

CORBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Corby Town Council held on Monday 9th August 2021 in the Council Chamber, Corby Cube.

PRESENT:

Cllr L Ferguson	Cllr R Armour	Cllr R Beeby	Cllr Lyn Buckingham
Cllr T Chikoto	Cllr A Dalziel	Cllr A Dady	Cllr Leanne Buckingham
Cllr M Pengelly	Cllr M Keane	Cllr S Rielly	Cllr M Reuby
Cllr R Newby	Cllr W Colquhoun		

Also present: L Carter (Interim Town Clerk)
F Ryan (New Clerk designate)
2 Members of the Public

Before the meeting began, the Town Mayor announced the recent death of Alderman George Crawley, whose sister and brother-in law were present. Councillors Pengelly, Beeby and Colquhoun paid tribute to the Alderman for his exceptional service and devotion to the people of Corby. A minute's silence was observed in his memory.

36/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs C Reilly, McEwan and Goddard.

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

No Declarations were made.

38/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members of the public were in attendance.

39/21 MINUTES

Members agreed and **APPROVED** the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th July 2021

40/21 APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CLERK

Following the interview by the Staffing Committee and its recommendation, Council unanimously **APPROVED** the appointment of Mrs Felicity Ryan as Clerk and Proper officer to Corby Town Council (LC3 SCP 37-45), subject to satisfactory references. Cllr Pengelly welcomed her to the Council, and Cllr Keane said that he was looking forward to working with her.

41/21 LEASE FOR THE COUNCIL OFFICE

NOTED that the lease for the office was due to be completed by 13th August with the annual service charge and insurance rent having been determined as £7903.14 with the current year's payment pro rata. Passes had been requested for Town Councillors and parking permits had been requested for the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Town Clerk.

42/21 COMMITTEES

Membership of the Finance Committee was confirmed as Cllrs Keane, Pengelly, Rielly (Chair), Reuby (Vice Chair), Lyn Buckingham, Armour and Colquhoun. The first meeting would be held on Wednesday 1st September - location to be confirmed

Membership of the Planning Committee was confirmed as Cllrs Dady (Chair), Chikoto (Vice Chair), Beeby, Goddard, Reilly, Ferguson and Newby. The first meeting would be held on Monday 6th September – location to be confirmed.

NOTED that Cllr S Rielly had replaced Cllr Dalziel on the Staffing Committee

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43/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS/ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

GRANTS – Members **APPROVED** the establishment of an enlarged grant fund to allow each ward councillor £2,000 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.

Cllr Rielly reported that there was funding available from the Rural Safety team for a speed reduction scheme. The Council could apply for VAS indicators to be rotated across wards. Details would be passed to the Interim Clerk to progress.

44/21 ADMINISTRATION

Insurance – the valuation for the three chains was sent to the Insurers for provision of premium costs which were confirmed as £1314.24 (max) to be paid when the office is available.

AGREED: To delegate to the Interim Clerk authority to pay the insurance premium for the Mayoral Chains.

45/21 VISIT TO COUNCILS IN CHESHIRE

Councillors **APPROVED** a fact-finding visit by four councillors to Town Councils in the Cheshire area with associated travel and hotel costs. A report would be brought back to council for information.

46/21 MOTION ON CLIMATE EMERGENCY

The following motion was **ADOPTED**:

'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

NOTED that the Interim Clerk had 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.

NOTED that 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

Signed.....
(Town Mayor)

Date.....