



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON 7th NOVEMBER 2019.

PRESENT: Councillors: Arthur Moran (Mayor), Stuart Bostock, Pam Kirkham, David Marren, Andrew Martin, Philip Staley, John Statham and Carole Thomas with the Facilities Manager and the Town Clerk.

Also Present: members of the public.

80. PUBLIC FORUM

80.1 Representations from the Police

PC Matt Stonier advised that there had been some anti-social behaviour over the Halloween and Bonfire period as expected, but with the trick or treat event at the station it had helped reduce incidents.

PC Stonier advised that there will be extra officers on duty for the Remembrance Parade on Sunday to help with traffic management and there will be a police presence during the Christmas lights switch and over the busy Christmas period in the town.

PC Stonier asked members if there was any assistance available from the Town Council to address littering around the Swine Market area. The Police had attended the monthly Pub watch meeting and disorder and littering in this area was discussed. The Mayor suggested that the Town Council could locate an additional bin in the area. The Facilities Manager advised that the Town Council did have a bin available that could be installed.

80.2 Representations from members of the public.

A resident asked if there were any plans for additional parking in the town. The Mayor advised that Cheshire East's Parking Strategy does address additional parking in towns across the County.

Graham Fenton asked if the Town Council would be providing a response to Cheshire East's Boundary Review. The Mayor confirmed that it was on the agenda for discussion and the Town Council would be providing a response.

Rachel Cole informed members that the Dementia Friendly Nantwich group would be aiming to recognise Dementia Week in May next year by turning the Town Blue. She added her thanks to the Town Council for the support over the recent Barony Park issues.

80.3 Representations from the public on planning applications - None.

80.4 Questions submitted in advance in writing - None.

81. APOLOGIES: Councillors, Penny Butterill, David Greaves, Peter Groves and Stephanie Wedgwood

ABSENT: none

82. DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests expressed.

83. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

83.1 Resolved: That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th October 2019 be confirmed as a correct record, approved and signed by the Mayor.

83.2 Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 24th October 2019 are noted, and that the recommendations contained within the minutes are approved.

83.3 Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 31st October 2019 are noted, and that the recommendations contained within the minutes are approved.

84. MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor's report on his list of engagements since the last meeting was received.

Sun 13th Oct	Nantwich Mayor's Civic Service St Mary's Parish Church Nantwich
Mon 14th Oct	12th Words and Music Festival Launch Civic Hall
Fri 18th Oct	Players 'Jeeves and Wooster'
19th Oct	Plastic Free Store Nantwich
Sat 19th Oct	Crewe & Nantwich Weaver Rotary Crocus Bulb distribution for Polio free October fundraising.
Sat 19th Oct	Oddfellows re-opening
Tues 22nd Oct	Photo call re Christmas tree sponsorship
Fri 25th Oct	Sounds of the Sixties
Sat 26th Oct	Poppy Appeal Launch RBL Riders
Sun 27th Oct	Bridgemere Memorial Service
Mon 28th Oct	Brookfield House Georgina Askew 100th Birthday
Sun 3rd Nov	Tree of Light Service Outside St Mary's Parish Rooms
Tues 5th Nov	Crewe Lyceum Blood Brothers VIP Night

The Mayor reminded members of two future events with the Remembrance Parade and the Christmas Lights Switch on.

The Mayor expressed his thanks to all the emergency services for their efforts during the extreme floods in the town over the weekend of 26/27 October, it had been the worst he had ever seen.

85. NEW HOMES BONUS DISTRIBUTION SCHEME

Member considered the previously circulated information from Holmes Chapel Parish Council seeking support for their proposed scheme for the future distribution of New Homes Bonus funds by Cheshire East. The Mayor advised members that within the draft budget of

Cheshire East the New Homes Bonus funding would not be available during 2020/21 and it is likely to be deferred.

Resolved: It was resolved that the decision be deferred as funds are unlikely to be available during 2020/21

86. PLANNING CONTROL

Resolved: It was resolved that there were no objections in respect of the applications listed in Appendix A.

87. LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

Members considered the previously circulated report and attached action plan providing information on the award scheme and details of each of the three levels available. The Clerk sought direction from members on the award level the Council would like to aim to achieve. Councillor Marren questioned the additional work commitment this would have and how it may impact on other projects. Councillor Statham suggested that obtaining the award may aid in the delivery of future projects and proposed that the Town Council should seek the Quality Gold award, this was supported by Councillor Martin. The Clerk advised members that it would be her aim to address many of the actions required to obtain the award regardless of whether the Town Council sought recognition for the award.

