



Annual Town Meeting held on 19th April 2010.

The Town Meeting commenced at 7pm, there was no member of the public present.

The Mayor read her Report (set out on the Agenda.)

Arising from the Mayor's Report, it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk issue an invitation to the troops of the Mercian Regiment (who were shortly returning after a 6 month tour of duty in Afghanistan) to visit the town again, ideally with flags flying etc.

In response to the Mayor's Report, Councillor Farrall congratulated her on the events she had attended and hosted during her year of office and on her success as the first lady Mayor of Nantwich. Her good wishes were endorsed by the Council.

Inspector Hassall took the opportunity to outline recent policing news and answer questions of Members. In particular, the Jazz Festival had gone ahead with very few incidents and reported violent crime (already relatively low in this area) had reduced over the year.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 19th April 2010.

The Town Council commenced at 7.30pm.

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

140. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received on behalf of Councillor Fenton due to work commitments.

141. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF 8TH MARCH 2010

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th March 2010, incorporating the Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee Minutes of 22nd February 2010, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

142. MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor had already presented her Report. In addition, she reported on engagements undertaken since the last Council as follows:-

On Tuesday 9th March was asked to unveil the Best Station Award at Nantwich Station and took great pleasure in doing so.

On Saturday 27th March, invited to the Weaver Stadium by the Foresters. We had an interesting talk about their history. A total of £7,000 in grants was given out to various groups and local charities.

On Tuesday 30th March attended the AGM of the Samaritans at the Municipal Buildings in Crewe. The charity carries out some very valuable work.

On Saturday 3rd April attended the art exhibition by U3A at the Lyceum Theatre in Crewe. The paintings on display were wonderful there is certainly a great deal of talent locally.

On Thursday 8th April attended the Gables Luncheon Club and enjoyed an excellent lunch and chat with the regulars. I might even be tempted to put my name down!

On Tuesday 13th April had a very enjoyable dinner at the Civic Hall, hosted by the Rotary Club of Nantwich, Sir Philip Craven, President of the Paralympics Association was the guest speaker.

On Wednesday 14th April gave a talk to Bunbury Wednesday Club, on my Mayoral duties during the past year.

On Saturday 17th April a thoroughly enjoyable evening as guests of Middlewich Town Council at the Mayor's Ball.

My Consort for the Rotary Club Dinner and the Middlewich Ball was Councillor Arthur Moran as my son Alan took paternity leave. His wife gave birth to a boy on the 14th of April, my ninth grandchild, fit and healthy.

The Mayor was congratulated on the latest addition to her family by all Town Councillors.

143. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Stockton, McGinnis and Moran, as Beam Heath Trustees, declared personal interests in planning application 10/0998N relating to erection of an office to Alvaston Business Park as it affected slightly an access road of the Trust.

Councillors Simpson and Cafferty declared a personal interest in item 5 (10) (possible grant to the Museum) as Council representatives on the Museum Executive Committee.

144. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported as shown in Appendix A (attached).

145. MINUTES OF AN INFORMAL MEETING OF TOWN COUNCILLORS 22/3/10

Council noted the Minutes circulated and agreed that the Councillors named against particular projects should be those concerned with overseeing that project. The Clerk was asked to make further enquiries as to the status of item 8 (Community School Projects.)

146. PLANNING CONTROL

RESOLVED that the observations on planning applications listed in Appendix B be submitted to the Borough Council Planning Officer.

147. ACCOUNTS

A substitute Comparison with Budget sheet had been circulated. (Although there was no change to totals, there was a minor error in the calculation of the original).

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Payments for March 2010 be approved and the Comparison with Budget Sheet and Bank Reconciliation for March 2010 be noted.

The Clerk mentioned the need for submission of accounts to the Audit Commission promptly.

148. MEDIEVAL FAIR

Councillor Cafferty outlined the programme of the St George's Day fair. The thanks of the Council were passed to Councillor Cafferty for his continued work in connection with this event.

149. DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed, that Councillor Moran should be elected Deputy Mayor for the year 2010/11 at the Council's Annual Meeting on 10th May.

150. RISK ASSESSMENT

A Risk Assessment proposed by the Clerk was considered by the Council.

RESOLVED with some minor changes to the "likelihood" rating of four particular risks, the Risk Assessment as set out in the Town Council Agenda of 19th April 2010 and drafted as at April 2010 be approved and adopted.

151. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Farrall reported on the **Civic Society**. She brought to the Town Council's attention the unsatisfactory position regarding Monks Walk – the cobbled path in front of Dysart Buildings. It had previously been maintained by the Borough Council but Cheshire East were claiming that as their records did not show it as an adopted highway there was no obligation on them to repair or maintain it.

Town Councillors expressed concern at this anomalous situation and asked the Clerk to take it up with local Cheshire East Councillors.

