should be reviewed and updated annually by the Town Council and West Northamptonshire Council, and that the Town Council needed to consider appointing a working group to review and monitor this important document for the Town’s development. And it was

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) That the Town Council form a Daventry Town Implementation working group .</li> <li>(ii) That Councillors Lynne Taylor, Stephen Dabbs, Mike Arnold, the Chief Officer and Responsible Finance Officer be appointed to the working group.</li> <li>(iii) That an invitation to officers and/or members of West Northamptonshire Council be extended to review of the Daventry Town Centre Vision 2035 and make decisions thereon.</li> </ul>
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**TC2212.13. PREMISES.**

Members considered the report on the works required to repair that flat rooves and chimney stacks and it was

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the Town Council approve the works to be complete and accepts quotation A for the works required.
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The Chief Officer advised that with the closure of West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) Lodge Road offices there could be implications for the CCTV network if the building was to be sold, leased or demolished as the CCTV fibre network runs under the offices and also held a power source for the cameras in this area of the town.

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That the Chief Officer write to the Assistant Director of Assets and Environment, West Northamptonshire Council, advising that they are the owners of the conduit through which our CCTV fibre runs and that this must be written into any agreements on the transfer of the building to new owners and any costs to move electrical infrastructure will be the liability of West Northamptonshire Council and/or the new proprietors.
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**TC2212.14. SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998.**

**(i) COMMUNITY SAFETY.**

Members noted the report from the Community Ranger.



**TC2212.6. WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (WNC) COUNCILLOR REPORT.**

Councillor	Ward	Apologies	Report
David James	Daventry East	None Received	None Received
Peter Matten	Daventry East	Received	None Received
Colin Morgan	Daventry East	None Received	None Received
Terry Gilford	Daventry West	In attendance	None Received
Lauryn Harrington-Carter	Daventry West	None Received	None Received
Wendy Randall	Daventry West	DTC member see agenda item TC2212.1	
Alan Chantler	Braunston & Crick	None Received	None Received
Rosie Humphreys	Braunston & Crick	In Attendance	Received with thanks
Malcolm Longley	Braunston & Crick	None Received	None Received

**TC2212.7. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP.**

Members noted Cllr Matthew’s resignation from the Planning & Development Committee.

**TC2212.8. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	<p>That the reports of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Planning &amp; Development Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022</li> <li>(ii) Community Services Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022</li> <li>(iii) Finance &amp; Policy Committee – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022</li> <li>(iv) Planning &amp; Development Committee – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022</li> <li>(v) Museum Committee – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022</li> </ul> <p>Be received (Appendix 2).</p>
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**TC2212.9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW.**

Members considered the report prepared by members of the Local Government Boundary Review Working Group and the proposal of two wards, Daventry East and Daventry West.

The Chief Officer advised that further to the completion of the report a further option had been submitted by Councillor Stephen Dabbs for consideration, the proposal was for two wards, Daventry North and Daventry South. Cllr Dabbs advised members that he concurred that with the proposal of a two-ward pattern to reflect community identities and to enable elected members to focus on the electorates identified needs but considered the North and South wards would be a more appropriate arrangement.

Members considered the two options, and it was

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	That in response to the West Northamptonshire Boundary Review the Town Council submits the draft submission with the proposal of two wards, Daventry North and Daventry South
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**TC2212.10. COST OF LIVING CRISIS.**

Members noted the Chief Officer’s report and that the warm spaces project had received a positive response from the local community. Members concurred that whilst this was a positive step, there was a need for all parties within the community sector to work together to support residents as the cost-of-living crisis begins to impact the community, and it was



(ii) **CCTV.**

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

**TC2212.15. CORRESPONDENCE.**

- (i) The Chief Officer advised that she had received correspondence from West Northamptonshire Council to approach the Town Council regarding the possible transfer of Daventry Community Buildings. Members agreed that they would be open to having discussions, but ~~require~~ would require additional information before any discussions could commence to include; clarification of which community buildings they are referring to, a building condition survey for each proposed building and details of any monies that have been set aside, included with the budget for community buildings.
- (ii) The Chief Officer advised members that an anonymous letter had been received by the office in relation to concerns raised of the positioning of a display board located by a business within the town centre, due to the anonymous nature of the letter she had been unable to respond.
- (iii) The Chief Officer advised members that BBC Radio Northampton had approached the town council for a representative to talk about the fireworks on Dessert Island Dishes. Councillor Taylor advised that she would be available to undertake this task.

**TC2212.16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The meeting closed at 20:30 hrs.

SIGNED.......... DATED..... 28.11.22.....

