



Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 11th January 2010.

Present – Mayor Councillor Williams and Councillors Cafferty, Fenton, Hope, Lewis, Martin, Moran, McGinnis, Simpson, Tooke, together with the Town Clerk.

102. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no questions or comments from members of the public. Inspector Hassall gave a brief report of police activity over Christmas. It had been a busy New Year's Eve in the town but orderly and good natured. There had been one serious incident – an assault over the festive period, but generally speaking Inspector Hassall was satisfied with what had been a relatively quiet fortnight with high police staffing levels and a visible but not obtrusive presence. Councillor Hope offered the thanks of the Council for effective policing over Christmas and Councillors endorsed this sentiment.

103. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Farrall who was on holiday and Councillor Stockton, whose husband was unwell.

104. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF 14TH DECEMBER 2009

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th December 2009 (circulated on 24th December) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

105. MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor reported on her visit, at Councillor Fenton's invitation, to the Elim Church on 18th December to attend the opening of the Family Centre. She had been most impressed and wished them well.

On the 20th December she had launched the 'Santa Dash' – 310 'Santas' running in aid of the Railway Children. An impressive turn-out. This had been followed by the Nantwich and District Band on the Square, mulled wine and mince pies. The Clerk was thanked for his work in preparation for this event.

The Mayor reported that the Residence Ice Rink had been busy and well attended and considered the Council's involvement a success.

106. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Moran and Councillor Fenton both declared personal interests as Cheshire East Councillors in matters shown on the agenda affecting Cheshire East Council.

107. ACCOUNTS FOR DECEMBER 2009

RESOLVED that the payments for December 2009 be approved and the Comparison with Budget Sheet and Bank Reconciliation be noted.

108. CLERK'S REPORT

Councillor Lewis suggested and it was accepted by the Mayor, that the Clerk's report, which contained some matters with financial implications, be considered before the budget. The Clerk's Report was considered and determined as shown in Appendix A attached.

109. TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 2010/11

The Council **RESOLVED** unanimously that:-

- i) The budget shown (attached) be accepted as a basis for expenditure and income in 2010/11.
- ii) The precept required is £153,000.
- iii) The Clerk in consultation with the Chairman of Finance Committee be authorised to invest capital sums in appropriate recognised institutions from time to time, including time deposits, to achieve a reasonable return for the Council, taking into account economic conditions and the need for financial security.

Notes

1. Councillor Cafferty requested that if there were a surplus at year end, over and above that estimated, consideration be given to increasing the budget line for Christmas lights.
2. Councillor Hope indicated that the Nantwich First Group would be circulating a Capital Budget, in the following 7 days, for the attention of all Members.
3. It was agreed that the Clerk should invite Jeff Stubbs, Chairman of the Civic Society to give further information to the Council about the proposed establishment of a Community Interest Company to undertake works on green spaces in the town.

110. PLANNING CONTROL

The applications for planning permission listed were considered and it was **RESOLVED** that the observations shown in Appendix B should be submitted to the Borough Council Planning Officer.

111. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Lewis reported on the **proposed railway station car park**. The representative of Network Rail who was to talk about a lease or transfer of land had been unable to attend a recent meeting arranged. Network Rail and Spacia were crucial to any agreement and accordingly Councillor Lewis had no substantive progress to report at this time.

Councillor Cafferty said that he assumed the Council wished the **St George's Day Fair** to go forward as in previous years. It would take place on the 25th April and the budget, as in the past would be £2,000. Councillors were in favour of the event being staged with Councillor Cafferty being the main organiser on behalf of the Council and agreed the suggested budget figure.

Councillor Cafferty reported on the **skating rink**. The provision of the rink had been very well received in the town and with only a few minor set-backs had been a success. An estimate of 30,000 visitors to the rink had been made and the event had embraced all aspects of the community. Councillors congratulated Councillor Cafferty on the project and agreed that the Clerk be authorised to pay the £5,000 promised to Wonder Ice at the appropriate time.

Councillor Cafferty mentioned Blachere and the extra **Christmas lights** erected on Mill Street. He praised the professionalism of the firm and the Clerk endorsed his remarks. For an outlay of around £2000 including VAT, the Town Council had got good value from the lights and lessons learned for the future.

Councillor Fenton, as a member of the **Holly Holy Day Society** organising committee, briefly reported on the intended event on 23rd January, bigger and better than ever. All Councillors were reminded that the event was free this year, although programmes were for sale. More activities were taking place. Councillor Fenton thanked the Town Council for its contribution to costs and also mentioned the generosity of the Co-op and local Rotary.

Arising from the mention of Holly Holy Day and the battle on **Mill Island**, **Councillor Cafferty** asked the Clerk to pursue the matter of arranging drainage on the site. Cheshire East was legally required to make a significant cash contribution to the work.