Councillor Simpson reported on **Nantwich in Bloom**. She had attended an exhibition at the Museum on 22nd April at 11am. A cheese and wine talk at Richmond Village was scheduled, but this had been postponed, soon to be re-arranged. Arriva Wales is forwarding a duplicate Plaque for the Railway station, following the recent Community Award. Jim Gregory of Burland Nurseries is donating bedding plants to help beautify the town. St Anne's School sowing seeds in boxes for Autumn.

Councillor Cafferty reported on **Community Strategy Forum**. He had attended a forum, run by Cheshire East, to develop the Sustainable Community Strategy which the principal Council had to adopt. He felt it was along the same lines as other events he had attended for similar purposes but that Cheshire East were probably improving their approach. It was well attended, with around 400 representatives present, at the Crewe Alexandra Football Club. A copy of the agenda was tabled.

Councillor Cafferty reported on **Holly Holy Day**. He had recently "taken over" temporarily as Chairman of the organising committee. Mill Island may not be available for 2011 so three possible alternatives were being considered – Malbank Playing Fields; St Anne's Playing fields; and a field near Malbank School sometimes used for parking in connection with other events. Personally, he felt the latter would be the most suitable. He asked that the HHDS Committee be kept up-dated as to the availability of Mill Island. The next meeting was 25th May.

Councillor Cafferty reported on **Nantwich Museum**. The Museum had had a good and successful year. Several innovative exhibitions had taken place. The Millennium gallery had paid for itself again and again. The Community Learning Officer was currently on an exchange in Georgia, USA, organised through Rotary International.

Councillor Cafferty reported on the **Food Festival**. The Food Festival will go ahead this year on the 24/26th September. A limited company had been formed to organise the festival which Cheshire East Council were sponsoring but only to a limited extent. Councillor Cafferty and Councillor Fenton were both directors of the company but it was not connected to the Town Council. The company was entirely separate from the Town Council.

The Town Council was not contributing to or financially assisting the Festival but supported its continuation. Councillor Cafferty was reporting because he was aware of the interest in the Food Festival by Town Councillors.

The Festival this year was planned to be far more centred around the town – not on Mill Island – but instead at the Civic Hall, Volunteer Fields, Barony Park and 70/80 stalls in the town. The Beer Festival would be centred around the pubs. There would be no entrance fees.

Councillor Cafferty reported on the **Ice Rink**. He said he would give further details of the Ice Rink operation and any proposals for the future at a subsequent meeting.

Councillor McGinnis reported on **First Responders**. As Members knew, there was to be an Ambulance and another response vehicle based in Nantwich. There had been significant progress due partly to the efforts of local people and also to the personal interest of the new Chief Executive of NWAS. Regular quarterly meetings with NWAS to monitor response times were now intended to take place. A dance to raise funds for charity and celebrate the restoration of the blue light was planned at Nantwich Football Club in the near future.

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

REPORT TO TOWN COUNCIL 19TH APRIL 2010.

CLERK'S REPORT.

1. **RESOLVED** that the timetable of meetings for 2010/11 now presented be approved, with some additional meetings to be scheduled by the Clerk after consultation with the Leaders of the two groups. **(An approved timetable is attached to these Minutes).**
2. St Chad's Way Project.
A gentleman called David Pott is trying to establish a long distance walking route between Chester and Lichfield cathedrals and Nantwich would be on the route. **RESOLVED** that at some future date he be asked to address the Council on this matter.
3. Notice of Closure of Wellington Road.
Council noted that to carry out work on the level crossing the road will be closed 24th/30th April 2010 (tabled).
4. Enforcement Officers.
Response from Cheshire East previously circulated.
5. Mayor's Dance 26th November 2010.
At the request of Councillor Stockton, Todd Miller has been booked for 26th November. Ticket sales needed!
6. Response to Mrs Simpson regarding Conservation Order policy at Rectory Close (tabled).
7. Councillor McGinnis had suggested, at the last meeting, that the unsatisfactory state of the pedestrian area within the town centre should feature on each agenda. The position was reported.
8. Free workshops (Assertiveness, making Grant Applications, Chairing meetings) to be run by CCA at Malpas during May. (Tabled).
9. Response to requests for thoughts on expenditure of capital sum. A letter (possibly the first of several responses) from Annie Coombs, who is a member of the Nantwich Transport Group, was considered. A number of Members felt that some of the points made by Mrs Coombs had merit. The Clerk mentioned approaches by the Trustees of the Church Hall and the Players Theatre for contributions to projects. Members noted the interest expressed and were not averse to considering further capital projects provided a clear benefit to the town could be demonstrated.

