

RAUNDS TOWN COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
15 November 2022 at 6.30pm

PRESENT:

Cllr R Levell (Chairman), Cllr P Byrne, Cllr O Curtis, Cllr A Fernley, Cllr K Harrison, Cllr H Howell, Cllr D Hughes, Cllr M Levell, Cllr L Wilkes.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr S Tucker, Clerk (Minutes)

388.22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr R Beattie, Cllr B Cross and Cllr T Swailes.

389.22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Notification of requests from members of the public to address the meeting in compliance with adopted protocol.

None received.

390.22 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

391.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

COUNCILLORS ARE REMINDED THAT IF THEY HAVE EITHER A DISLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST OR OTHER INTEREST IN ANY ITEM THEN THEY SHOULD DECLARE THE INTEREST AND LEAVE THE MEETING FOR THAT ITEM.

Cllr H Howell declared an interest in agenda item 393.22 and did not participate in the vote thereon, on the basis that the Discover NN App sits within the Sport, Leisure, Culture & Tourism executive portfolio on North Northamptonshire Council.

392.22 [Minutes](#): To confirm the public minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 8 November 2022. (Copy via link.)

RESOLVED that the public minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 8 November 2022 be confirmed as a true record.

393.22 Raunds Town App: To review the renewal of the Raunds Town App.

The Council gave consideration to the report, which asked it to determine whether to renew the Raunds Town App for a further year, or to serve notice of cancellation and promote the use of the DiscoverNN App as an alternative.

It was noted that the Raunds Town Council App has maintained a healthy number of subscribers, in particular businesses and other organisations, despite there having been limited promotion of the App during the last twelve months due to resource limitations and other priorities. It was suggested that now the Council has recruited a dedicated Communications Assistant, App related activity can be steadily increased.

It was noted that using the DiscoverNN App would have no cost implications, but it was also acknowledged that after launch, activity in relation to the App has reduced and resource requirements to support it going forward remain under consideration. Concern was also raised that due to the requirement for an immediate decision on the renewal of the Raunds Town App, switching this off at short notice would mean losing all of the data stored on it, given that no migration facility exists.

It was suggested that the renewal of the Raunds Town App for a further year would enable an accurate analysis to be made of the effect of increased promotional activity by the Communications Assistant. This would also enable further development of the DiscoverNN App to be reviewed and an assessment to be made on whether in the longer term this offers better functionality and value for money than the Raunds Town App.

RESOLVED to renew the Raunds Town App for one year.

394.22 *The press and public will be excluded from the following agenda item due to the confidential nature of the business under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960*

RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting.

395.22 Minutes: To confirm the confidential minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 8 November 2022.

RESOLVED that the confidential minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 8 November 2022 be confirmed as a true record.

396.22 Establishment Staffing Changes: To receive a confidential report from the Clerk.

The Clerk presented the confidential report.

After a discussion, a recorded vote was requested and it was

RESOLVED that the resolutions from the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 4 October 2022 at agenda item 316.22 be reaffirmed.

Member	For	Against	Abstain
Councillor P Byrne	X		
Councillor O Curtis	X		
Councillor A Fernley	X		
Councillor K Harrison	X		
Councillor H Howell	X		
Councillor D Hughes		X	
Councillor M Levell	X		
Councillor R Levell	X		
Councillor L Wilkes	X		
TOTAL(S)	8	1	0

397.22 Staff Training: To receive a confidential report from the Clerk.

The Clerk presented the confidential report.

After a discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the proposed Staff Training offer be approved.

398.22 Monitoring Officer Decision Notices: To receive a confidential report from the Clerk.

The Clerk presented the confidential report.

Cllr D Hughes left the Chamber at 7.33pm and did not return.

After a discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Monitoring Officer decision notices be noted.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7:40pm.

Approved: (Town Mayor)

Meeting date.....13 December 2022.....(Council)