

IRTHLINGBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF IRTHLINGBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH APRIL 2022 AT 7.30PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, FETTLINEDINE ROAD, NN9 5XF

PRESENT: Councillors S Boyer, P Boyer, C Collis-Neale, C Cross, J Farrar, J Gray, E Hopkinson, D Maxwell and R Powell.

ALSO PRESENT: 2 representatives of the Irthlingborough Cricket Club and 1 member of the public.

The Mayor informed members and the public that the meeting was being recorded for minute taking purposes. She informed them that there was an opportunity for fifteen minutes public speaking with each person having an opportunity to speak for a maximum of three minutes in connection with an item on the agenda. She asked if anyone wished to address the Council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One representative of the Irthlingborough Cricket Club wished to address the meeting in support of their request for a donation Agenda Item 132.5 to receive a request from Irthlingborough Cricket Club for a donation towards their Queen's Jubilee Family Day being held on June 2nd 2022.

The Club was celebrating 150 years since being established in 1872. They explained that with the pandemic the last few years had been difficult for both funding and recruitment. The Club thought it would be a nice idea to tie up the clubs 150 year fundraising and recruitment event with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and put on an event to bring the local community together whilst showcasing their club.

The event will be run by volunteers and they will be leafletting every house in Irthlingborough and also, properties on the nearby Stanton Cross development. If the Council were able to support the event through sponsorship they would acknowledge this on the leaflets.

The Club would be grateful for any amount of sponsorship the Council could offer.

The Mayor thanked them and advised them that the item would be discussed later in the meeting.

126. APOLOGIES -TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor C Kearns-Gray – Work Commitment

Mayor:

Date:

Councillor T Walton – Ill Health

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/441 – that Councillors C Kearns-Gray and T Walton’s apologies be accepted

127. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST AND OTHER INTERESTS AND THE NATURE OF THOSE INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Item 132.5 to receive a request from Irthlingborough Cricket Club for a donation towards their Queen’s Jubilee Family Day being held on June 2nd 2022 - Councillor E Hopkinson – Is in the employment of the Cricket Clubs 2022 sponsor.

Item 134.1 to receive a letter of thanks from iGrow for the council’s donation for the Christmas Fest – Councillor C Cross – is a member of iGrow

Item 134.2 to receive a letter of request from Irthlingborough Library to support their event being held on 26th May 2022 to mark their 50th year in the town – Councillor P Boyer – had made a donation as a local business owner.

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Item 134.2 to receive a letter of request from Irthlingborough Library to support their event being held on 26th May 2022 to mark their 50th year in the town – Councillor J Gray – had made a donation as a local business owner.

Item 134.4 to receive a consultation document from North Northants Council regarding the garden waste collection service with a closing date of 17th April 2022 – Councillor R Powell would be attending a meeting of the Unitary authority where he would be asked to vote.

128. MINUTES

128.1 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FOR SIGNATURE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH MARCH 2022

Page 138 – Matters Arising – Page 123 – Item 106.5 Litter Picking – Councillor J Farrar had helped with the litter pick – should read *Councillor J Farrar had visited the litter pickers.*

Page 143 – Item 119.1 To approve the Accounts for payment for February 2022 – Payment 349 Bosworth’s Garden Centre – Trees - £171.41 should read *£177.41*

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/442 - that the amended minutes of the Full Town Council Meeting 8th March 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record of proceedings

129. MATTERS ARISING

129.1 TO NOTE ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH MARCH 2022 NOT INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA, FOR REPORT ONLY

Mayor:

Date:

Page 137 – Item 116 – Matters arising - 108.9 TO DISCUSS A WAY FORWARD FOR THE POST OFFICE CLLR CROSS **RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/361** – that the Council waits to see what the outcome of the Post Offices letter to the current Post Office premises and franchise holder is before deciding on what further action to take. – Councillor C Cross – Is there any update

Councillor D Maxwell responded indicating the latest communication from the Post Office had indicated they were still looking at the situation and advised that the nearest Post Office was 2.2 miles away in Finedon. Councillor D Maxwell had responded to their communication indicating 2.2 miles was too far and asking them to resolve the issue.

Councillor C Cross felt the situation was unacceptable and asked if the Council could be proactive, i.e. could we request a mobile Post Office Service.

