



## Council Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – 18:00

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022 AT 6PM IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON

**PRESENT:**       **CHAIR:** Councillor D Meredith (Town Mayor)

**VICE CHAIR:** Cllr S Hibbert (Deputy Mayor)

**COUNCILLORS:** J Alwahabi, R Ashraf, J Birch, M Brown, R Connolly, M Hallam, J Fuchshuber,  
E Haque, K Holland-Delamere, F Ismail, A Kilbride, J Lane, L Marriott, T Miah, B Purser, D Soan and  
W Tarasiewicz

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Mr S Carter (Town Clerk) and Miss F Barford (Democratic Services Officer)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Miss J Capps (Off the Streets)

### 17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were submitted by Councillors Stevens, Russell, Joyce and Choudary

### 18. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENT TIME:

No public statements or questions were received.

### 19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interests were submitted.

### 20. BLEED KITS – INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

By way of introduction The Mayor made attendees aware that Bleed Kits had been discussed at the Community Services Committee and it was agreed that the Town Council would fund and place some kits around the town some within establishments and some within cabinets. The Town Mayor invited Miss Capps a representative of Off the Streets one of the partner organisations in this project to address the Council.

Miss Caps introduced Off the Streets informing councillors that they were a Community Interest Community with hopes of becoming a registered charity in the near future. The main aim of the organisation was to eradicate knife crime within Northamptonshire. Miss Capps stated that one of their initiatives was to prevent death through critical bleed in the instance of knife crime or critical event, partly this was facilitated through free training on the use of bleed kits. Miss Caps highlighted that a victim of knife crime dies approximately within 4 minutes if an artery were to be punctured therefore, bleed kits enable emergency services enough time to attend the scene and provide intervention.

Miss Capps stated that bleed kits alone cost £105 each and were typically housed within local establishments in addition to cabinets that access can be accessed through a code provided by 999 operators.

Both Councillor Soan and Birch welcomed Miss Capps' attendance at the meeting. Councillor Soan stated he was the proposer of the motion and concept for the Town Council to support the roll-out of additional bleed kits and

expressed great gratitude to the work that Off the Streets were doing. Councillor Ashraf also applauded the work of Off the Streets and the great initiative of installing bleed kits, she asked how the bleed kits can be procured and whether any running cost were incurred. Miss Capps explained that the individual kits cost £105 each whereas the installation of the cabinets cost £500 that was undertaken by Off the Streets who did not take any profit. Miss Capps added that the location of bleed kits was passed onto the emergency services to highlight their location and they also communicate where the bleed kits are required to be replenished.

In response to a question about training Miss Capps stated that training would take place within the New Year (2023) and Off the Streets had partnered with a training provider to make it more accessible.

Councillor Soan stated that eleven bleed kits had been purchased by the Town Council and some had not been committed to a location and requested that any Councillors with locations in mind to discuss with the Events and Projects Officers too highlight this. A Councillor raised that if members of the community request a bleed kit to be installed, that the Councillor Community Fund could be used to provide a sense of certainty and ease to our Ward members.

In response to a question posed by a Councillor, Miss Capps stated that bleed kits could be utilised in any event of critical bleeding whether that be a stabbing or a road traffic collision.

The Town Clerk explained the Council had committed to the purchase of eleven bleed kits, three of which are cabinets that would be installed. The Clerk added that officers had worked with Off the Streets and Northants Police to ensure they are installed strategically. Councillor Soan added that one of the eleven bleed kits committed to purchase would be house within the Council to carry at events.

Miss Capps highlighted that she had bought leaflets that feature a QR code that displays the locations of available bleed kits.

The Town Mayor thanked Miss Capps from Off the Streets for her attendance and presentation on Bleed Kits.

Miss Capps left the meeting.

## **21. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Mayor explained that Armistice Day would be commemorated within the Memorial Garden of All Saint Church and an invitation had been sent to members by the Mayoral Officer and encouraged RSVPs be sent, furthermore invitations had been sent for Remembrance Sunday.

The Mayor added that a Charity Curry Night had been organised at Aramintas' that has completely sold-out and overall this Civic Year £4,000 has been raised for the Saint Vincent De Paul's Society and Army Benevolent Fund.

The Town Mayor highlighted that a Twinning Association Annual Governance Meeting (AGM) would take place on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and any Councillor who wished to attend please contact the Mayoral Officer. In response to a question, the Town Clerk explained he would confirm the location of the Twinning AGM however, believes it would take place within our Offices.

The Mayor advised on previous engagements that included meeting with the new University of Northampton Chancellor, the Guardians and Brownies within the Mayor's Parlour. Furthermore, the Town Mayor explained that Christmas Arrangements had been made to visit local Care Homes.

## **22. MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Mayor be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 as a true and accurate record.

## **23. TO RECEIVE AND WHERE APPROPRIATE ADOPT THE DECISIONS AS DETAILED IN THE MINUTES OF THE UNDER MENTIONED COMMITTEES**

- a. **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 be received, approved and any recommendations contained therein be adopted.
- b. **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 be received, approved and adopted.

In presentation of the Planning Committee minutes, Councillor Kilbride asked about comments made on Houses of Multiple Occupants (HMOs). Councillor Connolly explained that as a member of West Northamptonshire Council's Planning Committee that Northampton Town Council's comments were acknowledged and considered.

- c. **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 be received, approved and any recommendations contained therein be adopted.

In presentation of the Policy and Finance Committee minutes, Councillor Marriott highlighted a meeting were to take place with all Committee Chairs to discuss budgets prior to budgetary meetings in November 2022. Councillor Marriott explained that questions had arose regarding the utilisation of a consultant to advice the Town Council on investments. A Councillor raised whether there were any intentions to make investments given the interest rates during this time. Councillor Marriott explained that there have been intentions to make further investments to gain interest on cash reserves. The Town Clerk explained that since the initial investment into the CCLA Deposit Fund the Town Council was generating around 2-3% in interest and, there were hopes of soliciting expert advice on secure investment options. A Councillor concurred that a consultancy would enable the public funds of the Council be invested securely rather than making a high-risk investment without being informed in that decision.

- d. **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Community Services Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 be received, approved and any recommendations contained therein be adopted.
- e. **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 be received, approved and and any recommendations contained therein be adopted.

## **24. ST PETER'S CHURCH, MAREFAIR AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE LIFE OF NORTHAMPTON**

The Town Mayor requested that Councillor Purser address the Council in regards to St Peter's Church, Northampton.

Councillor Purser expressed that he personally viewed town council meetings as an opportunity to gain an understanding of Northampton Town's history and suggested that each meeting an element of our history be included. Councillor Purser explained that St Peter's Church located on Marefair opposite to the train station was one of a notoriety due to the bust located within the church as homage to one of Britain's greatest geologists William Smith however, the Church became redundant in the 1980's and therefore fell within the remit of the Church Conservation Trust.

Councillor Purser continued that St Peters Church served the Northampton Castle and dated back to 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> century then was a University until King Henry VIII abolished it, despite the Church being of great beauty with stone carvings and arches. Councillor Purser stated the Church Conservation Trust had endowed to refurbish the Old Black

Lion located next to St Peter's Church and to be utilised as their new Headquarters which would be a great asset to the Town.

Councillor Haque thanked Councillor Purser for his great debrief and encouraged that members do take the time to visit and that Friends of St Peters have worked very closely with Friends of Castle and was one of many cultural gems located within Northampton.

The Town Mayor added that he visited St Peters Church and felt very welcomed when he was Deputy Mayor, he added the beauty of the Church was unmatched.

**MEETING CONCLUDED: 6:54PM**