Resolved: It was resolved that the Town Council through the Clerk would aim to meet the criteria to achieve the Quality Gold standard of the Local Council Award Scheme.

88. SALE OF FUR POLICY

Member considered the previously circulated report and draft policy on the sale of fur. The Clerk advised members that she had also spoken to Halton Council which had introduced a ban on the sale of fur, advising that although there was a ban on the sale of fur in Halton Council markets there was no written policy. Market staff merely monitored the market stalls. Following comments in support of banning the sale of fur and retaining customer choice it was proposed by Councillor Marren that the item be deferred to allow the Clerk to seek further evidence from other Councils where a policy to ban the sale of fur has been introduced. The item to then be referred to the Policy Committee.

Resolved: It was resolved that:

- a) That the item be deferred;
- b) That the Clerk seek further evidence from other Council's which have introduced a ban on the sale of fur;

89. EXTENSION OF THE CIVIC HALL

Members consider the draft plans for the Civic Hall extension. That Clerk advised that Council had previously authorised the development of proposals up to planning application, and that the Council are now asked to approve the draft plans and provide authorisation for a planning application to be submitted. The Clerk also advised that the public would then be consulted on the draft plans with proposal placed on the Council website and displayed at the Civic Hall for members of the public to view.

Councillor Marren reminded members that a previous planning application for a two-storey extension had been approved, so he believed that there would not be a problem with this

proposal for a single storey extension. The Facilities Manager assured members that whilst the plans were for a single storey extension the foundation and walls would accommodate a further extension to the second floor if in the future the Town Council wished.

Councillor Thomas asked about additional toilet provision particularly for staff. The Facilities Manager advised that internal arrangements would not impact on the planning application and agreed he would discuss potential for additional toilets with the consultants. Councillor Staley asked why the sloping roof is to be replaced with a flat roof. The Facilities Manager advised that it was to accommodate additional lighting as the current sloping roof meant the ceiling was currently too low to add extra lighting.

Resolved: It was resolved that:

- a) a planning application can be submitted using the draft plans as shown;
- b) Consideration will be given to the internal arrangements and the provision of additional toilets;
- c) That residents are consulted on the draft plans, with information being placed on the website and the plans being on display in the Civic Hall

90. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Members agreed that it was important that the Town Council provide a response to the pre-consultation document. Members agreed that they would provide individual responses to the Clerk which would then be considered by a working group set up to prepare a draft response to be considered at the Town Council's January meeting.

Resolved: it was resolved that:

- a) Members would send the Town Council individual observations;
- b) A working group prepare a draft response on behalf of the Town Council considering individual members comments;
- c) The working group members to be Councillors Stuart Bostock, John Statham, Pam Kirkham, Arthur Moran and Peter Groves.

91. PLASTIC FREE NANTWICH

Members considered the request for support from the Plastic Free Nantwich group which would require a resolution by the Town Council of its support, the development of a Town Council Plastic reduction policy and for a member of the Town Council to be represented on the Plastic Free group. Councillor Marren proposed that the request be supported adding that ANSA would be happy to work with the Town Council in developing a suitable policy. Councillor Staley suggested that Councillor David Greaves could be a representative on the group due to his involvement in other similar initiatives such as the litter group.

Resolved: It was resolved that:

- a) The Town Council support Plastic Free Nantwich;
- b) The Town Council develop a Plastic reduction policy;
- c) That Councillor David Greaves is asked to become a council representative on the Plastic Free Nantwich Group.

92. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Bostock sought support from the Town Council to write to Cheshire East requesting an application for a local traffic order to prohibit parking on the grass verges between Woodland Avenue and Crewe Road.

Resolved: It was resolved to support the request for the Clerk write to Cheshire East.

93. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The Mayor reminded members that the Cheshire East draft budget proposals are currently out for consultation.

Councillor Martin advised members that the winter gritting will now commence and that the Environment Strategy is also out for consultation by Cheshire East.

94. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Kirkham advised that she had attended the Museum Board meeting with Councillor Groves on 22 October, at the moment the organisation is financially sound, but they will be seeking funding from local businesses.

The meeting ended at 7.30pm

Signature of Chair :.....

Date :... ..