Page 138 – Matters Arising - Page 127 – Item 107 Finance Matters – Payment 316 Amazon – FaceMasks 100 - £99.95 – Councillor J Farrar asked if the Council were getting any funding for COVID-19 essentials. Councillor D Maxwell questioned that masks were no longer required.

The Clerk replied that staff were still using masks when meeting members of the public.

Page 144 – Item 120.I) To consider the updated risk assessments in light of the latest government advice:

D) CENTRAL RECREATION GROUND PLAY AREAS/OUTDOOR GYM

RESOLVE ITC/03(22)/406 - that all restrictions/conditions put in place due to COVID 19 for the Central Recreation Ground Play Area/Outdoor Gym be removed and the swings that were removed be reinstated.

E) CROW HILL RECREATION GROUND

RESOLVE ITC/03(22)/407 - that all restrictions/conditions put in place due to COVID 19 for the Crow Hill Recreation Ground Play Area be removed and the swings that were removed be reinstated.

F) LES O'DELL RECREATION GROUND

RESOLVE ITC/03(22)/408 - that all restrictions/conditions put in place due to COVID 19 for the Les O'Dell Recreation Ground Play Area be removed and the swings that were removed be reinstated.

Councillor C Cross asked if the swings had been reinstated.

The Clerk said she would check.

Page 145 – Item 120.2 - **RESOLVE ITC/03(22)/410** – that Councillor C Skinner of Kettering Town Council be invited to the June Full Town Council meeting to give a presentation in regards to setting up a community Lottery. – Councillor C Cross asked if a response had been received from Councillor C Skinner.

The Clerk indicated Councillor C Skinner had been invited and had replied that he try and attend the meeting if he was free.

130. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS UP TO 4TH APRIL 2022

Mayor:

Date:

Nothing was raised

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/443 – that the Town Clerk’s report up to the 4th April 2022 is received and noted.

131. COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES - TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

131.1 THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22ND MARCH 2022 – CLLR D MAXWELL

Councillor D Maxwell invited questions in connection with the minutes.

Nothing was raised.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/444- that the minutes of the Planning Committee, meeting held on Tuesday 22nd March 2022 were noted.

131.2 TO NOTE THAT THE PROPERTY AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING DUE TO BE HELD ON 22ND MARCH 2022 WAS INQUORATE

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/445- that it was noted that the Property and Services Committee Meeting of the 22nd March 2022 was inquorate.

131.3 THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24TH MARCH 2022 – CLLR E HOPKINSON

Councillor E Hopkinson invited questions in connection with the minutes.

Nothing was raised.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/446- that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 24th March 2022 were noted.

Councillor E Hopkinson asked members to consider resolving the **RECOMMEND** from meeting.

TO RESOLVE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMEND:

A) RECOMMEND – TO ADD/WITHDRAW THE FUNDS AS DETAILED TO THE EARMARKED RESERVES FOR 2021/22

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/447- that it was agreed to add/withdraw the funds as detailed in the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting of the 24th March 2022 minutes to/from the Earmarked Reserves for 2021/2022

131.4 THE EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29TH MARCH 2022 – CLLR C CROSS

Councillor C Cross invited questions in connection with the minutes.

Mayor:

Date:

Councillor D Maxwell asked Councillor C Cross if she could provide her with a list of all the planned events.

Councillor C Cross said she would.

Councillor S Boyer asked if St Peter's Church had agreed to light up the church in red white and blue over the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend.

The Church was happy to put the coloured filters onto the lights if the Council provided them. They had advised that currently one of the spotlights was broken and awaiting repair.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/448 - that the minutes of the Events Committee, meeting held on Tuesday 29th March 2022 were noted

Councillor C Cross asked members to consider resolving the **RECOMMEND** from meeting.

TO **RESOLVE** THE FOLLOWING **RECOMMEND**:

RECOMMEND – THAT THE COUNCIL PURCHASE ENAMELLED PLATINUM JUBILEE COINS FOR EVERY CHILD WHO RESIDES IN IRTHLINGBOROUGH AND ATTENDS A SCHOOL OR NURSERY IN THE TOWN.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/449 - that the Council purchases 2500 enamelled Platinum Jubilee Coins at a cost of £3900. One for every child who resides in Irthlingborough or attends a school or nursery in the town.

