

CORBY TOWN COUNCIL

Town Mayor – Cllr Lawrence Ferguson

Interim Town Clerk – L Carter

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All members of the Council are summoned to attend a meeting of Corby Town Council in the Council Chamber, Corby Cube on **Monday 9th August at 7pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Members of the press and public are welcome to attend.
(Please wear a face covering and observe social distancing)

Signed:

Linda Carter

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Interim Town Clerk & Proper Officer

Date: 5th August 2021

AGENDA

36/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence

37/21 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATED TO BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA

(Members should disclose any interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting during the transaction of that item of business.)

38/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(Members of the public are invited to address the Council. The session will last for a maximum of 15 minutes with any individual contribution lasting a maximum of 3 minutes. Members of the public should address their representations through the chairman of the meeting.)

39/21 MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th July 2021

40/21 APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CLERK

Following interview by the Staffing Committee, it is RECOMMENDED that Council approves the appointment of Felicity Ryan as Clerk to Corby Town Council on LC3 SCP 37-45, subject to satisfactory references.

41/21 LEASE FOR THE COUNCIL OFFICE

The lease for the office is due to be completed by 13th August. The annual service charge has been determined at £7903.14, with this year's payment to be pro rata. A request has been submitted for ID cards for those Councillors who are not members of NNC so that admission to Corby Cube is facilitated. Parking permits have also been requested for the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Town Clerk

42/21 COMMITTEES

The Council needs to record the membership of the Planning Committee and the Finance and Resources Committee .

Finance & Resources Committee (including grants) – 7 members

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Planning Committee - 7 members

To agree a timetable for future meetings of these committees and alternative venues. (Community Centre availability previously circulated).

To note that Cllr S Rielly has replaced Cllr Dalziel on the Staffing Committee.

43/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS

GRANTS – It is proposed to establish a Grant fund in the current year of £2,000 per Councillor, to be allocated to the ward for which they were elected. The Members for each ward will act as a Grants Panel to consider applications and make recommendations to the Finance Committee up to the amount allocated. The Clerk will provide an application pack to interested parties, receive applications and draft criteria for their consideration and inclusion. (Criteria to be agreed by Council at its next meeting).

RECOMMENDED: to approve the establishment of an enlarged grant fund to allow each ward councillor £2000 for grants in their ward, and to establish four grant panels (one for each ward) authorised to make recommendations to the Finance Committee regarding grant recipients.

44/21 ADMINISTRATION

Insurance – the valuation for the three chains was been sent to the Insurers for provision of premium costs which were confirmed as £1,314.24. This will be paid when the office is available and the transfer of the chains can be facilitated, as well as the premium to insure the office and contents.

45/21 VISIT TO COUNCILS IN CHESHIRE

To **APPROVE** a fact finding visit by four councillors to Town Councils in Cheshire with associated travel and hotel costs.

46/21 MOTION ON CLIMATE EMERGENCY

The following motion has been put forward for adoption:

'Corby Town Council recognises that humanity has caused immense and irreversible damage to our environment, being the root cause of climate change. To reduce the effects of the current Climate Crisis that we find ourselves in as a result, Corby Town Council resolves to take steps to move towards Carbon Neutrality by 2030. The first of these steps is to declare a Climate Emergency; in line with its predecessor Corby Borough Council which declared so on the 29th of August 2019. The second of these steps is to set up a Climate Action Committee on Corby Town Council, the membership of which will include Town Councillors and community leaders. The third of these steps is to call upon other authorities, including North Northamptonshire Unitary Council, the Government at Westminster, and other Town Councils in Northamptonshire and across the Country, to take similar steps to achieve Carbon Neutrality by 2030, delegating resources and authority to relevant Climate Action groups to assist in this goal.'

47/21 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

To note that the Clerk has issued invitations to members of the Northamptonshire Clinical Commissioning Group and the Independent Chair of the Northamptonshire Health & Care Partnership to attend the council meeting on 13th September 2021 to discuss health inequalities in Corby in relation to recent changes.

The Clerk has also invited Denise Westwood, Chair of the 2022 Pole Fair committee to attend a Council meeting to talk to Councillors about the plans for the event.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. – The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 13th September 2021 at 7.00pm