



## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017.**

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

Prior to the meeting, the Mayor, Councillor Andrew Martin, made a presentation of cheques to the Mayoral charities for the year, **Nantwich in Bloom, Nantwich Museum, Nantwich Players and St. Luke's Hospice**. Representatives of the charities thanked the Mayor for his work during the year in raising £3,746.85 for the charities.

### **1. PRAYERS**

Prayers were led by Reverend Barry Wilson.

### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lewis and Councillor Simpson.

### **3. ELECTION OF MAYOR**

It was proposed by Councillor Moran and seconded by Councillor Bowyer-Bates and **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that **Councillor Penny Butterill** be elected as Mayor of Nantwich Town Council, to hold office until the next annual meeting of the Council. Councillor Martin invested the new Mayor with the chain of office. Councillor Butterill made a formal declaration of office and then took the chair.

Councillor Butterill responded to her election by thanking her proposer (Councillor Moran) and seconder (Councillor Bowyer-Bates) for their kind words.

Councillor Butterill announced that her husband, Mr Doug Butterill, would be her consort for the mayoral year. Councillor Martin invested Mr Butterill with the Consort's Medallion of Office.

### **4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was proposed by Councillor Groves and seconded by Councillor Bostock and **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that **Councillor David Marren** be elected as Deputy Mayor of Nantwich Town Council, to hold office until the next annual meeting of the Council. The Mayor, Councillor Butterill, invested the new Deputy Mayor with the medallion of office.

Councillor Marren made a formal declaration of office as Deputy Mayor.

### **5. APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAIN AND NOMINATION OF MAYOR'S CHARITIES**

The new Mayor informed the Council that Reverend Canon Dr Barry Wilson, St. Mary's Church, would be her Chaplain for her year of office.

The Mayor named 2 organisations, Nantwich Museum and MacMillan Cancer Support as her charities for the forthcoming year.

### **6. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR**

Councillor Groves proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Martin. He referred to the range of duties which Councillor Martin had managed to undertake and

the many events he had attended. He thanked him for his excellent work during the last two years in support of the local community, his charities and the Town Council.

Councillor Groves presented a Past Mayor's brooch to Councillor Martin.

**7. RETIRING MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Councillor Martin thanked Councillors and his consort, Mrs Linda Marti, and his family for their support throughout the year and particularly for the support for his charities. He referred to the many events which he had attended amounting to approximately three hundred over the past two years. It had been both a privilege and an absolute pleasure for him and his wife, Linda to be Mayor and Mayoress of Nantwich. They had the opportunity to meet many people in the two years, many of whom he now considered as friends. He referred to the wonderful range of events in the town and praised the support given by the many volunteers, some of which have been recognised in the Salt of the Earth Awards.

The new Mayor, Councillor Penny Butterill, paid tribute to Councillor Martin and the manner in which he had conducted himself as Mayor over the past two years. She stated that she felt very honoured to have been elected to take on the role of Mayor of Nantwich and that Councillor Martin will not be an easy act to follow.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There followed a short adjournment for refreshments

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**9. PUBLIC FORUM**

Representations were received from members of the public regarding the use of Barony Park by travellers. Problems of anti-social behaviour were reported including physical damage to signs, litter, verbal abuse, danger to children from vehicles on the park and the lighting of fires. Residents asked who was responsible for taking action to prevent the unauthorised use of the park. Different means of preventing access to Barony Park were suggested.

Councillors explained the difficulties of taking immediate action and the limitations on action that could be taken by the Police. Discussions were taking place with Cheshire East officers to discuss measures which could be taken in future. It was agreed to arrange a meeting between Cheshire East councillors and residents to discuss future action.

**10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lewis and Councillor Simpson.

**11. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Penny Butterill declared an interest in item 15 as a member of the Cheshire East Southern Planning Committee.

Councillor Arthur Moran declared an interest in item 15 as a Governor of Millfields School.

**12. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND COUNCIL MEETING – 6 APRIL 2017.**

Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 6 April 2017 and of the Council Meeting of the same date be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor.

**13. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Past Mayor's report on his list of engagements in April / May was received.

Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Attendance at Frodsham Mayor's Ceilidh
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Nantwich Town Football Club home match
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Gables Luncheon Club Easter lunch
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Crewe Town Council Annual Town Meeting
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Mayor's Salt of the Earth Awards presentation
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Mayor's Quiz . Nantwich Civic Hall
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Visit to Home Show . Nantwich Civic Hall
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2017	Erasmus Project . South Cheshire College
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2017	Knutsford Mayor, Blooming Marvellous event at Fryers Roses
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Nantwich Players Theatre Bold Girls

**14. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**14.1. Cheshire East Household Recycling Centre at Arclid**

Cheshire East is proposing to close the household recycling facility at Arclid to achieve savings. Sandbach Town Council is opposed to the closure and has persuaded Cheshire East to keep the facility open for six months whilst alternatives are explored. In the meantime it is seeking support from other parishes and towns in its bid to keep the facility open. There is concern that the demand on these facilities will increase as Sandbach and other towns grow in size and that closure will lead to other problems such as fly tipping. Council **RESOLVED** not to make any representations on the proposal.

**14.2. Stapeley and District Neighbourhood Plan**

Cheshire East has received a Neighbourhood Development Plan from Stapeley and District Parish Council for consideration. Following a six week period on consultation an independent examination will be held. Representations on the plan must be received no later than 7pm on Tuesday 6 June 2017.

**15. PLANNING CONTROL**

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations of the Clerk in respect of the applications listed in Appendix A.

**16. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS FOR 2016/17**

Council confirmed the appointment of the following Committees and appointed Members to Committees and Panels of the Council.

The Town Council **RESOLVED** that Members are appointed to the various Committees and Panels of the Council as recommended below.

**NB - The Mayor of the Council sits ex-officio on all Panels and Committees.**

- (a) Policy Committee - 7 members  
*Councillors Bartram, Bowyer-Bates, Groves (Chair), Lewis, Martin, Moran and Simpson (Vice Chair).*
- (b) Finance Committee . 7 Members.  
*Councillors Bostock, Bowyer-Bates, Hall, Kirkham (Vice Chair), Lewis, Marren (Chair) and Moran.*

- (c) Staffing Committee . 6 Members  
*Councillors Bartram, Hall, Kirkham, Marren (Vice Chair), Moran (Chair) and Simpson.*
- (d) Tenders Sub-Committee . 3 Members  
*The Mayor and Chairs of Policy and Finance*
- (e) Town Events Liaison Group  
*Councillors Lewis, Marren, Moran and Past Mayor, Mrs Christine Farrall.*

**17. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Council appointed Members as the Council's representatives on various bodies.

- (a) Nantwich Partnership  
*Councillors Lewis and Hall.*

**NB - Councillors who are also Cheshire East Councillors for Nantwich Wards are invited to Partnership meetings in that capacity i.e. Councillors Butterill, Groves, Martin and Moran.**

- (b) Nantwich in Bloom Committee  
*Councillors Simpson and Councillor Bostock.*
- (c) Nantwich Museum Trust  
*Councillors Kirkham and Simpson.*
- (d) Allotments Panel  
*Councillors Bowyer-Bates, Marren and Moran*
- (e) Nantwich Civic Society  
*Councillor Hall and Past Mayor Mrs Christine Farrall.*
- (f) Nantwich Senior Citizens Committee  
*Councillor Moran and Past Mayor Mr Graham Fenton.*
- (g) Trustees of Nantwich Consolidated Charities.  
*Councillors Kirkham and Moran.*

**18. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE 27 APRIL 2017**

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

**19. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

None.

**20. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

None.