One member abstained

132. FINANCE MATTERS



IRTHLINGBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

Cashbook Payments

March 2022

Bank No.	Supplier	Description	Total
361	Apex Market Stalls	3m x 3m Trader 40 Alu green gazebo package	£429.00
362	Wave	Water Rates Offices	£51.93
363	E-On Energy Solutions	Quarterly Street Lighting Maintenance	£162.02
364	Jay Patel	Additional Hire - Therefore No Refund	-
365	Clean4Shaw	Cleaning of public toilets	£879.60

Mayor:

Date:

			£
366	Webb House	Monthly Payroll Services	27.11
			£
367	Malcolm Thomas	Remote maintenance of network	150.00
			£
368	Elizabeth Halleybone	Refund of Deposit Invoice 6053 05.03.22	50.00
			£
369	Ketankumar Patel	Refund of Deposit Invoice 6045 06.03.22	35.00
			£
370	North Northants Council	Street Cleansing January	46.49
			£
371-6	Staff Wages	Monthly Salaries	10,200.86
			£
377	HMRC	P32 PAYE & NI contributions	3,899.18
			£
378	NCC Pensions Account	Pension Contributions	4,334.05
			£
379	Microshade	Hosting Rialtas & Pear mapping	80.40
			£
380	2 Commune	Renew Domain Name	180.00
			£
381	BT	Quarterly phone bill	864.15
			£
382	Rialtas	Software annual support	355.20
			£
383	North Northants Council	Grounds Maintenance January	6,319.68
			£
384	Pauline Boyer	Chairmans Allowance	965.00
			£
385	Ady Pendred	Queens Green Canopy Plaque	252.00
			£
386	UK Town Apps	Town App Monthly Fee	250.00
			£
387	Knights & Hyde	CC Toilet Rolls	40.10
			£
388	RF Blount	CC Boiler Repair	174.00
			£
389	Emily Brunsdon - Orbit	Refund in April Deposit Invoice 6035 16.03.22	-
			£
390	Ellen Perry	Refund of Deposit Invoice 6071 13.03.24	50.00
			£
391	Carly Newport	Refund of Deposit Invoice 6057 26.03.23	50.00
			£
392	Clarendon	Various R&M	795.00
			£
393	North Northants Council	Grounds Maintenance February	4,772.36

Mayor:

Date:

394	North Northants Council	Works Maintenance February	£ 46.49
DD	Cheaper Waste	Cemetery 660 litre bin	£ 84.00
DD	Cheaper Waste	CC 660 litre bin	£ 84.00
DD	Gamma	Office Telephone Monthly Charges	£ 25.19
DD	Shire Leasing	Photocopier Lease - 2nd Payment	£ 505.80
DD	O2	Office & CC Mobile Phone	£ 67.03
DD	Pozitive Energy	Gas Community Centre - Previous month	£ 488.86
DD	Nat West	Monthly bank charges for previous month	£ 17.18
DD	Nat West	Monthly Bankline Charges	£ 13.20
DD	NW Business Credit	Various - Postage & Zoom	£ 10.19
		Expenditure	£ 36,755.07
	Budget balance at		£
Donations	31/03/22	N/C 4295	2,296.00

132.1 TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FOR MARCH 2022

Councillor C Cross was pleased to see the Council now had its own green gazebo for events.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/450 - to approve the Accounts for payment for March 2022

132.2 TO APPROVE THE BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS UP TO 31ST MARCH 2022

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/451 - to approve the Bank Account Reconciliations up to 31st March 2022

132.3 TO APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE UP TO 31ST MARCH 2022

Councillor R Powell asked for confirmation that the figure for staff salaries included pension payments.

The Clerk confirmed they were detailed separately on the payments list but the descriptions made this clear.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/452 - to approve the Statement of income and expenditure up to 31st March 2022

132.4 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE INTERNAL CONTROL AUDIT REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 2022

Mayor:

Date:

Councillor E Hopkinson apologised for not sending the report in time for inclusion in the pack but confirmed that he had carried out the Internal control audit and could report that everything was in order.

He also advised that Councillor P Boyer would be carrying out some of the Internal Control Audits in the future.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/453 - that the verbal Internal Control Audit Report dated February 2022 was accepted, the written report would follow.

