



## **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010.**

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

### **32. PUBLIC FORUM**

Doug Butterill of Nantwich in Bloom mentioned that an 'Adopt a Station Award' had been presented to the station by Arriva Trains Wales – for the 'Best Kept Garden'. Obviously Nantwich in Bloom were delighted and he thanked Members for the assistance received from the Town Council. Doug also mentioned that Nantwich Rotary Club were looking for volunteers to help plant 10,000 crocuses at the beginning of October.

Inspector Hassall reported on Local Policing Priorities. The World Cup period had passed without incident. Anti Social Behaviour was "ticking along nicely" in that there were no repeat locations and only relatively few public concerns.

Inspector Hassall was asked if budgetary cuts were having an effect on policing. He replied to the effect that current resources were "adequate". However, it would be naïve to assume that economies and the worsening financial situation, with a squeeze on jobs and benefits, would not affect policing and crime statistics.

Inspector Hassall was asked about sirens. He said there were probably more sirens being heard because there was now a 24 hour policing response based at Nantwich.

### **33. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Hope and Tooke. Councillor McGinnis expressed his regret at having to leave the meeting early because of another appointment.

### **34. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2010**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Council Meeting, held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010, (which incorporate the Minutes of the Policy and Resources of 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

### **35. MAYOR'S REMARKS**

On 10<sup>th</sup> June visited the opening of three major projects at Reaseheath with my Consort, which was very interesting and was attended by Her Majesty the Queen.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June, attended the Nantwich Family Fun Day Gala Evening at Brine Leas High School, along with my Consort to present prizes to the competition winners.

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June, opened the Sensory Garden at Richmond Village, the gardens were beautiful and a lot of hard work has been done to make the project a success.

On 1<sup>st</sup> July, attended the reopening of Wulvern's shop in Beam Street. The shop is now open 5 days a week making their services more accessible.

Councillor Moran, Deputy Mayor, attended a presentation of awards ceremony at Reaseheath also on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

On 10<sup>th</sup> July, attended Family Fun Day along with my Consort, people turned out in their hundreds and the entertainment was wonderful. Thanks to Councillor Keith Cafferty and the Committee for all their dedication and hard work to make this event a success.

### **36. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Moran declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the planning application 10/2281N (10 Cheyne Walk) as a friend of the applicant. He withdrew from the room during the consideration of the item and took no part in the discussion or vote.

### **37. ACCOUNTS FOR JUNE 2010**

**RESOLVED** that the Schedule of Payments (£10,371.58) and Receipts (£2265.72) for June 2010 be approved and the Comparison with Budget sheets be noted.

### **38. MINUTES OF POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2010**

**RESOLVED** that the Recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee of 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010 (circulated by post on 22<sup>nd</sup> June) be accepted and approved and the Resolutions therein noted. The Minutes are incorporated in the Minutes of this Council meeting and are attached.

### **39. MINUTES OF TOWN WATCH COMMITTEE MEETING OF 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Town Watch Committee of 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010 be noted. The Minutes are incorporated in the Minutes of this Council meeting and are attached.

### **40. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2010**

**RESOLVED** that the Recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Finance Committee of 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010 be agreed and confirmed. The Minutes are incorporated in the Minutes of this Council meeting and are attached.

### **41. PLANNING CONTROL**

**RESOLVED** that the observations on planning applications shown in Appendix A should be transmitted to the Cheshire East Council planning officer.

#### **42. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillors received the Clerk's Report and made the observations and resolutions as set out in Appendix B.

#### **43. LITTER AND RUBBISH IN THE TOWN**

Councillor Lewis, who had requested a discussion about litter and 'grot spots', suggested initiatives from the Town Council to heighten awareness of the anti-social nature and the unattractive results of littering. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Cheshire East asking about increased education for young people, further enforcement of litter regulations and additional receptacles. Councillor Lewis also proposed a 'litter pick' led by Town Councillors. He agreed to contact relevant Cheshire East officers and to co-ordinate the event.

#### **44. REPORT OF AUDIT OF OPEN SPACE**

Members noted the Audit of Open Space which had been sent in response to the request by Cheshire East Council, which was tabled. Grateful thanks of the Borough Council had been received.

#### **45. SPONSORSHIP OF FISHING COMPETITION**

After some debate as to the difference between a 'grant' and a 'contribution' Members **RESOLVED** to authorise a contribution of £100 towards the request by Police, Fire and Ambulance Services to encourage young people in Nantwich and across Cheshire East, to take part in a fishing competition (Section 144/145 LGA 1972 from Local Organisations line 37).

