



5 June 2020

To: The Mayor and Members of Nantwich Town Council

You are hereby summoned to attend virtual special meeting of Nantwich Town Council to be held through Zoom on **Thursday 16th July 2020 at 6.00 p.m.** for the transaction of the business set out in the Agenda below.

The Public and Press are welcome to attend the meeting. Please contact the Town Clerk at nantwichtc@nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk for access details to join the Zoom meeting. Questions for Public Forum should be submitted to the Clerk in writing seven days prior to the meeting.

Signature

Samantha Roberts
Town Clerk

AGENDA OF NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

1. PUBLIC FORUM

- 1.1. To receive a report from Police representatives and discuss policing issues in the town.
- 1.2. To receive representations from members of the public.
- 1.3. To receive any representations from the public on planning applications.
- 1.4. To receive any questions submitted in advance in writing. A request has been received from a resident asking for progress on the Barony Park improvements and the travelling community.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

3. DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda in accordance with the Council's adopted Code of Conduct.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 4.1 To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11th June 2020. (attached)

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

To receive a list of the Mayor's engagements and to receive any announcements by the Mayor

6. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

The Local Government Association (LGA) has launched a consultation on a new model member code of conduct.

High standards of conduct and behaviour are of huge importance to the local (parish and town) council sector as they are needed to protect the integrity of decision making, maintain public confidence, and safeguard local democracy.

NALC therefore strongly encourages local councils and county associations of local councils to consider the proposed new model member code of conduct and respond to the LGA consultation before the deadline of 17 August 2020. Member are asked to consider a response to the consultation. Further information is available at

https://www.local.gov.uk/local-government-association-model-member-code-conduct-consultation?mc_cid=53d4c29919&mc_eid=097dda804d&utm_campaign=53d4c29919-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_06_08_03_15_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Members&utm_term=0_206970988f-53d4c29919-352428705

7. PLANNING CONTROL

Applications for Planning Permission – notification of planning applications by Cheshire East Council upon which comments are to be made (see list attached). The applications will be displayed at the meeting for inspection.

8. DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN

To consider the attached draft strategic plan developed through a small working group of members between January and March of this year. Members had previously agreed to strengthen the Vision Document by introducing a Strategic Plan. Costs are currently being obtained for the professional design of the document, if Council support the draft document this will go out to wider consultation with stakeholders and the general public. Members are asked to consider the content and not the current design.

9. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

To receive a report on income and expenditure to date.

10. ALLOTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

To consider the attached report containing recommendations for amendments to the rules and regulations.

11. ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

To consider the Annual Internal Audit Report.

12. ACCOUNTS 2019/2020 - GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

To approve the Governance Statement for 2019/2020.

13. ACCOUNTS 2019/2020 – ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

To receive a report on the Accounts for 2019/2020 and approve:

- a) The Accounting Statement for the Annual Return
- b) Income and Expenditure 2019/20
- c) Report of Variances (2018/2019 and 2019/20)
- d) Asset Register for 2019/20.

14. ACCOUNTS 2019/2020– ANNUAL RETURN

Council is asked to **RESOLVE**, in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, that the Annual Return for 2019/2020 be approved, signed by the Mayor and submitted to the External Auditor, PKF Littlejohn LLP.

15. CIVIC HALL EXTENSION

To consider the future development of the Civic Hall extension following COVID-19.

16. NOTICE OF MOTION

16.1 Councillor Arthur Moran - To seek support from Council to investigate options for increasing public convenience facilities in the Town.

16.2 Councillor Peter Groves – To consider supporting financially the new Nantwich Buddies Scheme.

17. ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS

To approve the attached schedule showing accounts processed for payment since the last meeting, noting that payments are made in accordance with the previous resolution of the Town Council to use the General Power of Competence.

18. COMPREHENSIVE NEW FUNDING PACKAGE FOR COUNCILS TO HELP ADDRESS CORONAVIRUS PRESSURES AND COVER LOST INCOME DURING THE PANDEMIC.

The Government has now announced new measures to address loss of income by councils during the pandemic. The initial package announces £500 million extra for councils

- To compensate councils for losses of income, though not in their entirety at a 5% headline deductible and 75 pence in the £1 thereafter
- Allow council tax and business rates to be repaid over 3 years instead of one year

Members are asked to consider a request to Cheshire East for access to this funding to cover income losses by the Town Council for the Civic Hall and Market Hall.

19. NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT/POLICY

To approve the draft Accessibility Statement and Policy document for publishing with the new Town Council website. (document to follow).

20. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

To receive reports from Cheshire East Borough Councillors.

21. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members representing the Council on outside bodies or organisations are asked to report on matters of interest.