132.5 TO RECEIVE A REQUEST FROM IRTHLINGBOROUGH CRICKET CLUB FOR A DONATION TOWARDS THEIR QUEEN'S JUBILEE FAMILY DAY BEING HELD ON JUNE 2ND 2022

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/454 - that a request from Irthlingborough Cricket Club for a donation towards their Queens' Jubilee Family Day being held on Thursday 2nd June is received.

Councillor S Boyer stated that Irthlingborough Town Council represents the Community. The Cricket Club is important to the town, it is a well-respected, well supported club, he felt 150 years was a tremendous achievement. He proposed a donation of the full £970.

Councillor C Cross was in favour of supporting the event which was being put on for the whole town.

Councillor J Farrar stated the fund was there for the Council to support Community events such as this, Councillor J Gray added his support.

Councillor D Maxwell was opposed to the proposal.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/455 - that the Council make a donation of £970.00 to the Irthlingborough Cricket Club towards their Queens' Jubilee Family Day being held on Thursday 2nd June 2022

One member voted against

133. AGENDA ITEMS

133.1 TO RECEIVE AN OFFER OF GRANT LETTER FROM GROUNDWORK UK AND AGREE TO SIGN THE CONTRACT IN RELATION TO THE HIGH STREET REGENERATION AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT (HSSI) GRANT APPLICATION

The Clerk highlighted the Council's application had been successful with a grant for the full £15000 having been approved.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/456 - that the offer of grant letter from Groundwork Uk is received and noted.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/457 - that it is agreed to sign the contract in relation to the High Street Regeneration and Social Infrastructure support (HSSI) Grant Application

133.2 ALLOTMENT LAND – ADDINGTON ROAD:

Mayor:

Date:

I) TO RECEIVE THE LATEST INFORMATION AND PREVIOUS COMMUNICATION FROM THE LANDOWNER

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/458 - that the latest information and previous communication from the Addington Road allotment landowner is received and noted.

II) TO RECEIVE A REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION AS PER **RESOLVE ITC/03(22)/415** RELATING TO THE ALLOTMENT LAND ON ADDINGTON ROAD – CLLR R POWELL

Councillor R Powell brought members attention to the main points of the report, having spoken to the National Allotments Society he wished to amend his proposals given in the report to:

1. As the Co-op are unwilling to bring the site up to an adoptable standard, to refuse the offer of a land transfer to the Town Council
2. Accept the Co-ops offer, as a Town Council we are not eligible to apply for a grant to remediate the land but it could be leased to the Allotment Association who could seek a community grant to bring the land up to an acceptable standard. Also commission a reputable consultant to provide a quote for remediation measures.
3. If the land was not required to use as allotments, this could be considered for open space land.

Councillor J Farrar thanked Councillor R Powell for a good report. He raised a couple of points. Firstly, the report indicated currently 23 people on the waiting list for Crouch Road Allotments and 17 for the Windmill Road allotments, what wasn't known was how many were included on both lists. Secondly, it was unknown how many of those on waiting lists would wish to take an allotment in Addington Road rather than at other sites which may be more accessible to them. He felt that the option of open space could not be discussed as this was not relevant to the Agenda item.

It would cost vast amounts of money to clear the offered allotments and bring them to a suitable standard for renting. The Crouch Road Allotment Association had been asked if they would like to take them on if the Council accepted them and were not interested due to the remedial work involved.

Councillor J Farrar concluded by stating he felt the Council should not accept the allotments unless the landowner brought them up to an adoptable standard first.

Councillor D Maxwell felt the Council should be encouraging people to grow their own and also introduce children to growing fruit and vegetables. The local schools do not have anywhere to grow produce she thought it would be nice if they could have a plot.

Councillor S Boyer considered the idea of encouraging people and children to grow their own a good idea but due to the condition of the land and the location of the site he considered this impractical.

Councillor J Farrar proposed that the Council accept the offer of the land if the landowner remediate it first.

An amendment to the proposal was made that the Council should find out the real cost to remediate the site and then ask the landowner to provide fifty percent of the cost to remediate the land.

A vote was taken on the amendment, 2 for 5 against, the amendment was lost.

Mayor:

Date:

The original proposal was voted on 6 for 1 against and 2 abstentions, the vote was passed.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/459- that the report as per RESOLVE ITC/03(22)/415 relating to the current allotment provision within the town and allotment land on Addington Road is received and noted.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/460 – that the Council accept the offer of the land if the landowner remediates it first.