#### **46. MILL ISLAND – TENDERS**

The Council noted that the consultant drainage engineer retained by the Council was at the stage of seeking tenders for the work on Mill Island.

**RESOLVED** that, following opening of tenders, Stan Wooley be authorised, in consultation with Councillor McGinnis and/or Fenton as appropriate, to:-

- (a) Evaluate the tenders;
- (b) Instruct the most suitable contractor;
- (c) Take all steps necessary to expedite and complete the works to Mill Island;
- (d) Incur costs, in addition to the £20,000 due from Cheshire East Council, of up to £10,000 for any extra or additional work considered necessary to ensure that the site is suitable for events, exhibitions and festivals in the future.

#### 47. MARKET TOWN BENCHMARKING

Councillor Moran outlined the Benchmarking process and suggested alternative methods of undertaking the exercise, assuming the Council wished to do it at all. **RESOLVED** that the Council take part in the Sustainable Towns Network Benchmarking exercise and employ an outside organisation (e.g., school or college) to undertake the whole exercise including collating and inputting data.

#### 48. REPORT OF CAPITAL GRANT SCHEME

The Council received the report of the Town Clerk outlining the Capital Grant Application Scheme with accompanying Notes of three meetings held by the Working Group which had determined the form and machinery of the Grants Scheme.

Capital grant applications would usually be for sums of not more than £25,000 and the first applications would be received up to the end of 2010. The Council noted that the Applications would be considered by the Grants Committee, with the aid of a "score sheet", but finally decided by the Council, although Council would normally be expected to endorse the recommendations of the Committee.

On the recommendation of the Working Group it was **RESOLVED** that a small capital grant scheme for applications of £5000 and under be established, such small grants to be considered and decided on behalf of the Council by the Grants Committee.

#### 49. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Councillor Farrall** reported on a meeting with **Regents College** following complaints by nearby residents about loud music, engine noises and overgrown hedges. Fifteen residents attended with Hugh Lawrence (Manager Cog7) and his staff. The College managers were anxious to co-exist peacefully with neighbours and agreed to take steps to accommodate their concerns. The swimming pool was not yet open to the public, but on the way. The Sports Hall was still undergoing restoration.

**Councillor Simpson** reported the activities of **Nantwich in Bloom**. Doug Butterill had been nominated for the Walter Dutton award from the Museum. Naturally both Nantwich in Bloom and Mr Butterill were delighted.

**Councillor Moran** reported on progress on one of the **Car Park Projects**. A meeting had been held attended by Councillor Moran, Councillor Lewis, the Clerk and Charles Grant of Nantwich Football Club at the club premises to consider one of their car parks which was not tarmac surfaced. It had been agreed that the Club would publicise its availability to the public, without charge for parking at this stage, to find out if there was in fact a demand from the public for parking in this location. The aim was to see if it was worth coming to an Agreement to share parking fees.

**Councillor Fenton** reported that the **Food Festival** arrangements were proceeding well. Nantwich Town Council could run, if they wished, an information stall at the Festival to publicise their activities.

**Councillor Cafferty** reported on **Holly Holy Day**. Because Mill Island was not available there was some difficulty in finding a site but the Committee were still looking and Councillor Cafferty would report further.

**Councillor Cafferty** also mentioned **Family Fun Day** held on 10<sup>th</sup> July, which had been the most successful yet. Thousands of people had attended and it had been a thoroughly enjoyable family occasion with excellent weather. He sincerely thanked all the Committee members and the Councillors who had assisted on the day. Councillor Cafferty's daughter had taken on part of the organisation of the event, for which he was extremely grateful. He also thanked the Council for their support over the last six years which had enabled the Fun Day to go from strength to strength.

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NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2010PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION

No	Applicant	Development	Site
10/1792N	Rellum Estates LLP Muller Project Management	Addition of A3 use class to approved A1, A2 and D1 use.	Chatterton House, 3 Church Lane.
<b>Comment:</b> The Town Council object to this application. There is a large number of coffee bars/cafes in Nantwich already and further additions will change the character of the town, especially in this location where within a few yards are several other establishments of a similar type. In addition, Church Lane is a narrow cobbled street not designed for traffic and the application will lead to additional vehicle movements and deliveries which will be detrimental to the safety of pedestrians and other drivers.			
10/2281N	Mr C Turner	Reserved matters for outline application for erection of one dwelling (re-submission of PO7/1625)	10 Cheyne Walk
<b>Comment:</b> The Town Council oppose development on gardens such as this, with limited space. This is over-development which will change the character of the area and detract from the amenity of neighbours.			
10/2030N	Lamont Pension Scheme	Stone Cladding to entrance lobby externally and additional window to enhance appearance.	Nantwich Court 5a Hospital Street
<b>Comment:</b> No comments.			

