



## **Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009.**

The Annual Town Meeting began at 7pm and was chaired by the Town Council Chairman, Councillor Keith Cafferty. He invited questions or comment from those present but no person wished to make any observations. Accordingly, the Chairman moved to the agenda of the Town Council.

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**Present** - Councillor Cafferty (Chairman), and Councillors Farrall, Fenton, Hope, Lewis, Martin, McGinnis, Moran, Simpson, Stockton, Tooke and Williams together with the Town Clerk.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

There were no absences.

### **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2009.**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009, incorporating the Minutes of Finance Committee of 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009 and the Policy and Resources Committee of 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **3. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ANNUAL REPORT BY CHAIRMAN 2008/9.**

The Chairman preceded his Annual Report by informing the Council of:-

- His attendance at the AGM of the Samaritans. He praised the valuable work which they undertook in the town.
- A meeting at Pear Tree School concerning the prospect of erecting a Phone Mast and the struggle to prevent this. Ultimately, the Planners agreed that the site was inappropriate.
- Attendance at Winsford for an interesting seminar on the availability of grants.
- Results of a meeting of the Food Festival Working Group, a Council inspired initiative to consider the future of the Food Festival.
- Youth Drama at the Players Theatre – a novel and challenging performance of Macbeth on 26<sup>th</sup> February.

The Chairman then presented his Report. He added to the Report by a suggestion that the Council was not being taken seriously in its request to Cheshire East to be passed devolved powers to operate certain services (see letter of 26/3/09 attached to these Minutes). He considered the Council's position would be strengthened if it was more prepared for a meeting with Cheshire East and Cheshire East knew that.

After some debate it was **RESOLVED** that:-

The Council should appoint a consultant to prepare a Business Plan based on the facilities and services in respect of which the Town Council has previously expressed an interest; such Plan to set out the options as to the operation of such facilities and services.

#### **4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

Councillor Fenton declared a personal interest in planning application P09/0203 (United Co-op signs) as a member of the Co-operative Society.

#### **5. CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported as set out in the attached report.

#### **6. MINUTES OF POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2009**

**RESOLVED** that the Recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee of 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2009, (attached to these Minutes) be accepted and approved and the Resolutions noted.

#### **7. PLANNING CONTROL**

**RESOLVED** that the observations on planning applications set out in Appendix A be passed to Cheshire East Council.

#### **8. ACCOUNTS**

The Accounts for March 2009 had been circulated by post separately from the Agenda. **RESOLVED** that the Schedule of Payments for March 2009 be approved and the Comparison with Budget sheets and Bank Reconciliation be noted. It was agreed that, as in previous years, the accounts should be examined by a local government accountant before they are submitted for Audit. The Clerk reported that the Audit Commission were asking for the accounts several months earlier than had been the case in the past.

#### **9. MEDIEVAL FAIR**

The Fair is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April to celebrate St George's Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Members were requested to meet on the Square on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to help publicise the event at 10.30am for an hour or so and on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April same time and place. Councillors were asked to assist at the event itself and to dress in medieval costume.

#### **10. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

**Councillor Fenton** reported on **CASPA**. Next meeting is on 16<sup>th</sup> May. Working hard to improve rail links and frequency of stops at Nantwich.

**Councillor Fenton** report on **Holly Holy Day** and the great ideas of the organising committee for next year. Funding of £2500 had been obtained from the Co-op as well as the generous £1500 given this year by Nantwich Town Council.

A letter had been sent to Bev Cope about any surplus of funds following the August Holly Holy Day 2008. Clerk agreed to also write to Bev Cope about this matter.

**Councillor Simpson** reported on **Nantwich in Bloom** – the main flower bed on the Square reflected a fire and water theme. Cooper Taylor accountants had made a £200 donation to the work of Nantwich in Bloom.

**Councillor Cafferty** said that the **Museum** was in a better financial position than in the past. The Museum Trustees were concerned, however, about future funding. He suggested that the Museum was flourishing with a new Curator and outstanding Education Officer. It was important to maintain this tourist attraction in a town like Nantwich.

**Councillor McGinnis** reported good news regarding the **Community First Responders**. There was a possibility of NWAS adapting a retained Ambulance Service – like retained fire fighters – and Nantwich might form a pilot scheme. Councillor McGinnis was thanked by the Chairman for his efforts to drive this issue forward.

**Councillor Cafferty** reported that **Family Fun Day** scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> July, was “on course” and would hopefully be the most successful yet. A main attraction was likely to be ‘daredevil’ motor cyclists.

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NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

No	Applicant	Development	Site
P09/0190	Ms S Platt	One black and white fascia sign and one projecting / hanging sign.	Harwick House, 80 Welsh Row.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
P09/0192	Church House Trustees	Removal of Timber and glass Conservatory entrance lobby and construction of two storey entrance lobby and lift enclosure.	Church House, Church Walk.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
P09/0203	United Co-op Pharmacy	Fascia Signs and Projection sign.	10-16 High Street.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
P09/0208	Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council	Replacement windows.	Nantwich Museum Pillory Street.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			

## **REPORT OF TOWN CLERK TO TOWN COUNCIL 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009**

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS OF URGENCY.**

1. Agency Agreement for work on Mill Island – the Clerk reported that the Agreement for this arrangement had been drawn up and executed by both parties.
2. End of the Borough Council – ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. From that date two unitary councils, Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester, were the principal local authorities in Cheshire.
3. Mayoral chain etc – The Clerk reported that two badges were being manufactured and a chain created in the sum of £600 plus VAT in accordance with Minute 133 (5) and after consultation with the Chairman.
4. Town Centres Manager – Elaine Dodd becoming Queens Park Manager, Crewe. Agreed that the Clerk purchase a modest gift on behalf of the Town Council to signify the Council's gratitude for her work in Nantwich.
5. Nantwich in Bloom – Lengthsman to do work at the Station. Clerk indicated he would speak to Nantwich in Bloom representatives.
6. Loan to Players Theatre. Not completed yet, but imminent. All documentation in place.
7. Elections – New Members. New Members had signed Declarations of Office and been welcomed by the Chairman.

The following documents were tabled:-

- Cheshire Community Action (no longer member) details of funding possibilities for local groups.
- Management and devolution of local services – letter to Councillor Brown and various other Cheshire East Councillors expressing interest.
- 'Help the Aged Van' available, providing free service security and minor housing repairs for elderly people.
- Details of Cheshire County Council – 120 years of service Brochure.
- Training courses – Note power wellbeing course on 12<sup>th</sup> May.
- 'Link' for April 2009.
- Chalc monthly update.

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