Councillor McGinnis spoke to a detailed written report on the position as regards the **First Responders**. Subject to last minute intervention by the Chief Executive of NWAS he was prepared to move two motions highly critical of North West Ambulance Service (NWAS).

[NOTE – Following the meeting, Councillor McGinnis was contacted by NWAS and, after initial discussion, a meeting has been arranged. Consequently, at this stage, and with the agreement of the mover and seconder of the motions, the resolutions remain suspended.]

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK TO COUNCIL ON 11TH JANUARY 2010

CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS OF URGENCY.

1. *Agreed that a Town Councillor (Cllr Cafferty) should attend a meeting to discuss the future of the Food Festival, but without any commitment by the Town Council.*
2. *Council noted the action of the Clerk in arranging storage of the "Nantwich" Christmas lights.*
3. *Agreed that Councillors would attend a training course on the power of well-being to be arranged by the Clerk.*
4. *Members were reminded of the Code of Conduct briefing arranged by Cheshire East 10th February at 6pm, Municipal Buildings, Crewe.*
5. *Members agreed to (a) training day and (b) informal discussion on topics concerning the town and the Council. Clerk to liaise with Mayor and leaders of the two groups to arrange format and topics.*
6. *'The Link' article for December was noted.*
7. *The instruction of Gilks electricians to carry out essential electrical work was accepted.*
8. *A grant in the sum of £1200 was awarded to Nantwich and District Band. The necessity of applying at the right time to be emphasised.*
9. *Christmas Lights Awards were announced.*
10. *A reminder was given about the LAP meeting and Cheshire East Budget Consultation on 18th January 2010 and Nantwich Town Service on 7th February.*

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NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 2010/11					
	Actual	Budgeted	Estimated Spend	Estimated	
	2008/9	2009/10	2009/10	Requirements 2010/11	
Payments					
Administration - Salaries & Employers costs.					
1	Town Clerk's salary (plus employers NI)	35,952.07	38,000.00	37,700.00	38,900.00
2	Clerical Assistant's salary (plus employers NI & pension contrib.)	13,333.09	15,600.00	15,150.00	15,950.00
3	Cheshire Pension Fund (Clerk's superannuation)	5,748.96	6,000.00	6,060.00	6,700.00
4	Practising certificate	1,045.00	1,100.00	1,310.00	1,350.00
	Total Payments - Salaries	56,079.12	60,700.00	60,220.00	62,900.00
Administration - General					
5	External Auditors fees	1,050.00	1,050.00	875.00	950.00
6	Internal Auditor fees	1,000.00	1,050.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
7	Chairman's allowance	1,050.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,200.00
8	Admin expenses and incidentals	4,030.15	5,000.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
9	Insurance	4,530.61	4,600.00	3,200.00	3,500.00
10	Elections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	Training - Town Clerk	570.00	515.00	525.00	530.00
12	Training - Councillors	175.00	500.00	300.00	750.00
13	Quarterly newsletter	5,852.40	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
14	Members' expenses (travelling and subsistence)	211.80	200.00	100.00	200.00
15	Contingencies	950.00	4,000.00	7,000.00	5,000.00
	Total Payments - Administration	19,419.96	22,015.00	23,600.00	22,630.00
Brookfield Hall					
16	Electricity	3,469.21	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,400.00
17	Wheeled Bin Collection Charge	145.07	170.00	160.00	170.00
18	Rates	2,055.90	2,060.00	2,600.00	2,700.00
19	Water & Sewerage	716.53	800.00	800.00	810.00
20	Repairs, maintenance and services	5,189.13	3,100.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
21	Contribution to Repairs and Maintenance Capital Fund	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
22	Borough Council Ground Rent	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
23	Cleaning / caretaking	2,150.17	2,150.00	2,200.00	2,280.00
	Total Payments - Brookfield Hall	13,776.01	10,630.00	13,110.00	13,410.00
Subscriptions					
24	Nantwich Civic Society	15.00	30.00	15.00	20.00
25	Crewe/Shrewsbury Passengers Association	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26	Shropshire Union Canal Society	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
27	Cheshire Association of Local Councils	1,059.00	1,070.00	1,190.00	1,200.00
28	Society of Local Council Clerks	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Payments - Subscriptions	1,104.00	1,125.00	1,230.00	1,245.00
Grants					
29	Nantwich in Bloom	3,500.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,800.00
30	Samaritans South Cheshire	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
31	Holly Holy Day Society (Previously paid from local organisations)	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
32	Nantwich Museum Trust	5,200.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	5,600.00
33	Family Fun Day Committee	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	9,000.00
34	Nantwich Players	2,300.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
35	Nantwich Words & Music Festival	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
36	Citizens Advice Bureau	1,100.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
37	Local Organisations (Misc.)	2,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
38	Potential Section 137 Grants	2,600.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00
39	Nantwich First Responders	1,197.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,500.00
40	Street Sports	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
41	Nantwich & District Band	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
42	Grant Contingencies	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
43	Nantwich Swimming Club	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
44	Food Festival	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Payments - Grants	30,397.00	32,200.00	32,200.00	37,500.00

