



MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th July 2021

PRESENT: Councillors: Stuart Bostock (Mayor), Peter Groves (Deputy Mayor), Penny Butterill, David Greaves, Pam Kirkham, Andrew Martin, David Marren, Arthur Moran, John Statham, and Carole Thomas with Sheryl Birtles Deputy Town Clerk and Samantha Roberts the Town Clerk.

Also Present: One member of the press

38. PUBLIC FORUM

38.1 There were no representatives from the Police. Members asked the Clerk to invite the new Sergeant to a future Council meeting.

38.2 There were no representations from members of the public.

38.3 There were no representations from the public on planning applications.

38.4 There were no questions submitted in advance in writing.

39. APOLOGIES: There were apologies of absence from Councillors Philip Staley and Stephanie Wedgwood

ABSENT: none

40. DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

41. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

41.1 **Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th June 2021 be confirmed as a correct record, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

41.2 **Resolved:** To receive and note the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 17th June 2021, and to accept and approve the recommendations contained within the minutes.

41.3 **Resolved:** To receive and note the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 24th June 2021, and to accept and approve the recommendations contained within the minutes.

42. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor informed members that he had only had the opportunity to attend the Drop off and Go at Brine Leas school on 19th June, the reopening of the Kumon Learning Centre at Regents Park on 3rd July and had been made an Honorary Member of the Crewe and Nantwich Weaver Rotary Club.

43. PLANNING CONTROL

Members considered the planning applications and supported the recommendations of the Clerk.

Resolved: It was resolved that the recommendations of the Clerk be reported to Cheshire East.

44. CCTV REVIEW

Members considered the previously circulated email relating to the CCTV review. The Clerk asked members for their views and comments to report back on the review.

Councillor Groves commented that he was reassured that the town had good CCTV and was pleased that additional CCTV was being installed on Love Lane carpark.

Councillor Marren questioned the feedback/reporting received from the CCTV control centre, to which the Clerk informed members that during the last year there had been two reports, with apologies for the lack of reporting due to the Covid Pandemic. He also asked if Cheshire East funded any other town's CCTV provisions, with the Clerk commenting that it was general practice for Towns/Parish to contribute towards CCTV.

Councillor Statham suggested that it would be beneficial to see some facts and figures in relation to the success of the CCTV and Councillor Groves suggested a members visit to the CCTV operational centre.

It was noted by Councillor Moran that the CCTV provision was valuable to the town especially with the lockdown restrictions due to ease and the reopening of bars and for the protection of premises and residents.

Resolved: It was resolved that:

- a) The Clerk would enquire about moving the mobile apparatus to Brookfield
- b) The Clerk would seek statistics in relation to prosecutions from CCTV
- c) The Clerk to request more regular reports from Cheshire East Council
- d) The Clerk to investigate in what areas of the Borough Cheshire East pay for CCTV
- e) Arrange for Councillors to visit the CCTV Control Centre

45. CHESHIRE EAST – HIGHWAYS/TRANSPORT

Members considered the previously circulated report and proposals about a pilot allowing the Town Council to top-up services. The Clerk highlighted that this pilot was being introduced halfway through the financial year when a budget had not been created but asked members for their thoughts on two areas which included highway improvements and local transport.

Councillor Marren was supportive of the proposal but highlighted that it should only be considered for items that would not usually get done by Cheshire East. Councillor Groves agreed but had concerns about maintenance of works that the Town Council had carried out. He suggested that the pilot scheme should be considered by the Policy Committee.

Councillor Martin and Statham both agreed that the proposal should be supported, but the Council should be cautious overspending.

Resolved: It was resolved that the pilot scheme be considered further at the next Policy Committee.

46. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Groves brought to the attention of members the increasing issue of Dog Fouling in the town and highlighted that for the issue to be addressed and for Cheshire East to take action incidents needed to be recorded through Cheshire East's portal.

Councillor Marren suggested that the Policy Committee should review the Environmental Policy Act to investigate what Cheshire East's responsibilities are, which was supported by Councillor Statham.

Resolved: It was resolved:

- a) That Members promote the Cheshire East reporting of Dog Fouling portal to the town's residents.
- b) That the Town Council would promote the portal and encourage residents to clear up through lamppost signs in hotspots, social media, website, potential dog fouling bags stations.

47. CUSTOMER SERVICE POLICY

Members considered the previously circulated Customer Service Policy which had been recommend for approval with some adjustments by the Policy Committee.

Resolved: It was resolved to approve the Customer Service Policy

48. INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Members considered the recommendations Finance Committee in adopting the revised Investment Strategy for 2021/22.

Resolved: It was resolved to approve the Investment Strategy

49. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Marren reported that Cheshire East were currently consulting on Telecare with the intention of increasing prices and charging of 80s.

He also reported that the Community Governance Review was back on track, following the removal of the requirement of a referendum.

The meeting ended at 7.55pm

Signature of Chair :.....

Date :.....