



MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14TH JUNE 2018.

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

21. PUBLIC FORUM

78 Bus Service

Mrs Carole Thomas referred to the impact of recent changes to this service which operates between Nantwich and Leighton Hospital. The service is very important for those with no access to private transport. She referred to the problems experienced by the elderly and disabled. Many of the users of the service have bus passes and may not be counted in passenger numbers when the service has been evaluated.

Councillor Groves noted that Policy Committee will discuss the service at its next meeting on 21 June. It was agreed to invite Cheshire East and Transport Service Solutions (TSS) officers to the meeting.

Travellers on Barony Park

The problem of travellers occupying Barony Park was raised by residents from Sandford Road. There is also a problem of flooding near to Sandford Road.

The Mayor explained that Barony Park is owned by Cheshire East and notices had been served requiring the travellers to leave by 5.00pm on 14 June. Councillor Groves referred to the meeting held last year between residents and Councillor Janet Clowes to explain the legal position and the constraints faced by Cheshire East.

The Mayor re-assured the residents that the Town Council would continue to work with Cheshire East to find a solution to the problems.

22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Butterill, Bartram, Lewis, Moran, Simpson and Police representatives.

23. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Martin declared an interest as a Director of Nantwich Food Festival.

24. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING – 24 MAY 2018

Council **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 May 2018 be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor.

25. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

List of engagements in May and June

Fri 25th May – Visit to Dzierżoniów
Mon 28th May

Fri 25th May Nantwich Film Festival Opening – Nantwich Civic Hall
Attended by Deputy Mayor Councillor Moran and
Mayoress Mrs Belinda Marren

Sat 26th May Weaver Wander Car Rally – Nantwich Square
Attended by Deputy Mayor Councillor Moran
and Past Mayor Councillor Butterill

The Mayor referred to his visit to Dzierżoniów with Jackie Davies, the International Trade representative of the South Cheshire Chamber of Commerce and Peter Shields from the Fire Service.

The visit celebrated the long-standing twinning relationship but was also to encourage the development of trade links in the future. The Fire Service hopes to foster exchange visits in the future.

26. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Changes to Comments on Planning Applications on Cheshire East Website

As a consequence of the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) Cheshire East is making changes to its planning web site to remove personal data relating to third parties.

All previous third-party comments/representations made by the public on planning applications have been removed from the website. This will not affect how those comments are received and considered by Planning Officers as part of the normal application process. The website will now show comments with just the address of the consultee, but not the name.

However, given over 128,000 records are stored on the system, Cheshire East consider it is not practical to put previous comments back on as each would have to be manually redacted. Consequently, there may be a period of some inconsistency of comments appearing on the website and this may generate queries.

Once this period of transition has worked its way through, the system will operate as it always has done but without the names - just addresses of third parties.

27. PLANNING CONTROL

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

28. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE 7 JUNE 2018.

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

Councillor Kirkham referred Councillors to the presentation on the Internet Funnel System. Council noted the award of a grant of £500 to Nantwich Museum.

29. ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

Council received and noted the Annual Internal Audit Report from the Internal Auditor which shows that all the internal control objectives had been achieved.

30. ACCOUNTS 2017/2018 - GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Council received and **RESOLVED TO APPROVE** the Governance Statement for 2017/2018 having been satisfied that a sound system of internal control, including arrangement for the preparation of the Accounting Statements, is in place.

31. ACCOUNTS 2017/2018 – ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

Council received a report on the Accounts for 2017/2018 comprising

- a The Accounting Statement for the Annual Return
- b Income and Expenditure 2017/18
- c Report of Variances (2016/2017 and 2017/18)
- e Asset Register for 2017/18.

Council noted the Income and Expenditure Report and complimented the Facilities Manager and the staff on reducing the deficit on the Civic Hall account from £150,000 (when the building was taken over from Cheshire East) to £60,000.

The Clerk was asked to write to staff expressing thanks from Council.

Council noted the Report of Variances.

Council **RESOLVED TO APPROVE** the Asset Register having noted the insurance values and the values for the Annual Return.

Council received and **RESOLVED TO APPROVE** the accounting statements for 2017/18.

32. ACCOUNTS 2017/2018 – ANNUAL RETURN

Council **RESOLVED**, in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, that the Annual Return for 2017/2018 be approved, signed by the Mayor and submitted to the External Auditor, PKF Littlejohn LLP.

33. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

None.

34. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Kirkham reported that recent plant and book sale at Nantwich Museum has raised £220.