**MATTERS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND URGENCY**

**REPORT OF TOWN CLERK – COUNCIL 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2010.**

1. Members considered the questions the Council had asked in an email in relation to **Nantwich Swimming Pools** on 18<sup>th</sup> June and the responses received from Cheshire East on 21<sup>st</sup> June and forwarded to Town Councillors the same day. Councillor Moran addressed the Council on the state of the swimming baths and the ‘jewel’ which was the Open Air pool. **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk be requested to write to Cheshire East Council urging that the £1.4m ear-marked for the outside pool roof be spent instead on refurbishment and repair, particularly of the Brine swimming baths.

Councillor McGinnis suggested and received support from Members that the Council should debate the **Snow Hill development**.

2. Members reported on the **Public Art feature** at Sainsbury’s Middlewich Road. Councillors outlined the outcome of the meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June at Sainsbury’s to consider the proposed Gateway feature (sketch tabled). The general view was that Sainsbury’s should go “back to the drawing board” and they had agreed to do so.
3. **Local Area Partnership** meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> June (4-7pm) at Malbank School. Presentations on Cultural Olympiad 2012; Heath Inequalities; Nantwich Show; Volunteering. Update on groups. Councillors in attendance mentioned the proposed re-structuring of the way the LAP operates.
4. **Local Service Delivery** letter from Wesley Fitzgerald to town and parish councils was considered. Members noted proposals for meetings in August/September with councils in each LAP area to discuss programme and terms for **transfer and devolution** of services (letter of 29<sup>th</sup> June tabled).
5. **Road Closures were noted at:-**  
Mickley Hall Lane, Broomhall;  
French Lane, Baddington;  
Chester Road, Acton for Nantwich for Live Event at Dorfold Hall on 31<sup>st</sup> July / 1<sup>st</sup> August (weekend).  
(All closure notifications tabled).
6. Members noted that the Christadelphian Church would like to share a **notice board** and that other community groups ask for space from time to time. Comments were made about the location of the new board. **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk be authorised, in consultation with the two group leaders, to arrange for the purchase and installation of a new, bigger notice board with a contribution from the Church if that can be agreed.
7. **Draft Community Strategy** by Cheshire East was tabled. The Community Strategy, the “blue-print” for Cheshire East policies in the years ahead – has been published. Explanatory email and draft Strategy were available for Members.

## APPENDIX B

8. Holly Holy Day – **Big Battle** contribution. The Clerk reported that after prolonged correspondence and reminders, Cheshire East have agreed that the ‘Big Battle’ which took place in 2007 resulted in a small surplus of £450. CEC have agreed it should pass to the organisers of the Holly Holy Day event and they have been notified. The Treasurer of the Holly Holy Day event (Councillor Fenton) thanked the Clerk for his efforts in pursuing this matter.
9. The Clerk had made an application to Cheshire East Council for a grant to assist **Market Town Promotion** – town centre entertainment. (Grant application tabled for information.)
10. Freedom of the Borough. Members noted that the Town Council’s willingness to host a **Freedom March** to honour the troops has been notified to the Mercian Regiment. If accepted, likely to be October/November. Other Authorities will be involved, as before. Councillor Moran reported that Cheshire East had confirmed the invitation for November.
11. Free Swimming – under 16s. **Free Swimming** for under 16s has been funded for the month of August by Cheshire East Council, notwithstanding withdrawal of subsidy by central government.
12. Councillors were reminded, as previously reported to Council on 8<sup>th</sup> March that the Clerk was going to **Australia** from 20<sup>th</sup> July until the end of August. Also as reported, in order to have a few days holiday in hand, for the rest of the year, the Clerk will be taking a week’s unpaid leave. Works to Brookfield Hall will be carried out during August. A list of names and phone numbers was prepared for all Councillors and the Clerk said it would be circulated. **First points of contact are Councillors Hope and Lewis if Jill needs any advice or assistance.**
13. The Clerk has had discussions with Jez Goodman about Sue Togay’s role and it has been agreed she will take on rather more **town centre events** than originally proposed, although the Town Council must find the budget. Discussions are continuing. **Christmas Lights** budget figures from Cheshire East are still not available.
14. The Clerk attended the Crewe and Nantwich meeting of **Chalc Clerks** at 7.30pm on 24<sup>th</sup> June at Audlem. There was some discussion about the difficulties of contacting Cheshire East Officers and identifying “who did what”. Members noted that Chalky White no longer works for Chalc – his post has been filled by Ian Jones, who previously worked for Cheshire West and Chester.
15. All Councillors were notified of an invitation to **Cheshire East Council’s Mayor’s Charity Ball** on 3<sup>rd</sup> September at Tenants Hall, Tatton Park. A three course dinner, £35 per person. Proceeds to Army Benevolent Fund. A letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> July had been tabled and additional details are available from the Clerk’s office for any Member interested.