APPENDIX A

10. Funding for Community Learning Officer. The application for funding was referred to the Grants and Awards Committee (subsequently arranged for 10.30am on the 28th April) and the Committee given delegated authority to decide the matter. Councillors **RESOLVED** to make it clear that consideration of the grant was delegated to Committee but, had the decision been for Council, it would have been “minded to approve.”
11. Market Seminar – a Seminar on local councils “taking over” and managing markets was being held in Shrewsbury on 4th June – places still available.
12. Bridleway – Council agreed to make no objection to the creation of a bridleway on land held by the Beam Heath Trustees.
13. Larger Council Clerks Group. The Clerk mentioned that he had been instrumental in creating a group called ‘Larger Council Clerks’ which would meet to discuss matters of mutual interest, especially devolution of powers.
14. Annual Report of Samaritans (tabled).

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DATES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS 2010/11

Monday 10th May 2010	Town Council Annual Meeting 7.00pm
Monday 24 th May 2010	Policy and Resources Meeting 7.30pm
<i>Monday 31st May 2010</i>	<i>Spring Bank Holiday</i>
Monday 7th June 2010	Town Council Meeting 7.00pm
Monday 21 st June 2010	Policy and Resources Meeting 7.30pm
Monday 12th July 2010	Town Council Meeting 7.00pm
<i>Monday 30th August 2010</i>	<i>August Bank Holiday</i>
Monday 6 th September 2010	Policy and Resources Meeting 7.30pm ★
Monday 13th September 2010	Town Council Meeting 7.00pm
Monday 27 th September 2010	Policy and Resources Meeting 7.30pm
Monday 11th October 2010	Town Council Meeting 7.00pm
Monday 25 th October 2010	Policy and Resources Meeting 7.30pm
Monday 8th November 2010	Town Council Meeting 7.00pm
Monday 22 nd November 2010	Policy and Resources Meeting 7.30pm
Monday 13th December 2010	Town Council Meeting 7.00pm followed by Mayor's Christmas refreshments but not before 8.00pm
<i>Christmas & New Year Holidays</i> <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>Boxing Day</i> <i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Saturday 25th December 2010</i> <i>Sunday 26th December 2010</i> <i>(27th & 28th December 2010 – holidays in lieu)</i> <i>Saturday 1st January 2011</i> <i>(3rd January 2011 – holiday in lieu)</i>
Monday 10th January 2011	Town Council Meeting 7.00pm
Monday 31 st January 2011	Policy and Resources Meeting 7.30pm ★
Monday 7th February 2011	Town Council Meeting 7.00pm
Monday 21 st February 2011	Policy and Resources Meeting 7.30pm
Monday 7th March 2011	Town Council Meeting 7.00pm
Monday 28 th March 2011	Policy and Resources Meeting 7.30pm ★
Monday 18th April 2011	Annual Town Meeting 7.00pm Immediately followed by Town Council Meeting but not before 7.30pm.
<i>Friday 22nd April 2011</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>
<i>Monday 25th April 2011</i>	<i>Easter Monday</i>
<i>Thursday 2nd May 2011</i>	<i>Bank Holiday</i>
Monday 9th May 2011	Town Council Annual Meeting 7.00pm
<i>Monday 30th May 2011</i>	<i>Spring Bank Holiday</i>

★ Provisional meetings, to be held if business justifies

NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 19TH APRIL 2010

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

No	Applicant	Development	Site
10/0062N		New re-designed residence Alongside no. 47 Marsh Lane.	47 Marsh Lane.
Comment: No comment.			
10/0495/0463N	Mr & Mrs E Wood	Conservation Area Consent For proposed replacement Extension and replacement Garage and associated works.	17 The Gullet.
Comment: No comment.			
10/0581N	Mr D Jones	Replacement of shop fascia Sign with new grey timber Panel and white acrylic Lettering.	31 High Street.
Comment: No comment.			
10/0585N	Mr A Wheeldon Portfolio Estates Ltd.	Variation of condition 3 of planning permission P09/0064 relating to Approved plans.	Land rear of 41 High Street.
Comment: No comment.			
10/0676N	Mr S Wilson Wilhall Building & Renov.	Ground floor extension to the Rear of the property and new Hard standing driveway to the Front of the property.	81 Barony Road.
Comment: No comment.			
10/0998N	Mr B Harris	Erection of additional B1 office Building within business park (amendment to previous approval for 17 units).	Alvaston Bus Park.
Comment: No comment.			

No	Applicant	Development	Site
10/1000N	Mr J Canny Whitehall Prestige Devs.	Erection of extensions to Dwelling, erection of a car barn and entrance gates.	5 The Cedars
Comment: No comment.			
10/1024N	Mr & Mrs K Haighton Special Cards.	Construction of a new store To rear yard area to provide Ancillary storage space for seasonal greeting cards & stock.	3 Market Street.
Comment: No comment.			
10/1208N	Nationwide B. Soc.	Installation of 1 no. external a/c unit on rear face of parapet wall to flat roof.	25 High Street.
Comment: No comment.			