



## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL** **HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019.**

**Present** - Councillor Moran (Mayor) and Councillors Bostock, Butterill, Greaves, Groves, Kirkham, Martin, Marren, Staley, Statham, Thomas, Wedgwood, David Thomas (Facilities Manager), Samantha Roberts and the Town Clerk.

The Mayor welcomed Samantha Roberts, the new Town Clerk, to the meeting.

### **33. PUBLIC FORUM**

33.1. PC Matt Stonier reported that there were no on-going issues in the town apart from the incursion on Barony Park. The Police were working with all interested parties on this continuing problem.

PC Stonier stated that Nantwich was fortunate not to have incidents of anti-social behaviour that are reported nationally, and this was due in part to the engagement with the young and the building of positive relationships.

Earlier in the week the Police had attended the Respect Graduation ceremony at Nantwich Fire Station with the Mayor. The first Nantwich Pride event is to be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July and officers will be in attendance.

PC Stonier also reported that a suspect had been interviewed regarding the incident involving abuse of a dog on the canal and a court appearance is imminent.

Councillor Martin mentioned the issue of speeding on Stonebridge Road which is being used a short cut to avoid the Park Road / Wellington Road junction. There is also a potential drug dealing issue on a footpath leading off the Stapeley estate to London Road.

Councillor Staley asked about an incident reported over the Easter weekend involving potential drug talking and under-age drinking.

PC Stonier agreed to investigate these issues.

33.2. Representations from members of the public.

A resident from the Barony Park area asked if the Town Council supports installation of a barrier system. The Mayor reported that action was being taken by Cheshire East Council and a Section 77 notice was to be served the next day on the current group of travellers. Everybody Leisure has proposals for the Barony Park and Nantwich Pool which will be presented to Cheshire East Cabinet for approval at the end of July.

The Mayor thanked residents for progressing the matter by attending Cheshire East Council. Residents reported that a meeting would be held with the MP, Laura Smith, and a letter would be sent to the Leader of Cheshire East Council with information on the injunction taken out by Walsall Council. There were also plans to undertake measurement of the perimeter of the park.

33.3. Representations from the public on planning applications – None.

33.4. Questions submitted in advance in writing - None.

**34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - None.**

### **35. DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Councillor Marren stated that, as he is the Cheshire East ward member for Shavington, he would not vote on item 9.

### **36. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING – 13 JUNE 2019**

Council **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor.

### **37. MAYOR'S REPORT**

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

Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Remembrance Day Parade meeting Nantwich Civic Hall
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Alzheimer's Society Coffee Morning St Mary's Parish Church
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Middlewich Town Council FAB Festival Praise Service 2019
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Visit to St Luke's Hospice Winsford
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Neuromuscular Centre Open Day Winsford - Deputy Mayor
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Worleston Chamber Concert St Mary's Parish Church
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Subversive Plasticity Exhibition St Mary's Parish Church
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Nantwich Concert Band Nantwich Civic Hall
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Cheshire College South and West Learners Awards
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Reaseheath College Presentation of awards
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Dot Woods Ordination - Chester Cathedral
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception - French Students at Reaseheath College
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Schoolzfest Nantwich Town Square
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Attendance at Nantwich Players 'The Lady Killers'
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Brine Leas Respect Graduation Nantwich Fire Station

The Mayor noted that the North West in Bloom judging is to take place on Friday 12 July and thanked Nantwich in Bloom, ANSA, the Nantwich Litter Group and Town Council staff for their efforts in developing the floral displays and making the town clean and tidy. Council also

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

#### **38.1 Civic Hall Access Ramp**

Contractors have been appointed for the construction of the external delivery ramp to the southern side of the Civic Hall. Work will commence on Monday 15 July.

#### **38.2 Nantwich Arts Day**

A "thank you" has been received from the organisers of the Nantwich Arts Day which took place at the Civic Hall on Saturday 29 June. It is likely that this will become another regular annual event in the town's calendar.

#### **38.3 Plastic Free Nantwich Group**

This group is gathering momentum and is seeking support for its activities.

