

## Meeting of BLTC 04 September 2018

### Cllrs' Written Reports to BLTC

#### Borough Council Matters of Interest Written Reports

##### Cllr Currall

I Attended the members information Session on the 20th August outlining the proposals for the meeting on the 29th. Unfortunately due to being on holiday I was not present on the 29th. As you are all aware KBC Voted for the 2 unitary authorities as did 6 other councils except Corby.

##### Cllr R. Groome

Full Council, 29<sup>th</sup> August – it was agreed to respond to the Secretary of State's invitation to submit the 'Northamptonshire Local Government Reform Proposal', and approve the interim governance structure of a Northamptonshire Central Programme Team overseeing a West Northamptonshire Project Board and a North Northamptonshire Project Board for the preparatory phase leading up to shadow authorities. The Government didn't give us much choice – it was like being told to choose any number between one and three, but not choose one or three. I voted against the proposal to deploy a maximum of £500, 000 from Kettering Borough Council's reserves for the process, because I believe that as the Government is insisting on the process it should pay. However, the majority of councillors agreed to give a maximum of £500, 000 of local tax payers' money to the process.

Speed Watch – we caught several motorists on Finedon Road and Higham Road, and I have sent the evidence to the Police. We didn't catch anyone on Cranford Road, and we visited Queensway later on in the evening at residents' request, but didn't catch anyone. We have had three new volunteers for next year as a result of being visible. A lot of residents thanked us and said they supported what we were doing.

#### Other Town Cllrs' Reports

##### Cllr C. Groome

1. A lot of my time has been spent on assimilating the report from NCC and the districts as far as it affects BLTC. What is very clear is that the economies from the reduction to two unitaries will nothing like yield the extra money to make up for the lack of income to NCC for key services. The suggestion is that parish and town councils will do more, the Council Tax will have to rise and Government grants will have to go up. This is a big shift from the best value report and the MPs' conclusion that NCC was 100% responsible for its plight!
2. NCC is keeping all its libraries open for the moment following the judicial review. There has been a staff shuffle. Lindsay and Marina have moved to Irthlingborough to apply their magic and a new manager has taken over at Burton. Kirstie Stanley who manages Wellingborough will also manage Burton. She lives in Burton and went to school at Latimer, so she knows the patch. I haven't met the other new staff yet, but do drop in and welcome Kirstie and her colleagues.
3. I went with Fergus to the Northamptonshire Community Foundation to discuss the amount of money available from the wind farms and projects we knew were in the pipeline, not just for BLTC. A new member of staff has been allocated for Burton and we are showing him around later this month. He will come to the wine and cheese evening to meet town councilors and community organisations.

4. I have also been busy with the bidders for the East Midlands rail franchise to get them to put in the things DfT missed out.
5. I did some Community Speedwatch sessions. The public were much more positive towards us than before. We responded to their suggestions.

### **Town Mayor's Report (Cllr Macdonald)**

Not a lot happened in August, but I can record that I have received invitations to visit the local schools during the first half of the term which is just starting

Also I have an invitation to have a conducted tour of Morrison's complex by the new general manager

The Royal British Legion have said that they will invite the Town Council to take part complete with Union flag at the war memorial on November the 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 o'clock

A new co Ordinator has been appointed by NCCF and I have invited him to visit the Town during September

### **Highways Report (Cllr Macdonald)**

The few remaining potholes in the town should be done this week

The squint pole near the Khushboo will be straightened as soon as possible

All the double yellow lines previously requested have now been laid but the question of parking control is still out standing and whilst I am led to believe that NCC and KBC have reached agreement the matter of de criminisation is now held up at the Ministry of Transport I would propose that we write to our MP urging him to try to expedite the Ministry This should not be effected by the unitary proposals

