

**NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY 13th MAY 2019**

**Present:** Councillor . Kevin Rimmer – Town Mayor

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| <b>Councillors:</b> | D. Bowden       | A. Cooper       |
|                     | G. Emmett       | Ms. S. Eastwood |
|                     | S. Naylor       | Mrs J. Illidge  |
|                     | M. McNamee      | A. Stott        |
|                     | Miss G. Edwards | Mrs. L. Nelson  |
|                     | Mrs. A Gerrard  | T. Murphy       |
|                     | Ms. H. Rowlands | M. Rowley       |

**Also Present:** Mr. C. Shaw – Town Clerk  
Mrs L Clansey –Assistant Town Clerk  
Mrs T. Cash – Council Secretary/Mayor’s P.A.

**Guests:** Invited guests of the incoming Mayor

The Town Mayor opened the meeting at 6.00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Council.

**19/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. Melville, and T. Lawrenson

**19/02 CHEQUES PRESENTATION**

The previous Town Mayor, Cllr. Mrs. Alison Gerrard presented a cheque to a Representative of her chosen charity, North West Air Ambulance in respect of monies raised during her term of Office.

**19/03 NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF TOWN MAYOR**

The Town Mayor, Cllr. Mrs. Alison Gerrard called for nominations for the Office of Town Mayor for the forthcoming year. Cllr. Andrew Cooper proposed the Motion that Councillor Kevin Rimmer be elected as Town Mayor for the coming year. Cllr. Mrs. Linda Nelson seconded the Motion. The Town Mayor called for any other nominations, and the Motion was put to the vote. There were no further nominations. Motion carried, All in favour.

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor Kevin Rimmer be elected as Town Mayor of Northwich for the ensuing year. The Town Mayor, Mrs. Alison Gerrard, Town Mayor elect, and the Town Clerk then left the meeting to exchange Mayoral Robes and Chain of Office. The new Town Mayor then returned to the meeting, read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

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**Cllr Kevin Rimmer**  
**Town Mayor**

**19/04 TOWN MAYOR - VOTE OF THANKS**

Councillor Derek Bowden proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Town Mayor Cllr. Mrs. Alison Gerrard, for her previous year of Office saying it was both a privilege and honour to deliver this vote of thanks. He also thanked all those attending. Cllr. Andy Stott seconded the vote and added his thanks.. Cllr. Mrs. Alison Gerrard responded to the vote of thanks, and delivered her own closing speech, in which she highlighted some of the main functions and events she had attended during her year in Office. Making reference in particular to the Lunch she attended at Chester, in the presence of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the Duchess of Sussex. As outgoing Mayor, Cllr. Gerrard will be attending Her Majesty’s Garden Party at Buckingham Palace later this month accompanied by her P.A. Theresa Cash. This invitation being extended to mark the Town Council’s success at being voted Council of the Year 2018. Cllr. Mrs. Alison Gerrard responded to the vote of thanks, firstly to her Mother, Mrs. Myra Harris who has been her Consort, and appreciated the help and support she has constantly given. She had enjoyed every minute which had gone extremely quickly. Very fortunate to have met some wonderful people, at some very memorable events Also extended thanks to the Town Clerk and staff at Northwich Town Council.. She then wished the incoming Mayor an enjoyable year, and hopes he enjoys it just as much as she has.

**19/05 ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR 2019-2020**

The Town Mayor called for nominations for the office of Deputy Town Mayor for the forthcoming Civic Year. Cllr. Mrs. Janet Illidge proposed the Motion that Councillor. Mrs. Linda Nelson be elected Deputy Town Mayor for the coming year. Cllr. Cooper seconded the Motion. The Town Mayor called for any other nominations before putting the Motion to the vote. No further nominations made. All in favour.

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor Mrs. Linda Nelson be elected the Deputy Mayor of Northwich for the ensuing year. Cllr. Nelson was then presented with the Chain of Office, read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and gave thanks for her election.

**19/06 MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES**

List of Members of Committees had been previously circulated to members and are as follows. These were proposed by Cllr. Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Eastwood..

**Town Council Committees**

**Finance & General Purposes Committee (8 members, 12 meetings a year)**

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Graham Emmett  | 2. Helen Rowlands |
| 3. Tony Lawrenson | 4. Terry Murphy   |
| 5. Tom Melville   | 6. Mitch Rowley   |
| 7. Linda Nelson   | 8. Kevin Rimmer   |

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**Planning & Environment Committee (8 members, 12 meetings a year)**

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. Derek Bowden | 2. Andrew Cooper    |
| 3. Vacant       | 4. Mitch Rowley     |
| 5. Andy Stott   | 6. Shelley Eastwood |
| 6. Kevin Rimmer | 8. Linda Nelson     |

