



Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 8th June 2009.

Present – Mayor, (Councillor Williams) and Councillors Martin, Farrall, Fenton, Lewis, Hope, Stockton, Cafferty, Moran, and Simpson together with the Town Clerk.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present on this occasion. Councillor Dykes and Inspector Hassall were in attendance.

25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor McGinnis and Councillor Tooke, both unwell.

26. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF 11TH MAY 2009

It was made clear that the intention of Council was that there should be two additional representatives, rather than replacements, to the Nantwich in Bloom committee, so that Councillors Farrall and Simpson, as well as Councillors Tooke and McGinnis (named at the 11th May 2009 meeting) were intended to be Council representatives.

Subject to that amendment, it was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Annual Town Council, held on the 11th May 2009, incorporating the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting of 27th April 2009, and the Minutes of the Finance Committee of 29th April 2009, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

27. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

28. YEAR END ACCOUNTS 2008/09

The Council considered the Accounts and other documents to be submitted for Audit and **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) The Accounts now presented be approved and the Mayor and Town Clerk, acting as Responsible Financial Officer, be authorised to sign them accordingly.
- (ii) The statement of accounts and the annual governance statement, now presented in an extract from the Annual Return, be approved, and the Mayor and Clerk, acting as Responsible Financial Officer, be authorised to sign the Annual Return accordingly.

- (iii) The reason for the variance between 'total other payments' in 2007/8 and 2008/9 (line 6 in the Statement of Accounts) is because in 08/09 grants and contributions totalling only £95,000 plus a £50,000 loan were made by the Council, whereas in 07/08, grants and contributions totalling around £230,000 were made. The variance in 'total other receipts' (line 3 in the Statement of Accounts) is because a grant of about £37,000 was received from WREN in 08/09 whereas no such grant was made in 07/08.
- (iv) The explanation for the significant capital reserves held by the Council is because it may identify a significant venture benefiting the town in the future and will need the funds for such purpose and/or because it aspires to manage or share, at some future date, services or facilities from the new East Cheshire Authority, and additional investment may be needed to ensure the effective operation of such services or facilities. (The sum making up the bulk of the capital reserves was obtained by a sale of land by the Town Council in 2002.)
- (v) In accordance with the recommendation of the Internal Auditor, a sum of £4,000 be transferred to the capital reserves at an appropriate point in the year.

29. ACCOUNTS FOR MAY 2009

The Council noted the Comparison with Budget sheet presented and **RESOLVED** that the payments for May 2009 be approved. Members were reminded to notify the Clerk of work suggested for the Lengthsman.

30. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 18TH MAY 2009

RESOLVED that the Recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee of 18th May 2009 be accepted and any Resolutions be noted.

31. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported and the Council **RESOLVED** as in Appendix A (attached).

32. PLANNING CONTROL

The applications for Planning permission shown on Appendix B were considered and it was **RESOLVED** that the comments shown in respect of each application should be transmitted to the Cheshire East Council chief planning officer.

33. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Farrall reported that Nantwich in Bloom had started their weeding programme. A social event had been held at Nantwich Village – a talk entitled 'curios of Nantwich'.

Councillor Farrall reported that the Civic Society had sent a letter supporting the application for a WREN grant (referred to in the Clerk's report). The Chairman of the Civic Society had written to Cheshire East about amendments to an application submitted by Sainsbury's in respect of the proposed new supermarket on Middlewich Road.

In connection with planning issues, Members requested the Clerk to urge the securing of Regents Theological college which was being sold for development.

34. CURRENT ISSUES

Councillor Moran spoke briefly on the Warding of Cheshire East Council and the briefings mentioned by the Clerk. He also mentioned the presentation by NWAS (Links) at the Civic Hall which had been poorly attended, but representatives from Audlem had made clear their dissatisfaction with response times of ambulances.

35. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1970, the item following should be considered in private as it concerned financial details of third parties and possible contractual terms.

36. CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

The Clerk circulated a report which had unfortunately "bounced back" on email. Councillor Cafferty outlined proposals for a contribution to a firm to bring a Christmas event to the town.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be requested to invite representatives of the firm to the next meeting of Policy and Resources Committee so that fuller details, including financial background, could be explained. A final decision to be made at the meeting concerned.

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Date: _____

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK TO TOWN COUNCIL 8TH JUNE 2009

CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS OF URGENCY.

