



## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018.**

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

Prior to the meeting, the Mayor, Councillor Penny Butterill, made a presentation of cheques to the Mayoral charities for the year, **MacMillan Nurses, Nantwich Museum and Wingate Centre, Wrenbury**. Representatives of the charities thanked the Mayor for her work during the year in raising £5,426 for the charities.

### **1. PRAYERS**

Prayers were led by Reverend Dr Mark Hart.

### **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 Martin and **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that **Councillor David Marren** be elected as Mayor of Nantwich Town Council, to hold office until the next annual meeting of the Council. The new Mayor was invested with the chain of office. Councillor Marren made a formal declaration of office and then took the chair.

Councillor Marren responded to his election by thanking his proposer (Councillor Moran) and seconder (Councillor Martin) for their kind words.

He stated that he was honoured to be chosen and elected as Mayor and promised to continue to do his utmost for the town and its people. Having taken particular interest in building Nantwich as an 'events' town and working with the community in the past, he was humbled to hold this important role and promised to serve with fairness and honesty.

Councillor Marren announced that his wife, Mrs Belinda Marren, would be his consort for the mayoral year. Councillor Butterill invested Mrs Marren 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 Arthur Moran** be elected as Deputy Mayor of Nantwich Town Council, to hold office until the next annual meeting of the Council. The Mayor, Councillor Marren, invested the new Deputy Mayor with the medallion of office.

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

5. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAIN AND NOMINATION OF MAYOR'S GOOD CAUSES**

The new Mayor informed the Council that Reverend Dr Mary Hart, St. Mary's Church, would be his Chaplain for his year of office.  
The Mayor named three organisations,

North West Ambulance Community First Responders in Nantwich, Nantwich Fire Cadets, and Hope House Children's Hospice as his good causes for the forthcoming year.

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

Councillor Moran proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Butterill. He referred to the range of duties which Councillor Butterill had undertaken and the many events she had attended. He thanked her for her excellent work during the year in support of the local community, her charities and the Town Council.

Councillor Moran presented a Past Mayor's brooch to Councillor Butterill.

7. **RETIRING MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Councillor Butterill thanked Councillors and her family for their support throughout the year and particularly for the support for her charities. She referred to the many events which she had attended and stated that it had been a great honour and privilege to be Mayor. During her year she had many wonderful people and paid particular tribute to the volunteers who support many of the organisations in the town. She ended by thanking her husband Doug, for his support without which she could not have carried out the role.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

There followed a short adjournment for refreshments.

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9. **PUBLIC FORUM**

The Clerk reported a letter of complaint regarding the revised bus route and timings servicing the south of the town.

10. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

11. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

Councillor Bowyer-Bates declared an interest in the planning application 18/2331N at 5 South Crofts Nantwich.

12. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND COUNCIL MEETING – 12 APRIL 2018**

The Town Council **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and of the Council Meeting of the same date, be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor.

### 13. **RETIRING MAYOR'S REPORT**

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

#### **List of engagements in April and May**

Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Sealed Knot presentation of tree to Town Council
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Crewe Town Council Annual Meeting
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2018	Acton Amateur Operatic Society Big Band Concert Nantwich Civic Hall
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2018	Mayor of Cheshire East's Sunday Lunch
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2018	Salt of the Earth Awards – Mayor's Presentation
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	South West Cheshire Scouts Gang Show
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Willaston Parish Council Civic Service
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Reaseheath Family Festival
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Nantwich Players 'The Thrill of Love'
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Attendance at Pear Tree School Concert, Stapeley
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	UK Kids Fun Duathlon 1 – Barony Park
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Triathlon – Barony Park
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2018	Middlewich Mayor Making Ceremony
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2018	Brine Leas iDEA Awards Ceremony attended by Duke of York
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2018	Cheshire East Mayor Making Ceremony

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

#### 14.1 **GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON POWERS FOR DEALING WITH**

##### **UNAUTHORISED TRAVELLER ENCAMPMENTS**

The Government is to review powers dealing with unauthorised traveller development and encampments and has issued a consultation paper seeking views on

- local authority and police powers
- court processes
- trespass
- planning enforcement
- the provision of authorised sites
- the impacts on the travelling community

The consultation runs until 15th June.

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the response prepared by the Clerk.

#### 14.2 **CESHIRE EAST NANTWICH NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP / NETWORK**

Cheshire East is opening discussions for the formation of a Nantwich Neighbourhood Partnership / Network. A drop-in session to be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at The Gables, 55 Beam Street, Nantwich CW5 5NF. A report will be presented to the next Policy Committee.

#### 14.3 **CESHIRE AND WARRINGTON LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP – TRANSPORT STRATEGY**

For the next 12 weeks Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) is consulting on its draft Transport Strategy setting out how transport provision within the region should develop to help create a £50bn a year economy by 2040.

**15. PLANNING CONTROL**

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations of the Clerk in respect of the applications listed in Appendix A with the following exceptions:

18/2407N and 18/2408N – Existing and Proposed retail pods Sainsburys car park  
Council **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds of adverse effect on the viability of the town centre and harm to the street scene.

18/2524N – Detached Dwelling Rear of 100 Welsh Row Nantwich  
Council **RESOLVED** to comment on the poor visibility at the junction of Kings Lane and Welsh Row.

**16. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS FOR 2018/19**

Council **RESOLVED** to confirm the appointment of the following Committees and appoint Members to Committees and Panels of the Council.

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

- (a) Policy Committee - 7 members  
*Councillors Bowyer-Bates, Butterill, Groves (Chair), Lewis, Martin (Vice Chair), Moran and Simpson.*
- (b) Finance Committee – 7 Members.  
*Councillors Bartram, Bostock, Bowyer-Bates, Hall, Kirkham (Chair), Lewis, and Moran (Vice Chair).*
- (c) Staffing Committee – 6 Members  
*Councillors Bartram, Butterill, Hall (Vice Chair), Kirkham, Moran (Chair) and Simpson.*
- (d) Tenders Sub-Committee – 3 Members  
*The Mayor and Chairs of Policy and Finance*

**17. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Council **RESOLVED** to appoint Members as the Council's representatives on the following bodies.

- (a) Nantwich Partnership  
*Councillors Lewis and Hall.*
- (b) Nantwich in Bloom Committee  
*Councillors Bostock and Simpson.*
- (c) Nantwich Museum Trust  
*Councillors Kirkham and Simpson.*
- (d) Allotments Panel  
*Councillors Bowyer-Bates, Bostock 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.*
- (h) Litter Volunteer group  
*Councillor Lewis and Past Mayor Mrs Christine Farrall.*
- (i) Nantwich Food Festival Committee  
*Councillors Bowyer-Bates and Bostock*

**18. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE 26 APRIL 2018**

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

The five-year sponsorship of the International Cheese Pavilion at Nantwich Show was noted.

**19. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Councillor Martin reported that Councillor Lesley Smetham has been installed as The Mayor of Cheshire East succeeding Councillor Moran.

**20. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Councillor Kirkham reported that a recent coffee morning had raised £90 at Nantwich Museum. The Trust was very grateful for the donation from the past Mayor, Councillor Butterill, from Mayoral charity funds.

Councillor Bostock reported that Nantwich in Bloom had raised £127 from a recent coffee morning and a grant of £150 from Arrival Trains for the station planting. The fruit orchard on the Riverside is now complete.