



## **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018.**

**Present** - Councillor Marren (Mayor) and Councillors Bartram, Bostock, Butterill, Groves, Hall, Lewis, Martin, Moran, Sgt Ian Bennett, PCSO Phil Barber and the Town Clerk.

Prior to the meeting Members of the Town Council, led by the Mayor, together with members of the public in the gallery, observed a minute's silence in memory of Councillor Norma Simpson and Mr Steven Kirkham.

Deputy Mayor Councillor Moran paid tribute to Councillor Simpson who had served on the Council since 2007. In her eleven years of service she had campaigned tirelessly for improvements to bus services and attended many functions, raising money for St Luke's Hospice and Nantwich Museum. Her contributions to the work of the Town Council will be sorely missed.

Former Mayor Councillor Andrew Martin endorsed Councillor Moran's tribute. He spoke of Councillor Simpson's time as Deputy Mayor in 2015/16 in his first year as Mayor. She enjoyed her time as Deputy Mayor and attended some events on his behalf and particularly enjoyed visits to Reaseheath College and Choral Society events. Unfortunately she was unable to take on the role of Mayor the following year due to illness.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, offered condolences to Mr Andrew Simpson and family for their sad loss and to Councillor Kirkham and her family for the sad loss of her husband Steven.

### **35. PUBLIC FORUM**

#### **Police report**

Sergeant Ian Bennett introduced PCSO Phil Barber, one of three new PCSOs who will be working in Nantwich.

#### **Travellers on Barony Park**

Sgt Bennett reported on the latest incursions by travellers onto Barony Park. Councillor Moran asked whether there had been any criminal activity in the town. Sergeant Bennett confirmed that two incidents had occurred, one on each occasion.

The Mayor asked about the powers available to the Police to move the travellers. Sergeant Bennett explained that the law required the landowner to obtain an order in the first instance. Police powers can only be used when other avenues have been explored. The PCSOs will be deployed to monitor future occurrences and undertake vehicle checks.

Councillor Groves reminded members that a national consultation was underway, and that Nantwich Town Council has responded. Sergeant Bennett confirmed that the Police had also made representations.

A member of the public asked about progress in dealing with the travellers' problem.

The Mayor explained that Barony Park is owned by Cheshire East. Once an order is obtained the travellers can be moved on. Any criminal activity should be reported in the normal way using 101 or 999 numbers.

The report prepared by Cheshire East last year had concluded that physical barriers would be impractical and too expensive. The solution is to identify a transit site elsewhere in Cheshire East. Nantwich Town Council will continue to press Cheshire East to act, particularly in the clean up afterwards. The possibility of transfer of the park to Nantwich Town Council could also be explored.

### **Beam Street pavements**

A resident asked about repairs to Beam Street pavements. This is a Cheshire East responsibility and it is understood repairs are in the programme.

### **Dementia training**

Rachel Cole outlined a programme of training to enable organisations to become dementia friendly. It was agreed that Councillors could take this free training.

#### **36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bowyer-Bates and Kirkham.

#### **37. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

#### **38. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING – 14 JUNE 2018**

Council **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 June 2018 be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### **39. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor's report on his list of engagements in June and July was received.

#### **List of engagements in June and July**

Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Voicefinders Concert at St Mary's Church
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sandbach Town Council Civic Parade & Church Service
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Samaritans of South Cheshire AGM
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Nantwich Choral Society Concert St Mary's Church
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Nantwich Concert Band Concert Nantwich Civic Hall
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Reaseheath College Presentation Awards
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> June	High Sheriff of Cheshire - Afternoon Tea
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Nantwich Summer Fete / Skoolzfest
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> July	CANTA Student Visit to Reaseheath

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

##### **40.1. Bus Service 78**

The bus service linking Nantwich residents to Leighton Hospital will now be operated by Mikro Coaches. The replacement service will follow the same route at almost the same times.

The current 78 service is not subsidised by the council and the current operator

D&G Buses decided there were too few passengers to make the service economically viable. The replacement is also a commercial bus service and will not subsidised by Cheshire East.

Council **RESOLVED** to discuss bus service improvements on the next agenda of Policy Committee following a meeting with TSS officers arranged for 19 July.

#### 40.2. Nantwich Hydro Mill project

The Directors of the Hydro Mill project have launched their web site, [www.nantwichhydromill.com](http://www.nantwichhydromill.com), to encourage investment in the project.

The land is owned by Cheshire East Council and they will give permission to go ahead if the directors of the project can demonstrate that they have funding in place.

£220,000 is needed to obtain planning approval and build the turbine and other infrastructure.

In the long term the support of local people and companies is required in the form of pledges as backing for the project. They will shareholders committing seed-corn funding that will payback benefits for the local community.

#### 41. **PLANNING CONTROL**

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

#### 42. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF POLICY COMMITTEE 21 JUNE 2018.**

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

#### 43. **NANTWICH NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK**

Council considered a response to the Cheshire East consultation on a Neighbourhood Network for Nantwich in support of the Connected Communities Initiative.

Council **RESOLVED** not to apply to host a Connected Communities centre but to suggest that the three main priorities in Nantwich are

- Social isolation of the elderly and Dementia issues
- Provision for youth and a venue for youth activities
- Transport issues

#### 44. **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Councillor Moran referred to the Cheshire East consultation on a Cemeteries Strategy. It was agreed to prepare a report for Policy Committee.

#### 45. **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Councillor Hall reported on the Dementia Group which meets at Nantwich Museum. The latest exhibition looks at the history of Welsh Row.