Council **RESOLVED** to support the Plastic Free Nantwich Group in principle and work with the Group to further its objectives. Council also agreed to write to the Group stating that a representative of the Town Council would attend the Plastic Free Nantwich Steering Group meetings subject to availability.

Council noted that the Group is organising a Litter Pick and Plastic Free Picnic Event on Saturday 10 August. This will be an open event centred on Mill Island. Council **RESOLVED** to support the Group and this event (as the first in a series) together with

other litter picking initiatives in the town (e.g. Taylor Drive) through the allocation of the Community Grant Clean-up fund of £2,818.

**39. Plastic Free Grocery Outlet – The Store**

Council noted that there are plans to open a new single-use-plastic-free grocery outlet, called **The Store**, that will offer residents of Nantwich a simple way to reduce the plastic waste from their weekly shop by offering everyday items including fresh produce, toiletries, household products and confectionary free from plastic packaging.

The shop will have state-of-the-art dispensing equipment to keep products fresh, hygienic and easy to decant into containers which shoppers can either bring themselves, hire or buy, enabling their weekly shop to be plastic-free.

Initially, **The Store** will be run from a fully equipped ex-library van which will visit scheduled locations around the town starting at the end of September. However, to make it even easier for customers to do their plastic-free shopping in a simple and convenient way, a shop will be opening in Nantwich shortly after.

**40. Nantwich Food and Drink Festival**

A “thank you” has been received from the Chair of the Food Festival, former Mayor Christine Farrall regarding the grant from the Town Council for this year’s event starting at the end of August.

**41. North West in Bloom Judging Day**

The North West judges will visit the town on Friday 12 July for judging.

**42. PLANNING CONTROL**

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

**43. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF POLICY COMMITTEE 20 JUNE 2019.**

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

**44. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Council considered applications for grant aid from Shavington Youth Club and AO Star Programme.

Applicant	Project	Total cost	Grant Requested	Notes	Decision
Shavington Youth Club	Expenses in running the Youth Club at Shavington	£6,000 Per annum	£400	The Youth Club has 99 members, 4 from Nantwich. A similar request has been made to surrounding parishes.	Council deferred this item pending the receipt of further information about the future of the Youth Club
AO STAR Programme 2019	Charity evening at Nantwich Civic Hall for employees and suppliers 11 October 2019 to support Cherry Blossom initiative in Crewe, Motherwell CIC	?	£500	Grant requested for the hall fee hire and security. 11 October 2019 is provisionally booked for another event. However Members are asked to consider the grant application in case another date can be agreed.	Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to award a grant of £500 towards the cost of hall hire from the grants contingency budget for 2019/20.

**45. NANTWICH PARTNERSHIP**

Council received a report on a proposal to extend the remit of Nantwich Partnership. The Clerk reported that the Chair of the Partnership is to ask for further information from Cheshire East. Council **RESOLVED** to defer this item to the next meeting of the Policy Committee for comment or decision.

**46. PEGGY KILLICK SUITE BAR**

Council received a report on the bar in the Peggy Killick Suite and RESOLVED to defer a decision pending receipt of further information on costings.

**47. PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM**

Council received a report on a sound system for the Peggy Killick Suite. The Clerk and Facilities Manager explained the functionality of the system and outlined its portability and flexibility for different events.

Councillor Statham asked if an alternative venue with better sound qualities could be found. The Clerk stated that the only realistic alternative is the Main Hall but that use of the hall for Committees and Council meetings would result in the cancellation of regular bookings and a loss of income.

Council **RESOLVED** to purchase a sound system at a cost of approximately £30,000 funded from reserves.

**48. APPOINTMENT OF THE TOWN CLERK.**

The Clerk reported that the Staffing Panel had appointed Samantha Roberts as the new Town Clerk and, on behalf of the staff, welcomed Samantha to Nantwich.

**49. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

None.

**50. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Councillor Butterill distributed photos of the wildlife meadow at Coed Wen which is to be part of the judging route for Nantwich in Bloom. Members expressed thanks to Doug Butterill for the work he has undertaken in this location.

Councillor Martin reported that preparations for the Food Festival were well underway with a meeting scheduled for Friday 12 July.