III) TO RECEIVE THE SMALL HOLDINGS AND ALLOTMENTS ACT 1908, CHAPTER 36 – DUTY OF CERTAIN COUNCILS TO PROVIDE ALLOTMENTS REGULATIONS

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/461 - that the Small Holdings and Allotment Act 1908, Chapter 36 – Duty of Certain Councils to provide allotments regulations is received and noted.

133.3 TO RECEIVE A QUOTATION FROM OUR CURRENT CCTV PROVIDERS AND AGREE TO RE-NEW THE CONTRACT FROM 1ST APRIL 2022 FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS

Councillor E Hopkinson asked if the CCTV provision was beneficial to the town.

Councillor J Gray replied that he considered it invaluable. The provision is very good the police can contact them directly and watch live footage. The firm also provide CCTV for other local towns providing consistency. Councillor J Gray stated he would not like to be without CCTV provision.

Councillor D Maxwell felt that the Council had a duty to get three quotations, she wasn't against the current provision but need to ensure Council getting value for money.

The Clerk stated that if a company provided a unique offering it was not necessary to obtain three quotations. The offering from the current CCTV provider was unique, it had worked with the Police to offer a real-time provision. Money had been invested by all stakeholders to provide this service which is a provision for the four towns under this remit.

Councillor D Maxwell still felt the Council needed to be able to justify using this company.

Councillor C Cross asked if there had been an increase in cost.

The Clerk indicated it was five years since the contract was first taken out and the coverage now included an additional camera. The price was £1000 a year more than the last contract.

Councillors J Farrar and J Gray felt it offered good value for money.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/462 - that the quotation from the current CCTV providers to re-new the contract from 1st April 2022 for period of three years at a cost of £15,800 + VAT per year is received and agreed.

1 member abstained.

133.4 TO CONSIDER THE REPLACEMENT/REPAIR OF THE HIGH STREET BOLLARDS AS PER **RESOLVE**

Mayor:

Date:

ITC/03(22)/420 – CLLR C CROSS

Councillor C Cross stated that 10 bollards needed replacing and 14 needed repairing.

Councillor J Farrar pointed out that the bollards were the property of North Northamptonshire Council and therefore, it was their responsibility to replace and repair them.

He proposed one of the towns Unitary Councillors pursue North Northamptonshire Council to carry out the replacement and repair work required.

Councillor D Maxwell would like to see additional bollards installed near the local schools.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/463 – that Unitary Councillor D Maxwell contacts North Northamptonshire's Graham Lawman requesting that the missing bollards are replaced, the damaged bollards are repaired and additional bollards be installed near the town's schools.

133.5 TO CONSIDER THE CURRENT LOCATION OF THE KNIFE AMNESTY BIN IN THE CAR PARK AND AGREE TO GRANT CONSENT OR REMOVE TO PREVIOUSLY AGREED LOCATION

The Clerk reminded members that the Council had been consulted by the Police as to where they would like the knife amnesty bin be located. The Council had requested the bin be located in the area near to the Doctors Surgery. The bin had been installed at the rear of the public conveniences building in the town car park on the instruction of the Police.

Councillors felt that the position of the bin was satisfactory and as the bin had already been installed agreed to grant consent.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/464 – that consent be given for the knife amnesty bin to be installed at the rear of the Public Conveniences within the town's car park.

133.6 AS PER RESOLVE ITC/03(22)/397 TO CONSIDER PURCHASING AN ADDITIONAL FIVE FALLING STAR DESIGN CHRISTMAS LAMP POST LIGHTS IN ADDITION TO THE TEN DONATED AT A COST OF £3275

The High Street had 15 adapted lamp posts, therefore purchasing an additional five lamp post lights would enable them all to be decorated for the Christmas period.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/465 - that the Council purchases an additional five falling star design Christmas lamp post lights at a cost of £3275.

133.7 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MULTI STAKEHOLDER MEETING TO EXPLORE THE POTENTIAL OF A RIVER NENE TRANSPORT LINK AS PER RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/354 – CLLR R POWELL

Councillor R Powell felt the meeting had been useful. He asked if the Clerk had contacted Donna French at Crown Estates with regard to getting Irthlingborough included in future Crown Estate publicity and for Rushden lakes and other local visitor attractions /places of interest in local towns.