A meeting was held with a contractor and NCC re the possibility of installing drop kerbs in both Station Rd and Churchill Way to facilitate the disabled but also mothers with prams etc. getting safely to the Town centre the price for this is estimated at about £15,000 including licences , this is considerably lower than verbal quotes from NCC and I would propose that I submit a bid for wind farm funding thus no cost to the town

### **NCC - Cllr Smith-Haynes**

August was quite a busy month, with several extraordinary Full Council meetings, to look at what our priorities are (regards making savings within this tax year) and whether to make a Unitary proposal. NCC, along with 6 of the 7 District and Borough councils voted in favour, so the proposal was sent to the minister on 31 August. I think it would be fair to say most who voted in favour did so with a heavy heart, seeing this as a no option situation.

The new CEO made an Atrium Address to staff, which I attended. Whilst I was impressed with the way Theresa Grant spoke, I felt the mood of the staff came across as quite negative. I believe it will take a lot of work for staff to feel safe in their jobs, feel valued by the council, and improve morale.

### **Minutes of the Civic Centre Management Board Meeting held on Monday 20th Aug 2018**

**Present:** John Currall, Jenny Davies, Ruth Groome, Maureen Jerram (Note Taker), Fergus Macdonald (Chair), Nigel Padget, Sam Watts

**Apologies:**

Cllr Mick Roche did not attend

**Minutes of the last meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018:** Notes were agreed as

a true record pp JD 2<sup>nd</sup> NP

**Action Points update:**

No	Action:	Action Owner	Latest Comments	Due Date
1.	Risk Assessment Civic Centre	MJ	To be done for next meeting	

**Matters arising (not on the Agenda):** None

**Maintenance update:**

- Fans are now working

**New Entrance to Conference Room:**

- FM to have a meeting with Ian Bird to agree a date for starting this work a date to Carry out the work (Grant received) **MJ** to do some monitoring with Adult Learning on the difference this has made (needed for KBC)
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**Re-Placement of electric fuse boards:**

- A grant has now been received from KBC for this work. Due to start around 10<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Alcohol Licence for Civic Centre etc:**

- SW has kindly produced the attached costs
- A licence can only be issued for The Civic Centre. We would still have to get temporary licences for any other events such as the Xmas Light Switch on, Duck Race or any other events (£21 a licence). **To be discussed at the next T/C meeting.**

**Room Bookings update:**

- These are doing really well at the moment.
- Would anyone else like to volunteer to help MJ with the bookings. This is a big job for one person as all new inquiries need to be shown the rooms etc as well as all the bookings. No one offered to help.
- **MJ** To contact George so we can try and work out our monthly income and expenditure roughly. We can then have an informed discussion about the viability of a part time caretaker

**Cleaning update:** At the moment we have 4 hours a week in two sessions. This doesn't always work out well as there has been a complaint about mess left by another group. **MJ** to speak to them about this as it is a condition of their Room Booking to leave the room clean and tidy. If we had a Care Taker they would be responsible for the cleaning as well.

**Charges for WiFi:** After discussion members of the Group **recommended that the charges (£20) should stay the same as they are for the time being.**

**Any other business:**

- FM is getting a quote from Griffiths to put solar systems in which may do away with the Gas and Electricity bills, We may well be able to apply for a grant for this
- It was agreed that the renewal of the lease should be a standing item on the CCMB Agenda from now on for discussion. **MJ** to photocopy 4 copies for those who haven't got one.
- There was a discussion re having plants in the garden surrounding the Civic Centre. It was explained that MJ had sponsored the Autumn ones but they would have just died with the hot weather this summer. **MJ** to ask Sam Bosworth and KBC if they will her donate any plants
- FM had been offered a cheaper deal for both the Gas and Electricity at the Civic Centre. **It was decided to leave things as they are at the moment until the lease had been discussed.**

**Date of next Meeting:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 24<sup>th</sup> 2018, 7.30pm in the Council Chamber

I attended 2 Speedwatch sessions with Cllr Ruth Groome, in Finedon Road and Cranford Road. I was surprised to find no vehicles speeding in Cranford Road, although I do think our signs and high viz jackets prompted a few to slow down.