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## **Nantwich Town Council**

### **Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee of the Council held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010.**

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

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

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Farrall, (holiday) and Martin (conflicting meeting of Governors).

#### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **3 AGM CHALC – 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

Attendees nominated as Councillors Lewis and Moran (on behalf of the Mayor). It was agreed to consider at a later date whether the Council wished to submit a motion for discussion at the meeting.

#### **4 LICENCE – NAIL TECHNICIAN**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk and Mayor acting on behalf of the Council be authorised to take such action and sign such documents as are necessary to grant a Licence to occupy a room in Brookfield Hall and, if considered necessary, to subsequently terminate or modify such Licence in the interests of the Council.

#### **5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**RESOLVED** that the observations on the Planning Applications set out in Appendix A attached, be transmitted to the Cheshire East Borough Planning Officer.

#### **6 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR – REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

The Committee considered the matter of the system of appointment of the Town Mayor. **RESOLVED** that following the Committee discussion, in which a number of points were highlighted, the Clerk is requested to draw up a paper referring to the issues mentioned, for consideration by Council at an appropriate meeting.

#### **7 POSSIBLE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA**

Councillors Moran, McGinnis and Tooke drew the attention of the Committee to the lack of play facilities in the Millfields area. As an initial step, the Clerk was asked to write to Cheshire East Council to request that a play area, with equipment, be considered.



## 8 REPORT OF A MEETING WITH PAUL COLMAN, CHAMBER OF TRADE

Councillors, Fenton, Lewis, Cafferty and Hope, who had been invited to a short presentation by the Chamber of Trade about the priorities of traders in the town, outlined the main concerns of shopkeepers and local firms. A number of the issues were matters which the Town Council could influence and were already addressing. The point was made that the Snow Hill development could make a significant difference to the position, although it was accepted that the likelihood of it happening in the next few years was low. (It was suggested that the Snow Hill plans should be a subject for discussion at a future meeting).

It was agreed that the Clerk should submit a grant application to Cheshire East Council to try to obtain funding for street entertainment, which traders rated quite highly in promoting the town. The Committee noted that the Clerk was in contact with Mr Goodman, Sue Togay's Manager.

## 9 CLERK'S REMINDERS

With the permission of the Chairman, the Clerk mentioned three forthcoming events:-

- Consultation on public art feature, 11am 29<sup>th</sup> June, Sainbury's store – **RESOLVED** Councillors Stockton, McGinnis, Lewis, and Hope to attend.
- LAP 4.30pm on 29<sup>th</sup> June, Malbank School all Councillors invited to attend as observers.
- Planning Seminar run by Cheshire East on 1<sup>st</sup> July, at 6.30pm, Civic Hall.

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**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2010****PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION**

<b>No</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Development</b>	<b>Site</b>
10/1637N	Mr P Stansfield	Single storey extension to side of house and convert garage into living area.	10 Salt Meadows.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
10/1806N	Mr J Patel	Proposed extensions forming additional accommodation to the existing EMI section.	Brookfield House Shrewbridge Road
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
10/1992N	Mr P Merrin	Proposed extension to side and rear.	43 Marsh Lane.
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			

**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2010****ADDITIONAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATION**

<b>No</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Development</b>	<b>Site</b>
10/2169N	Mr & Mrs D Timmins	Conversion of part double garage into accommodation.	33 Salt Meadows
<b>Comment:</b> No comment.			
10/2096N	Mr & Mrs P Richards	Amalgamation of 58 and 58a Wellington Road and construction of new house within grounds of existing properties.	Land to rear of 58 Wellington Road
<b>Comment:</b> The Town Council deplore the loss of green space by development of gardens. This proposal will create a dwelling which will be detrimental to the amenity of the immediate neighbour and add to traffic exiting onto the main road near a primary school. The Town Council object to this application.			