



## **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015.**

**Present** - Councillor Martin (Mayor) and Councillors Bartram, Bostock, Bowyer-Bates, Butterill, Kirkham, Hall, Lewis, Marren, Moran and Simpson together with the Town Clerk.

### **37. PUBLIC FORUM**

Council received a representation from Mr and Mrs Connor regarding their request to book the Civic Hall for an antique fair. They explained that they operate similar fairs in Whitchurch and elsewhere and would like to hold affair in Nantwich every month. They would also be interested in running a fair on the Square.

The Clerk explained that the hall prices are indicative and a quote for commercial organisations is worked out after receipt of a booking form when full details are available. The Council's policy is to charge reduced rates for community events but higher rates for commercial organisations. The Clerk also explained that the Council had a long standing association with an organiser of antiques fairs and this may be adversely affected by another antiques fair operation. In addition the Council tries to avoid having similar events at the same time that would compete with other venues and attempts to have interval between events of the same type to avoid saturating the market.

The Mayor thanked Mr and Mrs Connor for raising the issue which will be discussed at the Council's Finance Committee.

### **38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Groves (Holiday).

### **39. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015, be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor.

### **40. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Mayor declared an interest as a Brine Leas Governor.

Councillor Moran declared interests as a Trustee of the Luncheon Club at the Gables, a Trustee of Beam Heath Trust and a Brine Leas Governor.

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

Councillor Marren also declared an interest in the Minutes of Staffing Committee.

### **41. MAYOR'S REPORT**

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

15 <sup>th</sup> July	Nantwich Library . Met Nantwich in Bloom judges
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Attendance at Nantwich Societies Spectacular on Nantwich square
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Crewe & Nantwich Weaver Rotary Induction Ceremony
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Help to open Nantwich Museum Summer Exhibition %Nantwich at Play+
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Attendance at Nantwich Show pre Show Reception
29 <sup>th</sup> July	Judging at Nantwich Show
31 <sup>st</sup> July	CANTA Summer School - Welcomed students from France and Germany to Nantwich at Nantwich Museum
2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Attendance at Big Day Out . Dorfold Park

6th Aug Visit to Nantwich Market  
 12<sup>th</sup> Aug Visit to Crewe & Nantwich U3A Arts and Crafts show St Mary's Church Hall, Wistaston.  
 15<sup>th</sup> Aug Attendance at Nantwich Football Club v Stamford  
 29<sup>th</sup> August Judging at Town Crier Competition and attendance at evening awards at Crewe Arms Hotel  
 29<sup>th</sup> August Welcome to new shop opening %iving Pure Natural+  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sept Help with Food Festival opening on Town Square

The Mayor commented on the success of the Food Festival and congratulated the organisers for an excellent weekend. He also thanked the volunteers and the Litter Group for their efforts in the clean-up operation.

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

### **42.1 Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire – Invitation to Parish and Town Council Representatives**

The Clerk reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr John Dwyer, is holding a meeting of Parish & Town Council representatives from across Cheshire East on Thursday 17 September 2015 at 6.30pm in the Bridestones Suite, Town Hall, High Street, Congleton.

### **42.2 NHS AGM – Thursday 24 September 6-8 pm Sandbach Boys School Crewe Road Sandbach**

The NHS South Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS Vale Royal CCG are holding a joint Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM is an opportunity to keep up to date and showcase the work that they have done over the past twelve months, letting people know where they have spent their money working to deliver better healthcare in the local area.

This year's AGM will be a marketplace, allowing people to spend time at the individual stalls talking to the teams to find out in detail more about their work and the services commissioned over the past 12 months.

### **42.3 St Mary's Church – Elevation to a Minster**

Members will recall the suggestion made earlier this year and reported in the press that St Mary's Church could be elevated to a minster. Several large Parish Churches in the country have this status which is a designation conferred by the Church of England. The proposal would have benefits for tourism in the town.

Council **RESOLVED** to support the proposal and make representation to Cheshire East as the principal authority to ask for its support.

## **43. PLANNING CONTROL**

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations of the Clerk in respect of the applications listed and to make observations to Cheshire East with the exception of 15/3842N and 15/3868N on which additional representations were made.

Council welcomed the redesigned proposal under 15/3842N for the 7 dwellings on the former bowling green site off Waterlode and **RESOLVED** to support the revised application.

Council noted the proposal by Wain Homes to obtain a further planning permission for up to 104 homes off Audlem Road. The new scheme would allow Brine Leas School scope for

expansion to its present site. Whilst noting the advantage of this proposal to the school the Council **RESOLVED** to indicate its continued concern about the access from the new development onto Audlem Road.

**44. BEAM HEATH TRUST – APPLICATION TO DE-REGISTER COMMON LAND – SECTION 16 COMMONS ACT 2006**

Council noted the application by Trustees of the Beam Heath Trust to deregister land at Poole Old Hall Poole Old Hall Lane Nantwich and Alvaston Business Park Middlewich Road Nantwich and to register replacement land at Church Minshull in place of the release land. Council **RESOLVED** not to make any representations on the application.

**45. CHAIR OF POLICY COMMITTEE**

Council **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Peter Groves as Chair of Policy Committee and Councillor Norma Simpson as Vice Chair.

**46. 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.

**47. CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 25 JUNE 2015**

Council noted the minutes and **RESOLVED** that the other Recommendations contained in the above Minutes be accepted and approved. Council noted that the proposed loan to the Canals and Rivers Trust had not been taken up.

**48. CONFIRMATION OF STAFFING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 6 AUGUST 2015**

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

Councillor David Marren did not take part in discussion of this item or vote on the resolutions.

**49. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Councillor Moran noted the announcement by the Leader of Cheshire East regarding the possibility of a southern by-pass and hoped that this would not lead to further development to the south of the town.

**50. NANTWICH PARTNERSHIP**

Councillor Moran expressed his disappointment that the Canals and Rivers Trust had turned down the offer of a loan. Work is proposed to start on 14 September. Councillor Moran stated that ARRIVA had indicated that they will not run the 84 bus into Action despite previous assurances. D and G will run a service on Tuesday and Thursday. There is concern that Welshman Lane will be a rat run.

Councillor Moran also expressed concern that bus timetables are being altered at short notice without consultation.

**51. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Councillor Simpson reported that the Museum's Annual Meeting will clash with the next meeting of Council on 12 October.

Councillor Simpson reported that Nantwich in Bloom had been invited to the presentations at Southport on 30 October.

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