



MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING **HELD ON 7th July 2022**

PRESENT: Councillors: Peter Groves (Mayor), Arthur Moran, Pam Kirkham, Stuart Bostock, John Statham, and Carole Thomas with Sheryl Birtles the Deputy Clerk.

Also Present: Andy Smith, Police Inspector for Nantwich. There were no members of the public or press present.

41. PUBLIC FORUM

41.1 Representative from the Police

Nantwich Inspector Andy Smith gave members an update on staffing at Nantwich Police Station advising that PC Matthew Stonier had moved to Crewe taking promotion and that there would be a replacement officer. He advised that there will be a Police presence at some of the town's larger events such as the Food Festival and Nantwich Show and believes it is important for the town to see this presence.

Andy reported that Pubwatch was still very well supported and that incidents at Brookfield had reduced. Andy advised that the night time economy was quieter than pre-Covid. Councillor Thomas asked if the Street Pastors had returned since Covid to which Andy confirmed they hadn't. Councillor Moran commented that Alpha Omega's new charity, Peace and Security were looking at trial taxi marshals and focusing on domestic violence. Andy said this would be welcome and that domestic violence is a key item on the agenda for Policing and Government.

Councillor Groves commented that Councillors had welcomed a Police presence at the meeting to quickly get answers and raise concerns from residents. Andy advised that they would try to have a presence as much as possible and offered his contact details to members to raise any issues.

41.2 There were no representations from the public present.

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

41.4 There were no questions submitted in advance in writing.

42. APOLOGIES: There were apologise of absence from Councillors Penny Butterill, David Greaves, David Marren, Andrew Martin, Philip Staley and Stephanie Wedgwood.

ABSENT: none

43. DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

44. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 44.1 **Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 9th June be confirmed as a correct record, approved, and signed by the Mayor.
- 44.2 **Resolved:** To receive and note the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 16th June 2022 and to accept and approve the recommendations contained within the minutes.

45. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor informed members that he had attended the Town Council's Societies Spectacular event and wanted to thank staff for putting on a great event which had been well supported and received a lot of positive feedback. He also asked members to support Nantwich Concert Band by attending their concert at Nantwich Civic Hall on Sunday 10th July.

46. PLANNING CONTROL

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

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

47. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL – PROVISION OF FOUR FREE DAYS OF PARKING FROM NOVEMBER 2022 to OCTOBER 2023

Members considered Cheshire East Council's offer of 4 free parking days and Councillor Statham asked if this service could be advertised near the machines as in previous years some people were unaware of the free parking.

Resolved: It was resolved that Nantwich would use the four free parking days on Saturday 10th & 17th December and Thursdays 15th and 22nd December.

48. CCTV QUARTER 4 REPORT

Members considered the previously circulated Quarter 4 and annual report from Cheshire East on the provision of CCTV around the town. Councillor Moran highlighted that it was interesting to see the busiest time for incidents was between the hours of 6am to 9am, with Councillor Statham asking if a report could be obtained with a breakdown of the types of incidents at this time.

Resolved: It was resolved acknowledge the CCTV Quarter 4 and annual report.

49. CHESHIRE EAST CONSULTATION – CHESHIRE EAST ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP PLAN AND ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

Members considered the previously circulated information on the EP Plan and Scheme for Cheshire East Bus Service Improvement Plan. Councillor Groves commented that it was important for people to be using buses so that services aren't lost, but in relation to the report that it was a very long document and suggested that Nantwich Town Council request an abridged version.

Resolved: It was resolved to write to Cheshire East to supply an abridged version.

50. CHESHIRE EAST PENSION FUND – DISCRETIONARY POLICY

Members considered the previously circulated report and draft Employer Pension Discretions policy. The Deputy Clerk advised members that Cheshire Pension Fund had approached the Town Council about the policy, and it was needed by law. She advised that the policy had been formed using Cheshire East's Policy which they had consulted the unions on.

Resolved: It was resolved to adopt the Employer Pension Discretions policy.

51. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Statham reported that he had been in contact with the Inland Waterways Association who are concerned about the ramp access to the tow path along the canal. He reported that the path is in a very poor state with a large crack and not suitable for wheelchair/pushchairs. Councillor Statham asked members to support the Inland Waterways by writing to the Canal and River Trust to establish what their plans for the repairs are.

Councillor Moran reported that since the motion had been included in the agenda, notices from the Canal and River Trust have gone up on the tow path highlighting that they are aware of the problem and working on the matter. Councillor Moran suggested inviting a representative to the next Council meeting.

Resolved: It was resolved to write to the Canal and River Trust expressing the concerns of Members and inviting them to the next Council meeting to discuss.

52. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Moran confirmed that the Governance review had gone through and that he had been trying to establish more information on the Tax base. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the Clerk had too written to Cheshire East about the Tax Base and they had confirmed it would be September before we received any details.

53. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Bostock reported that Nantwich In Bloom had set a date for Northwest In Bloom judging which would be 8th August 2022. He advised that ahead of this date weeding was required around the town. Councillor Moran advised that he had a meeting with ANSA about weeding and would report back to members following his meeting.

The meeting ended at 7.50pm

Signature of Chair :.....

Date :.....