

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



COUNCIL

Monday, 2 November 2015

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON ON MONDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 6:30 PM WHEN THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS IS PROPOSED TO BE TRANSACTED

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES.

To approve the minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of the Council held on 21st September 2015.

3. APOLOGIES.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

6. MEMBER AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

7. CABINET MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

(Copy herewith)

8. OPPOSITION GROUP BUSINESS

Councillor Stone to make a statement on: "The need for an anti-poverty strategy".

9. REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF PARISH

(Copy herewith)

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

i) Councillor Davenport to propose and Councillor Smith to second:

“This Council notes that abandoned trollies are still an ongoing problem in Northampton. They can be a real nuisance in our communities.

This Council therefore resolves the following,

- To note the success of the Trolleywise scheme, particularly their smartphone app.
- Ask the Chief Executive to write to all local supermarkets to ensure they are part of the Trolleywise scheme.
- Suggest to the Cabinet that they consider how best the Trolleywise scheme can be promoted to the general public but also consider what other powers they have at their disposal to help eliminate this problem.
- This Council does not currently collect abandoned trollies. We ask the Cabinet Member to consider adopting a policy of collecting trollies (by our Neighbourhood wardens) and then charging the supermarkets for costs of removal, storage and disposal. We would like the Cabinet member to report back to full Council in his report on Monday 14th December 2015”.

ii) Councillor Duffy to propose and Councillor Russell to second:

“This Council agrees with the present Central Government policy of free schools meals in the first three years of primary school (Year R, Year 1 & Year 2).

This Council further agrees that healthy free school meals are of enormous benefit to young children in Northampton.

This council asks the Chief Executive to write to our local MPs (Northampton North, Northampton South, Northamptonshire South) asking them to lobby Central Government to keep this important policy for the long-term and safe from any Spending Reviews”

iii) Councillor Stone to propose and Councillor Russell to second:

“This Council notes that Central Government has announced it is introducing a ‘national living wage’ of £9 per hour by 2020.

This Council further notes the government rate is based on median earnings while the Living Wage Foundation rate is calculated according to the cost of living. Therefore the Living Wage Foundation rate is at present higher.

There is a concern that the benefits of the Government’s new national living wage will be outweighed by big cuts to tax credits.

This Council resolves to

- 1) Use the Living Wage Foundation rate in paying our staff.

- 2) Seek accreditation with the Living Wage Foundation. In order to be accredited we must pay all our directly employed staff the Living Wage and have a plan in place for contracted staff
- 3) Support the introduction of a Living Wage to all sub-contracted staff.
- 4) Use our influence as a major local employer and provider of services to urge other local employers to pay the Living Wage according to the Living Wage Foundation”.

iv) Councillor Meredith to propose and Councillor Beardsworth to second:

“Council notes that the lakes in the Eastern District are in an ever worse state, with dropping levels leading to higher pollution and an increasingly unattractive visage and smell.

Council further notes that these lakes are important to the area for a number of reasons, giving a leisure space to local residents and a home to local wildlife.

Council therefore resolves to assign a lead officer to solving the problems of the Eastern District lakes who will be empowered to investigate and action potential solutions, including but not limited to seeking that controlled sources of water be increased, and tackling inward pollution into the lakes from all sources”.

v) Councillor Beardsworth to propose and Councillor Meredith to second:

“The “Changing Places” campaign states that “People with profound and multiple learning disabilities, as well people with other physical disabilities such as spinal injuries, muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis often need extra facilities to allow them to use the toilets safely and comfortably.”

And further, that “Standard accessible toilets do not meet the needs of all people with a disability.”

Council desires Northampton to be an inclusive, accessible town with a diverse and vibrant community, and notes that accesses to basic facilities are essential for this end.

Council therefore resolves to work with developers to ensure that as many new developments in Northampton, and all developments in which the Borough Council is directly involved, will have “Changing places” accessible toilets”.

vi) Councillor Markham to propose and Councillor Hadland to second:

“This Council recognises that St. Giles Street offers a unique shopping experience with many independent and niche market businesses that local residents are rightly proud of.

St Giles Street is a vital part of Northampton town centre, and that is why this borough council is investing £3 million into improving the experience for visitors and businesses by widening pavements and installing additional parking bays.

This council:

- welcomes the achievement of St Giles Street in being shortlisted as a finalist in the

2015 Great British High Street competition;

- recognises the hard work of the traders and their co-operation with each other that helps make St. Giles Street the success that it is, and;
- calls upon all Northampton residents and businesses to back the campaign to make St Giles Street the winner in the City Location category of the 2015 Great British High Street competition”.

vii) Councillor Hallam to propose and Councillor Marriott to second:

“This Council recognises that 78 Derngate is a tremendous asset to Northampton and that the volunteers and team behind it do a fantastic job.

2016 is the 100th year of the refurbishment that Charles Renee Mackintosh carried out for W.J. Bassett Lowke. The Council re-affirms its commitment to 78 Derngate and to working to support plans for its 100th anniversary celebrations”.

11. MATTERS OF URGENCY WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE MAYOR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

The Guildhall
Northampton

D. Kennedy Chief Executive

Public Participation

1. Comments and Petitions

- 1.1 A member of the public (or an accredited representative of a business ratepayer of the Borough) may make a comment or present a petition on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers. A comment or presentation of a petition shall be for no more than three minutes. No notice of the nature of the comment to be made or of the petition is required except for the need to register to speak by 12 noon on the day of the meeting.

(Public comments and petitions will not be taken and the Annual Council Meeting or other civic or ceremonial meetings.)

NOTES

- Comments may be on one or more subjects but each person has no longer than three minutes to have their say.*
- The same person may make a comment and present a petition on different subjects. In such instances that person will have three minutes to make their comment and a separate three minutes to present a petition.*

2. Member and Public Questions

- 2.1 A member of the public (or business ratepayer of the Borough) may ask a maximum of two written questions at each meeting, each limited to a maximum of 50 words, on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers. Each question shall:
- be submitted in writing and delivered, faxed or e-mailed to Democratic Services no later than 10.00am seven calendar days before the day of the meeting; and
 - include the name and address of the questioner and the name of the Cabinet member/Committee Chair to whom the question is put.
- 2.2 At the meeting, copies of all questions and the responses to them from the public and Members will be made available to the public and press. The Mayor may allow one supplementary question, without notice, that arises directly from the original question or response.

(Questions will not be taken at the Annual Council Meeting or at civic or ceremonial meetings or meetings called to deal with specific items of business.)

NOTES

In respect of paragraph 2.1 above, questions may be rejected on certain grounds that are set out on page 4-12 of the Council's Constitution and which may be viewed at www.northampton.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?fileID=1919 or by seeking advice using the contact details below.

3. Motions

- 3.1 A member of the public may register to speak to a motion under the 'Notices of Motion' item on the agenda. Registration to speak must be made to Democratic Services by 12 noon on the day to the meeting. Speaking to a motion is restricted to three minutes per person.

(The 'Notices of Motion' item will not be taken at the Annual Council meeting or meetings called for civic or ceremonial purposes.)

4. General

A member of the public may make a comment, present a petition, ask a question or speak to a motion at the same meeting subject to the restrictions set out above.

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