



MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH DECEMBER 2018.

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

94. PUBLIC FORUM

PC Matt Stonier reported that an offender who had damaged the Christmas lights on the Square had been identified using CCTV footage. Financial compensation is being sought.

The Police had attended three events recently, the Christmas lights switch-on, which was extremely well attended with a good atmosphere, the Luncheon Club Christmas dinner and the Respect ceremony at the Fire Station.

The Nantwich Beat statistics show a 44% decrease in anti-social behaviour year on year as positive relationships are being developed with young people in the town.

The incident relating to the dog found in the canal is still being investigated in cooperation with the RSPCA.

PC Stonier confirmed that PCSOs had been deployed to monitor the parking and speeding issues on Peter de Stapleigh Way, Audlem Road and Park Road.

The Mayor thanked PC Stonier and his colleagues for their proactive work during the year.

95. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Lewis.

96. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None.

97. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING – 8 NOVEMBER 2018

Council **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2018 be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor.

98. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

Tues 6 th Nov	Christmas Lights Switch-On promotion with sponsors
Fri 9 th Nov	Attendance at Malbank School - Armistice Day Service
Sat 10 th Nov	Nantwich Choral Society - Autumn Concert in St Mary's Church
Sun 11 th Nov	Nantwich Remembrance Day Service
Wed 14 th Nov	Crewe Theatre – Musical - Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
Fri 16 th Nov	Christmas Lights Switch-On on Nantwich Square

Sat 17 th Nov	Nantwich Concert Band - Audlem Public Hall
Mon 19 th Nov	Modern Slavery Awareness Event at Nantwich Civic Hall
Thurs 22 nd Nov	Radio Stoke interview re Nantwich in Bloom Gold Award
Thurs 22 nd Nov	Quiz in aid of Holly Holy Day Society - Richmond Village
Sat 24 th Nov	Launch of Crewe's First Partnership Centre
Sun 25 th Nov	St Luke's Hospice - Light up a life ceremony
Thurs 29 th Nov	Mystery Reader at Shavington Primary - Year 1
Sat 1 st Dec	Crewe Brass Band concert at St Mary's Church
Sat 1 st Dec	Etsy Christmas Market at Reaseheath College
Wed 5 th Dec	Audlem NSPCC Carol Concert at St Mary's Church
Thurs 6 th Dec	Gables Luncheon Club Christmas meal – Attended by the Mayoress

The Mayor reported that the Christmas lights switch-on was well attended and thanked the staff for their hard work. The Modern Slavery event was also well attended.

99. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

99.1. UNITED UTILITIES - PRIORITY SERVICE REGISTER

United Utilities has set up a scheme, the **Priority Services scheme**, for customers to benefit from additional free services to support their particular needs, including:

- A free phone number connecting them to a dedicated, externally trained team, to listen, help and support
- Nominate a carer, family member or even a friend to speak to us on their behalf
- A knock and wait service, so if they have mobility needs, we'll always wait, allowing them enough time to answer the door
- We'll notify them of any planned interruptions to their water supply
- Bills and letters could be printed in braille, large print or even on coloured paper
- Add a password to their account as added protection from bogus callers
- Translation services if English isn't their first language
- Help and advice if they're struggling to pay their water bill

They are already working with many charities and organisations to help us promote the scheme, including Rural England, Age UK, MIND, Macmillan Cancer Support, Citizens Advice, Disability Awareness, Autism Together, Lancashire Fire Service and Silver Line. They are requesting Town and Parish Councils to help in encouraging those people that need additional support, to register for Priority Services.

The Town Council can help by carrying literature and applications forms and including an article in the Talk of the Town.

99.2. CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL (WESTERN AVENUE, BRINE ROAD AND AUDLEM ROAD, NANTWICH) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2018

Cheshire East has published the proposed prohibition of waiting order in Western Avenue and Brine Road.

99.3. NEW HOMES BONUS SCHEMES

Following analysis of Councillor responses the three schemes favoured for further work are

Public Realm Improvements / Improvement of grot spots

Community Bus scheme

Measures to protect Barony Park

99.4. SITE ALLOCATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES (SADPD)

The SADPD is the second part of the Cheshire East's Local Plan and will include more detailed development management policies as well as identifying additional sites to ensure that the overall development needs of the Borough are met, as set out in the Local Plan Strategy.

The six weeks of public consultation that ended on 22 October. Cheshire East is now analysing the comments from 755 separate respondents and anticipate consulting for a further six weeks in mid-2019. This is expected to be the final version of the Plan which will then be submitted for examination before an independent Planning Inspector.

99.5. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

Cheshire East submitted its CIL Draft Charging Schedule for independent examination in July. Two days of hearings took place on the 12 & 13 September 2018 in front of an independent Examiner. This was followed by the Council undertaking further work at the request of the Examiner on a number of specific matters which had been raised by objectors concerning the evidence base on apartments and general construction costs, as well as site viability on three specific sites. The Council's additional work was subject to a further period of consultation to enable participants the opportunity to comment on the Council's work.

It is now anticipated that the Examiner's report will be published during w/c 10 December 2018. Subject to those recommendations, it is anticipated that a report can go to Council in early 2019 to seek formal approval to introduce the charge, with the potential for it to become operational on or before 1st April 2019.

100. PLANNING CONTROL

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

101. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF 29 NOVEMBER 2018 AND APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET FOR 2019/20

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

Council also received the Budget Report and **RESOLVED** to approve the Budget for 2019/20 and the Reserves for 2019/20.

102. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON INCREASED PARKING CHARGES.

Councillor Moran outlined the proposal to increase parking charges in Nantwich which was included in the budget proposals last year. Increases in charges are proposed in Nantwich and Crewe whilst other towns such as Sandbach continue to enjoy free car parking on some car parks. The proposed increase in charges comes on top of the reduction in town bus services which serve the town centre and the Flexi Bus run by D and G is under threat as a £175k saving is in the proposed Cheshire East Budget.

The retention of the “Free after Three” initiative and the refund policy for customers at Nantwich Baths is to be welcomed. There is however an issue however with Sunday parking as the notices are not clear and it is obvious that customers are paying because there are unaware of the free parking on a Sunday.

Council **RESOLVED** to object to the increase in car park charges proposed for Nantwich.

103. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Kirkham reported on the success of the book on the history of Nantwich pubs which is being sold to support Museum funds. The Museum Trustees thanked the Town Council for the increase in grant aid for 2019/20.

Councillor Hall reported that members of the Civic Society are continuing to explore methods to improve the appearance of vacant shops in the town centre. Councillor Groves undertook to contact Cheshire Assets for assistance in how to contact owners of vacant properties.

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

Councillor Bostock reported that Transport for Wales has agreed to continue support for Nantwich in Bloom initiatives at Nantwich Station following the change to the franchise.

104. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

None.

Councillor Moran thanked the Mayor and his consort for representing the Town Council at many events since May.

The Mayor thanked Councillors for their support and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.