1. Freedom March – feed back was very positive regarding both the Reception and, of course, the March itself. A letter of thanks from the Regiment was reported to the Council.
2. Transport Group – reminder of meeting on 23rd June, at 4pm.
3. SIN – Shop in Nantwich. Action taken to maintain an initiative first conceived by Chairman – Council’s share £130. Members approved the payment and suggested enquiries as to the cost of jute bags promoting shopping in the town be made. It was felt that it was important to try to support trading in the town. The Clerk was requested to ask John Dunning, of the Chamber of Trade, to address the Council as to the needs of businesses.
4. Chalc – Crewe and Nantwich area meeting on Thursday 18th June, at 7.30pm. Clerk normally attends.
5. Letter to Chief Executive of Royal Mail about relocation to Warrington. Royal Mail has replied saying they understand the concerns but the relocation is going ahead.
6. To maintain Quality Council status, Councillors need to demonstrate continued training. Councillors agreed with the need for training – preferably at Brookfield, if practical.
7. ‘Power of Well Being’ available to trained Councillors. The Clerk explained the need for training to exercise the power. Members asked the Clerk to make enquiries about training arrangements.
8. Letter regarding the claim of the Council on the Deputy’s Chain and other artefacts had been sent to Bill Howie and transmitted to Trustees. Possible solutions to concerns were suggested by Clerk. Members expressed the strong view that the chain and other items should come to the Town Council promptly.
9. Riverside Loop – The request of the Riverside Steering Group for support for a WREN application for upgrading a section of towpath of the Shropshire Union canal was outlined. It was agreed to send a letter of support for the application.
10. Electoral Reviews – the programme of reviews was outlined. An email had been previously sent to Members. Councillor Moran indicated he would attend one of the briefings on the subject.

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NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 8TH JUNE 2009PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

No	Applicant	Development	Site
09/1105N	McCarthy & Stone	Retention of existing building housing electricity substation.	Beatty Court, Holland Walk.
Comment: No comment.			
09/1168N / 09/1177N	Mr D Newton	Demolition of existing garage and rear extension and erection of single storey rear extension and closed car parking area.	56 Pillory Street.
Comment: No comment.			



Nantwich Town Council

Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee of the Council held on Monday 18th May 2009.

Present - Councillors Fenton, Hope, Stockton, McGinnis, Moran, Tooke, Lewis and Simpson together with the Town Clerk.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Martin (work commitment), Farrall (holiday), Williams (Mayoral Engagement), Cafferty (holiday).

2 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Moran was elected as Chairman of the Committee and took the Chair.

3 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Lewis was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Moran declared a personal interest in the item concerned with Local Area Partnership in so far as he was a Cheshire East Council Councillor.

5 LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP (LAP)

Members noted the Report of the Clerk. While some doubts were expressed by Members about the role of the LAP, nonetheless it was considered important that the Council was represented, at least initially. Councillor Moran indicated that he was intending to attend the next (second) meeting. Councillor Moran provided 'Principles' and some 'Terms of Reference' relating to the LAPs derived from Cheshire East briefings, which the Clerk retained.

6 DEPUTY'S CHAIN OF OFFICE

The Clerk reported that while it seemed the Charter Trustees were willing to pass various artefacts, including the Chain of the Nantwich Urban District Council Mayor, to the Town Council, there were some doubts as to the interpretation of the Regulations relating to this matter. The Town Clerk indicated that he would continue discussions with the Cheshire East officer concerned, with a view to having appropriate items passed to the Town Council. The Clerk was asked to write in formal terms to the Trustees requesting the hand-over of such items.

7 FREEDOM MARCH

The Clerk outlined further detail about the Freedom March, making the point that it was inevitably a joint operation with Cheshire East Council who were closing roads, closing car-parks, providing accommodation and staffing, providing barriers and generally co-operating fully in the hosting of the troops following the March. He outlined plans for publicity, including 'Talk of the Town' distribution and requested Members to provide the best publicity of all, namely word of mouth recommendation, among their many contacts, including schools. **RESOLVED** that the potential budget for the event be increased to £4500 if necessary.



8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Proposed single storey garden room extension for S V Morris and Walters.
30 Volunteer Fields, Nantwich.

Comment: Town Council had no comment.

9 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported on the following matters:-

- (a) Edition of Talk of the Town to be distributed week beginning 25th May.
- (b) Emails from Russ Glennon, Head of Policy and Performance, suggesting a meeting on 22nd May with David Marren and Councillors. Members considered it necessary for the Town Plan and Partnership Committee to meet before a meeting was arranged, although they were keen to begin discussions in principle on devolution of powers from Cheshire East. **RESOLVED** that the Town Plan and Partnership Committee meet on Friday 22nd May to agree an initial approach and determine who should attend any meeting.
- (c) A letter from the local MP requesting support for opposition to the move of the Royal Mail sorting office from Crewe to Warrington was outlined. **RESOLVED** that a letter of support for the stance of the MP and the Communications Workers Union be sent to the Chief Executive of Royal Mail.
- (d) Clerk reported he was away last week in May.
- (e) Badges for Mayoral Chain and Deputy's medallion had been received by Moody's the jewellers.

10 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman provided Members with some up to date information about matters which the Council was concerned with, namely:-

- The Boundary Committee were requesting comments from parish Councils by 4th August, about the proposals for the Wards of Cheshire East Council. The intention was to have 82 Members on the Council but exactly how Wards would be represented was not clear at this stage.
- On June 8th, in the Civic Hall there is a presentation by LINKS, which had replaced the former Community Health Councils. Councillor Moran felt there might be some issues relating to NWAS of interest. The meeting is from 1o'clock to 3pm.
- Councillor Cafferty mentioned the vandalised tree on Blankney Avenue Open Space. It was understood that Wulvern were replacing it.
- Councillor Lewis mentioned the placing of the 'Best Kept Station' plaque at 1pm on 26th May, at Nantwich Station, which the Town Mayor was attending.

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