The Clerk indicated that she would be contacting her.

Mayor:

Date:

Councillor J Gray was disappointed that at present there were no signs/references to Irthlingborough at Rushden Lakes.

It was felt that the meeting had been a start/move in the right direction to promoting Irthlingborough through links with other stakeholders. Irthlingborough needed to put investment in to encourage visitors to the town.

It was agreed that Kate Chadwick would arrange a further meeting with relevant stakeholders, after which a further meeting to include Irthlingborough representatives would be scheduled.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/466 - that the minutes of the multi stakeholder meeting to explore the potential of a River Nene transport link as per **RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/354** are received and noted.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/467 – that the Clerk writes to Kate Chadwick to see if the meeting she agreed to arrange has taken place or been scheduled yet and information brought to the next Council meeting to enable the Council to arrange its next meeting.

134. CORRESPONDENCE & REQUESTS

134.1 TO RECEIVE A LETTER OF THANKS FROM I-GROW FOR THE COUNCIL'S DONATION FOR THE CHRISTMAS FEST – FOR INFO

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/468 - that the letter of thanks from iGrow for the Councils donation for the Christmas Fest 2021 is received and noted.

Deputy Mayor Councillor J Farrar led the next item as the Mayor had declared an interest.

134.2 TO RECEIVE A LETTER OF REQUEST FROM IRTHLINGBOROUGH LIBRARY TO SUPPORT THEIR EVENT BEING HELD ON 26TH MAY 2022 TO MARK THEIR 50TH YEAR IN THE TOWN

Councillor J Farrar suggested the Council make a donation of a small tree.

Councillor D Maxwell felt as the library was part of North Northamptonshire Council the Town Council should not be making a contribution.

Councillor J Farrar stated that he felt it was a great achievement and he believed that Councillors should support the Library within the Town both with a donation and by attending the event to show their support.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/469 - that the Council support the Irthlingborough Library's 50th year event on Thursday 26th May 2022 at 2pm by those Councillors who wish to, offering to volunteer and a donation for plants up to £50.

The Mayor thanked Councillor J Farrar and retook the Chair.

134.3 TO AGREE A RESPONSE TO A LETTER FROM A RESIDENT REGARDING TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN THE HIGH STREET/WELLINGBOROUGH ROAD

Mayor:

Date:

Councillor S Boyer stated that the Council had carried out a traffic survey in response to an earlier letter raising concerns about HGV's going to Whitworths. The survey didn't find excessive HGV's going to Whitworths through the town.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/470 – that the letter from town resident regarding traffic problems in the High Street/Wellingborough Road is received and noted.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/471 - that the Council writes to the resident advising them that the Council carried out a traffic survey the findings of which didn't find excessive number of HGV's coming into Whitworths through the town.

134.4 TO RECEIVE A CONSULTATION DOCUMENT FROM NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL REGARDING THE GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE WITH A CLOSING DATE OF 17TH APRIL 2022

Councillors had varying opinions in relation to some of the questions in the consultation but they all agreed that residents of Irthlingborough should be treated the same as other residents of Northamptonshire.

Members agreed that the Council should write to North Northamptonshire Council rather than complete the consultation form as a Council.

Members if they wished to could complete the consultation form as individuals.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/472 - that the Consultation document from North Northamptonshire Council regarding the garden waste collection scheme service is received and noted.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/473 - that the Council writes to North Northamptonshire Council indicating that they expect residents of Irthlingborough to be treated exactly the same as other residents of North Northamptonshire in regard to Garden Waste collection services.

134.5 NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE STRATEGIC PLAN SCOPE AND ISSUES CONSULTATION:

I) TO RECEIVE A CONSULTATION DOCUMENT FROM NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL ENTITLED "STRATEGIC PLAN: SCOPE AND ISSUES"

This will review and replace the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy which was adopted in 2016.

They are also consulting on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report concurrently with the scope and issues Document.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/474 - that the consultation document from North Northamptonshire Strategic Plan Scope and Issues is received and noted.

II) TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND A WORKSHOP VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY 26TH APRIL 10AM-12PM TO DISCUSS THE SCOPE AND ISSUES CONSULTATION.

