



**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2015.**

**Present** - Councillor Martin (Mayor) and Councillors Bartram, Bostock, Bowyer-Bates, Butterill, Kirkham, Hall, Lewis, Marren, Moran and Simpson together with Inspector Alison Ross, Sgt. Ian Bennett, PC Marc Harley and the Town Clerk.

**25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Groves (Other meeting).

**26. PUBLIC FORUM**

Inspector Alison Ross introduced herself to Council. Inspector Ross is in charge of beat management for the Nantwich area and explained that 4 officers will be dedicated to solving long term issues within the town and will provide a better service than in the past. A fast response service will be operated from Crewe under Inspector Fairclough. The Crewe Policing Unit is headed up by Chief Inspector Gareth Lee. Inspector Ross responded to a number of detailed points identified by Councillors. The Mayor thanked Inspector Ross and her colleagues for attending the meeting.

Council received representations from members of the Nantwich Youth Committee regarding their wish to set up a youth café for teenagers between 13 and 19 years of age. The idea is to provide a meeting place in a central location to help to combat anti-social behaviour by this age group. The Committee would like to use the Gables although they understand it will not be available in two years. The Mayor thanked the Committee members for informing the Council of their proposed scheme.

**27. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 and of the Council Meeting of the same date, be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor.

**28. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Moran declared an interest as a Trustee of the Luncheon Club at the Gables.

Councillors Butterill and Marren declared an interest in their capacity as Cheshire East Councillors on the Southern Planning Committee.

**29. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported on his list of engagements from May to July.

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| 23 <sup>rd</sup> May  | Weaver Wander Classic Car Rally Nantwich Square   |
|                       | Flagged off classic cars with Rotary Director General and President                                     |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> June  | Attendance at Alzheimer's 100 charity cycle ride  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> June | Attendance at Nantwich Concert Band <del>Midsummer's</del> Concert in Civic Hall with Deputy Mayor      |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> June | Attendance at Choral Concert in St Mary's Parish Church Nantwich Choral Society . Haydn's Harmony Mass. |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> June | Attendance at Richmond Village National Armed Forces Day Celebrations                                   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> July  | Attendance at Nantwich Players <del>The Murder Room</del>   |

4 <sup>th</sup> July	Opening of Nantwich Schoolzfest and Nantwich Fete with Edward Timpson, MP and Rev Barry Wilson
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Welcome to Macon students at CANTA event at Reaseheath.
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Attendance at Toyah concert in Civic Hall
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Attendance at Community Choir Concert at St Mary's Church
13 <sup>th</sup> July	2 Saints Way meeting at YMCA North Staffs, Stoke

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

#### **30.1. RHS Nantwich in Bloom Judging**

RHS judging will take place on Wednesday 15 July. The Nantwich Litter Group has kindly organised a town centre tidy up session on Tuesday 14 July at 6.00pm.

#### **30.2. Town Centre Pedestrianisation**

Councillor Bowyer-Bates has received a representation from a constituent regarding the number of delivery vehicles in the town centre. The constituent suggests the introduction of a traffic order to control delivery times, for example access only before 10.00am and after 4.00 pm. Members **resolved** to make representation to Cheshire East regarding the introduction of an order.

#### **30.3. Fly tipping – Coed Wen**

An incident of fly tipping at Coed Wen, part of the riverside park, has been dealt very promptly by ANSA following reports from the Litter Group.

#### **30.4 National Living Wage**

The Government has announced its intention to introduce a national living wage which will rise to about £9.00 per hour by 2020.

### **31. PLANNING CONTROL**

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations of the Clerk in respect of all the applications listed and to make observations to Cheshire East.

### **32. CONFIRMATION OF POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 22 JUNE 2015**

Council noted the minutes and **RESOLVED** that the Recommendations contained in the above Minutes be accepted and approved.

### **33. CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 25 JUNE 2015**

Councillor Marren referred to the minute in respect of the takeover of the Gables and explained the background to the proposal. Any use of the Gables by the Youth Committee would have to be short time. Finance Committee had resolved that the Gables should not be used as a base for the Youth Café as this will undermine the sale of the building as agreed with Cheshire East as a condition of the transfer. Council noted the minutes but **RESOLVED** not to accept the resolution to enable further discussion to take place. Council further **RESOLVED** that the other recommendations contained in the above Minutes be accepted and approved.

### **34. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Councillor Moran reported on the decision by Cheshire East to close the respite care facilities at Lincoln House, Crewe and Hollins View, Macclesfield. Both facilities will be sold and the service will be run by the private sector. Councillor Moran also reported on progress on the local plan. A response had been given to the Inspector with the housing total rising from 21,000 to 36,000 homes over the plan period.

**35. NANTWICH PARTNERSHIP**

Councillor Hall reported on the AGM of the Nantwich Partnership. The Partnership is grateful to ANSA and the litter Group for keeping the town tidy and to Cheshire east for relaying the pavements in the town centre. An action plan had been agreed with Church Walk and the Old Biot as priorities. Work will start on the Aqueduct in September.

**36. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Councillor Simpson reported that the Museum's finances had improved with lower fuel costs. The next exhibition will be 'Nantwich at Play' to be opened by the Mayor. The Museum Flag Day will be held on 15 August and there will be a Civil war workshop in October.

Councillor Simpson also reported on Nantwich in Bloom. The RHS judging day is 15 July followed by Gardens and Communities judging on 28 July. Margaret Thrower will judge businesses on 30 July.

Councillor Bowyer-Bates reported that he had met with allotment representatives concerning the improvement of the roadways and they had expressed concern about the specification.

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