



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON 13TH APRIL 2015.

Present - Councillor Farrall (Mayor) and Councillors Butterill, Cooper, Fenton, Hutton, Lewis, Marren, Moran and Simpson together with the Town Clerk.

PRESENTATION OF COACH FRIENDLY STATUS

Prior to the meeting the **Mayor and Rotarian Peter Saunders** received an award from the **Confederation of Passenger Transport conferring Coach Friendly Status** on the Town of Nantwich.

Mr Alf Srimgour, Operations & Tourism Executive, CPT UK, explained the background to the national scheme which recognises those tourist destinations which provide facilities for coach companies and passengers. The scheme has been very successful in attracting increased footfall to award winners. The Mayor, Councillor Christine Farrall was presented with the award by Sue Mullen, Regional Manager, North Western, of the CPT. The Mayor stated that she was delighted to receive the award on behalf on the town and that it would raise the profile of the town and bring in more visitors to boost the retail economy.

The Mayor thanked Mr Peter Saunders, Past President of the Rotary Club of Crewe and Nantwich Weaver for his help and enthusiasm in bringing coach friendly status to the town. Peter Saunders replied that he was very pleased that the Council has decided to support the Nantwich scheme, which was started by the Rotary Club some years ago. Working together with Nantwich Football Club, the Tourist Information Office at the Town Council and retailers he was confident the scheme will benefit the town's economy and promote the town as a tourist destination.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Farr (Family commitment), Hopkins (Work commitment) and Martin (Holiday).

2. REPORTS FROM TOWN ORGANISATIONS

No reports were received.

3. RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC

No resolutions had been submitted.

4. OPEN FORUM - QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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PART 1

142. PUBLIC FORUM

Inspector Dave Smithers reported on the policing of the Jazz Festival. The good weather brought in more people than last year. Fewer dispersal notices were used than in 2014 and there were only 9 arrests over the whole weekend. No serious assaults were reported. The same model and level of engagement has been implemented as in previous years with officers drawn in from other areas.

The Mayor thanked Inspector Smithers for policing the event with the minimum of confrontation.

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144. RETIRING COUNCILLORS

Councillor Arthur Moran proposed a vote of thanks to the five Councillors who were not standing for re-election on 7 May, Councillors Farr, Farrall, Fenton, Hopkins and Hutton. Councillor Moran thanked the Councillors for their hard work over the past four years (and longer in some cases) and their efforts in supporting charities and events in the town such as the Food Festival, Nantwich Show, Societies Spectacular, Holly Holy Day, Nantwich Fete and Skoolsfest. He offered his personal thanks to Councillor Fenton for acting as Deputy Mayor in 2011 and thanked the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Farrall, for her excellent work as ambassador for the Council in her mayoral year.

145. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9TH MARCH 2015

The Council **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th March 2015 be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor with the addition of the following:-

Councillor Moran added as in attendance and Minute 134 altered to read %bat 200 flags and bunting are to be provided from the Events Budget with *at least* 40 flag holders to be completed in Phase 1+.

146. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Butterill declared interests in planning matters as she is a Cheshire East Councillor as well as a Town Councillor.

Councillor Marren declared interests in planning matters as he is a Cheshire East Councillor as well as a Town Councillor.

Councillor Moran declared an interest in the planning application 15/1062N at Malbank School. He also declared an interest in the item on The Gables as he is a Trustee of the Senior Citizens Luncheon Club.

Councillor Fenton declared an interest in the item on The Gables as he is a Trustee of the Senior Citizens Luncheon Club.

147. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's list of engagements in March was circulated.

- Address to Nantwich Rotary Club Charter Dinner
- Senior Forum Exhibition at Nantwich Civic Hall
- Crewe and Nantwich Retired Teachers Association lunch and talk

- Welcome new Hair salon to Nantwich with Cllr Arthur Moran
- Attendance at the Swan song of The High Sheriff
- Attendance at Nantwich Players
- Judge at the final of Dragon Den competition for Nantwich Primary schools run by Rotary . The Mayor remarked on the high standard of presentations. The winning school was Wyche Primary.
- Presentation of Mayor's Salt of the Earth awards in the Peggy Killick suite. The Mayor thanked the Civic Hall staff for organising this event.
- Attendance at the Mayor's Dance . The Mayor thanked Councillor Arthur Moran for the organisation of the dance.
- Attendance at Cheshire East Mayor's charity lunch at Tytherington Golf Club

148. CLERK'S REPORT, CORRESPONDENCE & MATTERS OF URGENCY

148.1 Charity Collectors - A draft Site Management Agreement has been prepared by Cheshire East. The agreement includes the following for Nantwich:-

Area: Pedestrianised area of High Street between Hospital Street, Oatmarket and Churchyardside / Pepper Street.
 Capacity: Maximum of 2 fundraisers
 Positioning: Fundraisers to be spread out along the length of the site.
 Frequency: 2 visits a week.

148.2 Snow Hill Toilets

The tender documents for improvement of the Snow Hill toilets have been issued. After award of the contract the toilets will be closed for about 8 weeks.

149. PLANNING CONTROL

Council **RESOLVED** to make no objection to all the applications listed with the exception of 15/1315N Residential Development at Imperial Court where concern was raised regarding the potential impact of the 3 storey development on the amenities enjoyed by the occupiers of houses in the Broadway.

150. CONFIRMATION OF STAFFING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 11 MARCH 2015

The Council noted the minutes and **RESOLVED** that the Recommendations contained in the above Minutes be accepted and approved and in particular that the Staffing Structure be amended to include the posts of Technical Officer (Maintenance) and Marketing Manager. Councillor Lewis proposed that the structure should be brought back to Staffing Committee after the election but this proposal was defeated.

151. CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 25 MARCH 2015

The Council noted the minutes and **RESOLVED** that the Recommendations contained in the above Minutes be accepted and approved and in particular that a Tenders Sub-Committee reporting to Finance Committee is established.

152. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF TOWN PLAN AND PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE 26 MARCH 2015

Council noted the minutes and **RESOLVED** that the Recommendations contained in the above Minutes be accepted and approved and in particular that the Civic Hall Policy Principles document is adopted as Council policy.

Council noted that the Retail Group had not endorsed the In Nantwich web site. Council also noted that market traders had expressed the wish that all traders should open on Tuesdays but the four traders were against this proposal and had asked for a further meeting.

153. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

No reports were submitted.

154. NANTWICH PARTNERSHIP REPORT

Councillor Fenton reported that £2,500 was held in the bank account and that a number of schemes were under consideration.

155. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Simpson reported that Nantwich in Bloom was once again involving Reaseheath students in their planting programme.

Nantwich Choral Society has passed on their thanks for the continued financial support.

PART 2

156. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Council **RESOLVED NOT** to exclude press and public as there were no matters to be considered in confidence.

157. THE GABLES, NANTWICH

Council considered a report on the acquisition of the Gables from Cheshire East. At a meeting earlier in the day Councillor Peter Raynes had approved the transfer on behalf of Cheshire East. Councillor Marren explained that the transfer was very beneficial to the Town Council. In due course the proceeds from the Gables would be re-invested in the Civic Hall.

The Mayor concluded the meeting by thanking all Councillors for their help in her Mayoral year. At the latest count she had made 110 appearances wearing the chain of office and had made a great many new friends. She wished the new Council every success after the election and hoped to continue to help the voluntary organisations in the town to thrive in the future.