Mayor:

Date:

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/475 - that Councillor R Powell is appointed to attend a workshop via Teams on Tuesday 26th April 2022 10am to 12pm to discuss the scope and issues consultation as a representative of Irthlingborough Town Council

III) TO AGREE TO HOLD AN ADDITIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY 3RD MAY TO AGREE A RECOMMENDATION TO TAKE TO FULL COUNCIL ON 10TH MAY 2022

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/476 - that the Council agrees to hold an additional Planning Committee Meeting on Tuesday 3rd May to agree a RECOMMENDATION to take to Full Council on the 10th May 2022 in connection with the North Northamptonshire Strategic Plan scope and issues consultation following attendance by Cllr Powell at the workshop.

134.6 TO RECEIVE A REQUEST FROM FREEDOM LEISURE FOR THE USE OF THE CENTRAL RECREATION GROUND TO RUN TURN UP & PLAY AND FAMILY XPLORER EVENTS DURING THE WEEKS OF 25TH JULY – 5TH AUGUST 2022

It was noted that the Council had given permission for similar events last August.

Councillor D Maxwell stated that Freedom Leisure was a commercial venture and as such she thought the Council should ask for a payment for the use of the facilities.

Other members felt the Council's role was to encourage the use of the town's facilities for community activities.

Councillor R Powell acknowledged Councillor D Maxwells views but, didn't feel the proposed event was going to be a profit making event.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/477 - that permission is given for Freedom Leisure to use the Central Recreation Ground for Turn up and play and family Xplorer Events during the weeks of 25th July and 5th August 2022 providing the Conditions of Use – Irthlingborough Town Council Recreation Grounds are met.

134.7 TO RECEIVE AN INVITATION TO THE CPRE GARDEN AND ESTATE WALK TO BE HELD ON 4TH MAY 2022

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/478 - that the invitation to the CPRE Garden and Estate Walk to be held at Southfields House Towcester on Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 11am is received.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/479 - that Councillors C Cross and D Maxwell will attend the CPRE Garden and Estate Walk on Wednesday 4th May 2022 at a cost of £20 per person which they will fund themselves.

135. NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS

135.1 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLOR'S K HARRISON, D MAXWELL AND R POWELL

Councillor K Harrison was not present and no report had been submitted.

Councillor R Powell had nothing to report.

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Councillor D Maxwell had attended a meeting at which Cottingham's Neighbourhood Plan had been discussed. She felt there was a need for the Irthlingborough Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to move forward with Irthlingborough's plan.

Complaints about the North Northamptonshire telephone system had been acknowledged. The Council was trying to resolve the issues raised.

Councillor D Maxwell brought members attention to the inequality of nursery funding that had recently been discussed. She felt the available funding should be distributed equally.

Councillor D Maxwell informed members that she was going to raise the lack of access from Irthlingborough to Chester Farm by foot or public transport at a future North Northamptonshire Council meeting.

Also, on the subject of public transport she believed that those entitled to free bus passes should continue to receive free bus passes.

135.2 TO RECEIVE THE "LEADERS UPDATE" MARCH NEWSLETTER

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/480 - that the "Leaders Update" Newsletter dated 7th March 2022 is received and noted

135.3 TO AGREE TO REQUEST LITTER BINS BE INSTALLED AT DIAMOND WAY/ATTLEY WAY – CLLR C CROSS

Councillor R Powell believed the land in question belonged to Davidson Homes and as such the Council should contact them about the litter problems and request they resolve the problem.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/481 – that the Council write to Davidson Homes to notify them of the litter problem in the area and request they take action to resolve the problem.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/482 - that the meeting be extended until 9.45pm in accordance with Standing Orders Meetings 3W.

136. POLICE/PUBLIC ORDER MATTERS

136.1 TO RECEIVE THE LATEST CRIME FIGURES FROM WWW.STREETCHECK.CO.UK AND WWW.POLICE.UK

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/483 - that the crime figures for January and February 2022 sourced from the Streetcheck and Police.UK websites are received and noted.

136.2 TO RECEIVE THE CCTV REPORTS FROM CRIMESECURE FOR MARCH 2022

The report was tabled at meeting.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/484 - that the CCTV report for March 2022 is received and noted.

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136.3 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME AND POLICING UPDATES

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/485 - that the Crime and Policing updates are received and noted.

