



Present - Councillor Marren (Chair) and Councillors Bostock, Bowyer-Bates, Hall, Kirkham, Lewis, Moran, David Thomas and the Town Clerk.

PART 1

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Moran declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Director of Nantwich Show.
Councillor Bostock declared an interest as an allotment holder.

3 MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF 27 MARCH 2018

The minutes of the Meeting held on 27 March 2018 were approved.

Councillors Moran and Kirkham provided an update on the CAP job club project. A start is proposed in September. Funding has been obtained for the capital items, but the revenue implications are still unclear. Committee agreed to write asking for clarification on the revenue implications.

The Skipton Building Society investment bond has been renewed.

4 CHURCH HOUSE – REGISTRATION AS A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

Committee noted the registration of Church House as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and **RESOLVED** to raise no objection.

5 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Committee considered a grant to Nantwich Show and the future grant to the Nantwich Jazz Festival.

Organisation	Event	Grant (£)	Notes
Nantwich Agricultural Society	Nantwich Show	10,000	<p>In view of the importance of the show to the local economy and to Nantwich as a tourist destination Committee RESOLVED to award a grant of £10,000 to offset loss of sponsorship income. The sponsorship will continue over the next five years.</p> <p>The sponsorship will have benefits to the Council in raising its profile as supporter of local events. The grant is offered subject to conditions,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branding of the cheese tent as “The Nantwich Town Council Pavilion” • Invitations to all Councillors to the Pre-Show event and Show Day • A prime pitch opposite the Pavilion • Agreement to share this stand with local organisations e.g. Nantwich Museum, Nantwich Food Festival. <p>Councillor Arthur Moran did not vote on this matter.</p>

Nantwich Jazz Festival	Nantwich Jazz and Blues Festival		To simplify the accounting arrangements with the Jazz Festival Committee RESOLVED to offer the Civic Hall free of charge for the four days of the Jazz Festival. The only charge to the hirers will be for door staff. As part of this arrangement there will be no separate grant to the Jazz Festival.
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6 **ALLOTMENTS - DRAINAGE**

Committee received a report on drainage and other issues at Brookfield Allotments and Welshman's Lane Allotments.

Welshman's Lane

Roadways – Following complaints about the flooding on parts of the roadways, staff have pumped away the water to the ditch outside the site.

Septic tank – The drainage issues associated with the septic tank have been resolved. The tank will require emptying at least once a year.

Water stopcock – The stopcock has been repaired.

Brookfield – Cheshire East has employed a contractor to investigate the cause of the flooding. Although no formal response has been received from Cheshire East it is understood that the contractors report is inconclusive. Members expressed concern about the time taken to resolve this issue and instructed the Clerk to explore more formal means of registering a complaint with Cheshire East.

The Clerk was also instructed to write to the complainant from Shrewbridge Road advising them of the negotiations with Cheshire East.

7 **INSURANCE POLICY**

Committee received a verbal report on the renewal of the insurance policy.

The agreement with Zurich had reached the end of the contract period. The renewal quote is less than the current premium and is further reduced if the Council enters into five-year agreement.

The renewal premium reflects adjustments made to insurance values in line with inflation and the addition of new assets. For a modest increase in premium cover can also be arranged for temporary staff to replace a long-term absentee from the workforce.

Committee **RESOLVED** to enter into a five-year agreement with Zurich Insurance at an initial first year cost of £13,390.02.

8 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**: Thursday 7 June 2018 5.30 pm Peggy Killick Suite, Nantwich Civic Hall.

PART 2

9 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Committee **RESOLVED**, further to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960), to exclude the press and public claiming the matters to be considered concern financial details best considered in confidence.

10 **ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES TO CHESHIRE EAST ASSETS**

Committee received a report on the supply of electricity and other services to Cheshire East.

Civic Hall

At the Civic Hall electricity is supplied to the parking meter on the Civic Hall car park. This supply has also been subsequently used to provide lighting to the unadopted and unnamed road which gives access to the Medical Centre, Cromwell Court, the delivery area of Marks and Spencer, the rear of Peter Wilsons Antiques, the Library and the rear of the Civic Hall.

Committee **RESOLVED** to invoice Cheshire East for the power consumed back to May 2012.

Market Hall Car park

A similar situation applies to the Market Hall car park. Cheshire East charge for this car park when it is not being used on market days. The power for the meter and the lighting is provided from the Market Hall.

Committee **RESOLVED** to invoice Cheshire East for the power consumed back to October 2012.

Market store

The redundant street light which was fed from the market store has still not been removed by Cheshire East. Nantwich Town Council is unable to complete the work because the owner / user of the electricity must organise this through the electricity supplier. Having changed the supply to feed their new meter Cheshire East has failed to remove the redundant pole. A live electricity cable is still present within the pole.

Committee approved the necessary legal action to have the pole removed.

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ALTERATIONS TO STALL 12 AND ACCESS TO THE MARKET ON NON-MARKET DAYS

Committee received a report on proposed alterations to Stall 12 and access to the Market by traders on non-market days. The Kone engineer has confirmed that a metre clearance is required behind the shutters for maintenance. Committee noted therefore that the alterations proposed by the stall holder will not be possible. In addition, Committee re-affirmed, notwithstanding the arrangements in place when the Market was take over from Cheshire East, that the market should not be open for trading or other activities on non-market trading days.

Councillor Moran proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Marren who will be stepping down as Chair to become Mayor.