I attended a NHFT workshop for governors and directors last week. There was some celebration of the CQC report being outstanding, then we had various sessions looking at ways of improving the way all partners work together, to ensure the best outcomes for service users.

**Community Payback Team (Cllr Macdonald)**

Virtually nothing was done in August due to sickness of the supervisor and shortage of staff Whilst I got a team on the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup> they turned up so late that they could only do a very very little litter picking I have been promised a team for the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September so I will report any success verbally at the meeting

<b>DUCK RACE AND FETE 2018: MONEY SUMMARY</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>
Tombola	160.80	
Sainsbury Gift Voucher	20,00	
Sainsbury Tombola prizes		26.40

Real Ale	125.00	
Bouncy Castle	119.45	
Tractor rides	133.00	
Hook a duck	39.15	
Tesco: Prizes Hook a Duck etc		29.00
Soft Drinks/Teas/Coffee	279.20	
Sainsbury: Drinks sale or return		58.96
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Sainsbury: Cups, tea etc		3.80
Sainsbury: Money unsold drinks	28.00	
Sainsbury: Money unsold drinks	64.18	
Unsold drinks	10.00	
Am2pm Catering	220.00	
Ice cream	100.00	
Prosecco Bar	46.50	
Stands/stalls	145.00	
Sainsbury Blutack		1.50
Children's rides	80.00	
Duck Tickets	1600.00	
First prize: 1509		150.00
Second Prize 245		75.00
Third Prize 1273		50.00
Fourth Prize 886		25.00
Leaflets	100.00 (Donation	

	Grace Homes)	
Delivery of leaflets: Harry Leighton		90.00
AO copy: Printing leaflets		94.00
Ducks/Colouring	13.60	
Licence		21.00
Scouts		350.00
Dog Water Bowls		6.00
Fuel for generators		21.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>3283.88</b>	<b>1114.31</b>

### Notes

- There are a few tombola items left. We will do a stand on the Farmers Market for the PP
- The PP Group need to discuss and decide the contribution to the Scouts

Money made for the Pocket Park:

Income: 3283.88

Less expenditure: 1114.31

**Total 2169.57**

**Last year total made for the PP was £1877.96 The above total will be slightly less depending on what we agree to pay the Scouts**

**Amount paid in to bank: 3120.10**

**Amount given to GS: 163.78**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018**

**Total 3283.88**

<b>MAYORAL BUDGET SHEET MAY 2017 – MAY 2018 Cllr Jerram)</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>Total</b>
May	Grant	£1000.00		
September	British Legion Women's Section Social Event		20.00	
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Drinks for Hospitality Room at Light switch on		50.00	
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Licence for Carols round the tree.		21.00	
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Seagrave Choir for Samaritans		20.00	
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Wine, mince pies etc for Cllrs		48.32	
Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>	Donation: in memory of Elaine Roche		25.00	
May 18	F Macdonald: Rutherfords – name on Mayor list		8.00	
April 18	Money to various events which I was unable to attend due to ill health:  Kettering Dinner/Dance  Kettering Charity Dinner		50.00  50.00	

	Rushden Council Proms in the Park		30.00	
	Northampton Charity Event		60.00	
	East Northants Hog Roast and also Charity dinner		60.00	
<b>• Total:</b>		£1000.00	£442.32	
<b>Returned to BLTC:</b>		£557.68		
<b>Money Raised From Mayoral Events:</b>				
September	Party in the Park	507.00		
September	Donation: Joan Holmes	20.00		
October	Donation: Scouts		200.00	
November	Soft drinks for Xmas Switch on		23.80	
November	Xmas Switch On	40.00		
December	Carols round the Tree	50.00		
<b>Total:</b>		£617.00	£223.80	
<b>Amount to be spent:</b>		£393.20		