	Miscellaneous				
45	Allotments (including insurance of brick building)	185.00	2,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
46	Millennium Clock - Maintenance and Insurance	492.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
47	Entertainments	2,705.47	4,000.00	4,200.00	4,000.00
48	Christmas Decorations	5,850.00	5,000.00	5,500.00	5,000.00
49	Street Furniture	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
50	Payments for HSBC Charity Fund Account	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
51	Devolution Funding	0.00	10,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
52	Environmental general	47,752.74	30,000.00	30,000.00	20,000.00
53	Lengthsman	2,300.00	14,000.00	5,000.00	9,000.00
54	Improvements / repairs Brookfield Hall	0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
55	Elections	0.00	0	5,780.00	0.00
56	Cheshire Police Authority for Nantwich Police Station	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
57	Contingencies (miscellaneous)	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
	Total Payment - Miscellaneous	73,335.21	113,000.00	100,980.00	61,500.00
	Payments from Capital - Accounts				
C1	Miscellaneous capital payments - temporary	0.00			
C2	Nantwich Players Theatre	50,000.00			
	Total Payment - Capital - Temporary Accounts	50,000.00			
	Total Service Payments	244,111.30	239,670.00	231,340.00	199,185.00
	VAT Payments	10,643.15			
	VAT Receipts	2,811.31			
	Total Payments	251,943.14	239,670.00	231,340.00	199,185.00
		Actual	Budgeted	Estimated Receipt	Estimated
		2008/9	2009/10	2009/10	2010/11
	Receipts				
	Brookfield Hall Rents etc				
R1	Christadelphian Church - Rent	1,526.00	1,570.00	1,570.00	1,600.00
R2	Christadelphian Church - Licence Fee for Siting of Mobile Buildings	600.00	630.00	630.00	650.00
R3	Christadelphian Church - electricity charges reclaimed from church	597.00	500.00	500.00	510.00
R4	Christadelphian Church - water charges reclaimed from church	186.57	220.00	220.00	230.00
R5	Nantwich & District Band bookings	1080.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
R6	Nantwich in Bloom bookings	140.00	170.00	160.00	170.00
R7	Elections	440.00	0.00	220.00	300.00
R8	Additional bookings - estimate	4696.60	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,600.00
	Rents,Charges etc	9266.17	6,590.00	6,800.00	7,060.00
	Income / Transfers / Interest / Precept etc				
R9	Income from Capital Fund	33939.84	0.00	0.00	0.00
R10	Transfer from Capital Fund	50000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
R11	Transfer from Repairs & Renewals and Holding Accounts	20504.83	0.00	0.00	0.00
R12	Bank interest - Royal Bank of Scotland Revenue Account	789.61	300.00	30.00	30.00
R13	Precept	109226.00	110,788.00	110,788.00	0.00
R14	Miscellaneous	37922.74	850.00	800.00	800.00
R15	Concurrent Powers grant	14030.00	14,000.00	14,318.00	0.00
R16	Income from RBS Special a/c closure	5182.65	0.00	3,047.00	0.00
R17	Interest - Time Deposits	0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	15,000.00
R18	Communique on-line Licence fee	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
R19	Communique on-line water/elec contributions	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
R20	Interest from Players Loan	0.00	0.00	500.00	954.00
	Income / Transfers etc	271595.67	169,938.00	173,483.00	18,784.00
	Total Receipts	280861.84	176,528.00	180,283.00	25,844.00

NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 11TH JANUARY 2010PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

No	Applicant	Development	Site
09/3573N	Miss S Hodgkinson	Retrospective permission for rear conservatory.	21 Fairfax Drive.
Comment: No comment.			
09/4031N	Ms D Reynolds	Extension to provide new bathroom, kitchen and dining room.	3 Brick Bank.
Comment: No comment.			
09/4048N	Mrs C Stalgis	First floor side extension.	74 Highfield Drive.
Comment: No comment.			
09/4131N	Mr M Gregory	Rear single storey flat roof extension and front bay window	10 Hawthorn Ave.
Comment: No comment.			
09/4134N	Mr & Mrs D Greaves	Proposed extension to house and garage.	119 Audlem Road.
Comment: No comment.			