136.4 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT FROM THE JAG REPRESENTATIVE – CLLR J GRAY

Councillor J Gray advised that due to shift patterns no police representative was available to attend the meeting but had sent a report that Cllr Gray would read to update members:

Accessing of the roof of the old Kwik Save building in Irthlingborough by youths poses a safety risk both to the officers and the youths involved. A decision had been made by the police control room to monitor the group via CCTV and gather evidence rather than attend. It was felt the youth's action was attention seeking and they got bored and dispersed if the Police didn't attend. The Sergeant monitors social media feeds and can see the frustration from the public and businesses in regard to this continuing problem.

The Police are working behind the scenes and making progress in evidence gathering to take steps to prosecute. The main ringleader has been issued documentation under ASB legislation and others have been issued with warnings. The issue forms part of the daily briefings and officers are being encouraged to spend any mobile patrol time in the area. The youths are also causing issues in Rushden and Higham Ferrers and the whole team is working on the issues not just the PCSO and PC dedicated to Irthlingborough.

The Police are also working with businesses to secure their premises.

The Police have asked if Irthlingborough Town Council would support them by providing a Community Impact Statement to showcase to the Court how this behaviour is having an impact on the town, the residents and businesses.

They ask for patience to allow the police to continue progressing these issues.

Members discussed the escalating youth issues within the town. Councillor S Boyer expressed concern that the same images with the same youths are being reported consistently, this had been going on for the last 10 months at least. Something needs to be done before there are serious consequences, he was appalled to see the photos of youths vandalising the newly installed blood bandage cabinets. He feels without intervention this will lead to a loss of life event.

Councillor J Gray also informed members of plans to open a boxing club in Irthlingborough, adding that a club had already been opened in Higham Ferrers.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/486- that the verbal report from Joint Action Group (JAG) representative Councillor J Gray is received and noted.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/487 – that the Clerk and Councillor J Gray raise and submit a Community Impact Statement on behalf of Irthlingborough Town Council

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136.5 TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM THE OFF THE STREETS NN TEAM DETAILING THEIR COMMUNITY DAY BEING HELD ON 14TH MAY 2022 AND AGREE A RESPONSE

The event starts with a peaceful march from Queensway Field, Shelley Road Basketball courts to the Old Grammarian Fields at 11am followed by a Community Fundraiser Event on the Old Grammarians Memorial Sports Fields Sywell Road 12 until 5.30pm.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/488 - that the invitation from Off the Streets NN Team to send a representative of Irthlingborough Town Council to support their Wellingborough Community (Knife Angel Visit) Event and join the march on Saturday 14th May 2022 at 11am is received.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/489 - that Councillor J Gray represents Irthlingborough Town Council by joining the Off the Streets Wellingborough Community (Knife Angel Visit) march and attending the Off the Streets Wellingborough Community (Knife Angel Visit) Event on Saturday 14th May 2022 11am to 5.30pm at the Old Grammarian Fields.

136.6 TO RECEIVE THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE PFCC MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/490 - that the Northamptonshire PFCC March 2022 Newsletter is received and noted.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 (2) OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960, BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED, THE PUBLIC AND PRESS LEAVE THE ROOM DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM:

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/491 – that the press and public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

137. AGENDA ITEMS

137.1 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE APPOINTED LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE IN CONNECTION WITH THE S106 AGREEMENT FOR EBBW VALE ROAD

Members were not satisfied with the response received from Persimmon Homes advising that they had forwarded the letter on to North Northamptonshire Council Planning Enforcement for their comment.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/492 - that the update from the appointed legal representative in connection with the S106 agreement for Ebbw Vale Road is received and noted.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/493 – that the Council advise the legal representative that they request a response directly from Persimmon Homes.

137.2 TO RESOLVE THE PROPOSALS WITHIN THE ATTACHED REPORT DETAILING THE PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED 2021/22 PAY AWARD AS PER **RESOLVE ITC/03(22)/439**

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/494 – that the proposals within the report detailing the practical implementation

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of the agreed 2021/2022 pay award are resolved and the pay award implemented, backdated to April 2021.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 (2) OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960, FOLLOWING THE TRANSACTION OF THE ABOVE BUSINESS THE MEETING IS OPENED TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

RESOLVE ITC/04(22)/495 – that the meeting is opened as the confidential business has been transacted

Date of the next scheduled meeting is 10th May 2022 at the Community Centre, Fettleline Road, NN9 5XF

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.43pm.

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