



MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10TH JANUARY 2019.

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

Prior to the meeting Council observed a minute's silence in memory of former Mayor and Councillor, Joyce Stockton.

105. PUBLIC FORUM

The Police had tendered their apologies. There were no verbal or written representations from members of the public.

106. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Kirkham and the Police.

107. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None.

108. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING – 6 DECEMBER 2018

Council **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2018 be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor.

109. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor's report on his list of engagements in December and January was received.

Sun 9 th Dec	Acton Amateur Operatic Society Christmas Concert Nantwich Civic Hall
Mon 10 th Dec	Players Theatre – Performance of "The Secret Garden"
Sun 16 th Dec	St Mary's Parish Council Carol Service
Tues 18 th Dec	Mayor's Christmas Message on CAT Radio
Tues 25 th Dec	Attendance at Churches of Nantwich Christmas Day meal Nantwich Methodist Church

110. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

110.1. Airman's Grave Service

This year the service at the Airman's Grave will be held on Sunday 13 January 2019 at 1.00pm, the nearest Sunday to the date of the accident. The service will be led by the Revd. Dr Mark Hart, Rector of St Mary's Church.

110.2. Dementia Action Week – 20-26 May 2019

Following the training held in the autumn an awareness event for businesses is proposed on Monday 20 May at the start of Dementia Action week.

110.3. Friendship Agreement with Dzieroniów

A delegation from Dzieroniów has been invited to Nantwich to sign the friendship agreement that was agreed by Council in April 2016. The Deputy Mayor of Dzieroniów and her party will arrive late on Friday 25 January and will attend the Holly Holy Day event on Saturday 26 January.

Following the battle the guests will attend an evening reception at Nantwich Civic Hall where the Friendship Agreement will be signed.

Councillors are invited to attend the reception which will start at 7.00pm with the signing of the agreement at about 9.00pm.

110.4. Brookfield Allotments Drainage Repairs

The contractor has started work on the repair of the drain at Brookfield allotments. Progress reports will be prepared as the work proceeds.

110.5. Budget Statement – Business rates and Markets

NABMA has secured a statement in Government guidance which means that markets will be eligible for the retail discount on business rates. This means that potentially there will be a saving of a third of the rates bill.

110.6. A51 newsletter

The first newsletter of the A51 Action Group has been circulated.

110.7. Consultation on Police Funding

The Police Commissioner is consulting on a proposed increase in the policing precept for next year.

Council **RESOLVED** to delegate a response on this consultation to Policy Committee.

111. PLANNING CONTROL

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations of the Clerk in respect of the applications 18/6194N, 18/6354N, 18/6377N, and 19/0045N as listed in Appendix A.

Council considered application no. 18/6313N by Vision for Nantwich Limited for a proposed mixed development of 31no. apartments, hotel, restaurants, retail units and associated car parking, including the demolition of No 17 Welsh Row, on the car park site at St Anne's Lane Nantwich.

Councillor Groves welcomed the scheme as the proposal follows the development brief and includes a mix of uses. The development will enhance the appearance of the riverside. However he did express concern about the loss of the unofficial car parking and the resulting pressure on other car parks in the town.

Councillor Moran said that the proposal would be a great boost for Nantwich town centre with its mix of retail, hotel and residential uses. Nantwich Football Club should be considered as an option for long stay car parking.

Council **RESOLVED** to indicate support for the scheme and welcome the benefits to the town centre and to the appearance of the riverside.

Council further **RESOLVED** to write to the Leader of Cheshire East Council regarding the lack of progress in the proposed review of car parking in the town, urging Cheshire East to consider alternative provision in the town including arrangements at the football club and at Snow Hill.

Council considered application Nos. 19/0015N and 19/0016N by 4 Real Developments Ltd for the erection of 6 x 2 bed dwellings with restoration of listed structures and creation of new vehicular and pedestrian accesses at the Walled Garden, off Kings Lane, Welsh Row, Nantwich.

Councillor Moran stated that the proposal was a good solution to a long-standing issue on a vacant site.

Councillor Groves endorsed Councillor Moran's comments. Whilst the restoration of the site as a Walled Garden is a laudable objective, there is no money for purchase of the site, and no money to lay it out as a garden and maintain it in the future.

Councillor Hall stated that it was regrettable but inevitable because there was no money for restoration. She would like to see some recognition of involvement of John Gerard and the historic context of the garden through installation of a plaque.

Council **RESOLVED** to support the proposal providing the repair of the listed walls and their subsequent maintenance is undertaken by a management company set up for the purpose. In addition a plaque should be provided in the garden indicating the historic context of the garden and the involvement of John Gerard.

112. **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Council considered grant applications from Broad Lane Coffee Club and Nantwich Cricket Club.

Applicant	Project	Total cost (£)	Grant Requested (£)	Notes
Broad Lane Coffee Club	Expenses in running weekly Coffee Club meeting at Broad Lane Methodist Chapel	500 for half year	250	Grant requested to replace funding by Audlem and District Community grant from Cheshire East. A similar request has been made to Stapeley and District Parish Council.
Council RESOLVED to award a grant of £250 from the grants contingency budget for 2018/19.				
Nantwich Cricket Club	Purchase of a new motor roller	15-20,000	10,000	This application was first considered by Finance Committee on 29 November. There is no commitment to a grant in the revenue budget for 2019/20.
Council RESOLVED to award a capital grant of £10,000.				

113. **SETTING OF THE PRECEPT FOR 2019/20.**

The net expenditure for 2019/2020, the precept requirement, is estimated to be £622,717. Council **RESOLVED** to submit a request to Cheshire East Borough Council for a precept of £622,717 for 2019/20.

114. **ROUTE 78 BUS SERVICE**

Councillor Groves reported that this service was being run by Mikro Coaches. A change to the route is being proposed to attempt to increase use of the service. Further details will be forwarded by Cheshire East. Council agreed to

publicise the revised route and timings through social media, the web site and Talk of the Town.

115. DATES OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2019-20

Council approved the dates of Council and Committee meetings to May 2020.

116. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Moran referred to the consultation on parking charges by Cheshire East. He was asking Cheshire East for information on the income and expenditure on maintenance on Nantwich car parks.

117. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Lewis reported that the Litter Group continued to thrive.

Councillor Hall reported that coffee mornings were held on the last Friday of the month at Nantwich Museum.

Councillor Bowyer-Bates said that no meetings had taken place with regarding the allotments.