**Grants Committee (8 members, 2 meetings a year)**

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Gillian Edwards | 2. Mitch Rowley     |
| 3. Kevin Rimmer    | 4. Shelley Eastwood |
| 5. Janet Illidge   | 6. Mick McNamee     |
| 7. Tony Lawrenson  | 8. Helen Rowlands   |

**Amenities Committee (8 members, meetings as requested)**

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| 1. Graham Emmett | 2. Andrew Cooper    |
| 3. Mitch Rowley  | 4. Alison Gerrard   |
| 5. Mick McNamee  | 6. Shelley Eastwood |
| 7. Vacant        | 8. Terry Murphy     |

**Policy & Operations Committee ( Chair & Vice from all Committees, meetings as requested)**

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| 1. Chair Finance                   | 2. Vice Chair Finance                   |
| 3. Chair of Planning & Environment | 4. Vice Chair of Planning & Environment |
| 5. Chair of Grants                 | 6. Vice Chair of Grants                 |
| 7. Chair of Amenities              | 8. Vice Chair of Amenities              |
| 8. Mayor                           | 9. Deputy Mayor                         |

**Personnel Committee to be agreed at first meeting of Policy & Operations**

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**Representatives on Outside Bodies 2018-2019**

| ORGANISATION   | NUMBER OF VACANCIES | PROPOSED COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE  | PERIOD OF OFFICE |
|--|---------------------|---|------------------|
| Cheshire Community Development Trust (CCDT)          | 2                   | Helen Rowlands<br>Linda Nelson  | 1 year           |
| Sir John Deane's College                             | 1                   | Linda Nelson  | 1 year           |
| Northwich BID  | 3                   | Chris Shaw Town Clerk<br>Mitch Rowley<br>Sam Naylor                                   |                  |
| Cheshire Association of Local Councils (CHALC)       | 2                   | Linda Nelson<br>Vacant  | 1 year           |
| Rudheath & Witton Together Neighbourhood Partnership | 1                   | Andy Stott  | 1 year           |
| INEOS Enterprises & Storengy                         | 1                   | Graham Emmett   | 1 year           |
| Manchester International Airport                     | 2                   | Mitch Rowley<br>Chris Shaw (Town Clerk)   | 1 year           |
| Mid Cheshire Community Rail                          | 2                   | Andrew Cooper<br>Kevin Rimmer<br>Chris Shaw (Town Clerk)                              | 1 year           |
| Warrington & Vale Royal College                      | 2                   | Derek Bowden<br>Graham Emmett   | 1 year           |
| Northwich Carnival Committee                         | 2                   | Linda Nelson<br>Gillian Edwards<br>Chris Shaw (Town Clerk)                            | 1 year           |
| Dong Energy  | 2                   | Graham Emmett<br>Mick McNamee<br>Res. Councillor - vacant                             | 1 year           |
| River Festival                                       | 3                   | Gillian Edwards<br>Helen Rowlands<br>Shelley Eastwood<br>Chris Shaw (Town Clerk)      | 1 year           |
| TATA Heat and Power                                  | 2                   | Terry Murphy<br>Graham Emmett   | 1 year           |
| HS2  | 3                   | Mitch Rowley<br>Helen Rowlands<br>Tom Melville  |                  |
| CWAC Members Briefings                               | 2                   | Andy Stott<br>Kevin Rimmer<br>Chris Shaw Town Clerk<br>Res. Councillor Helen Rowlands | 1 year           |

List of Committee Members and Representatives on Outside Bodies as listed were proposed by Cllr. T. Murphy and seconded by Cllr. S. Eastwood. All in favour.

**Approved**

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**Cllr Kevin Rimmer  
Town Mayor**

**19/07 TOWN MAYOR TO ADDRESS THE MEETING**

Newly elected Town Mayor, Cllr. Kevin Rimmer delivered his speech and thanked members for nominating him to the Office for the forthcoming year.

**19/08 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR’S ESCORT 2019-20**

Cllr G. Edwards proposed a Motion that Miss Aleasha Rimmer be the Town Mayor’s Consort for 2019-20. Cllr. M. Namee seconded the Motion. The newly elected Town Mayor explained that his daughter, Miss Aleasha Rimmer had been unable to attend tonight so the placing of the Consort’s chain has been deferred. **Approved**

**19/09 STANDING ORDERS**

Members were requested to agree the amendments to the Council Standing Orders. Cllr. G. Emmett proposed the Motion to accept and this was seconded by Cllr. M. Rowley. **Approved**

**19/10 COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT**

To adopt the Code Of Conduct previously circulated among Members. Motion proposed by Cllr. A. Gerrard, seconded by Cllr. J. Illidge. All in favour. **Approved**

**19/11 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE**

To adopt the General Power of Competence and to resolve that we meet the criteria for eligibility. Motion proposed by Cllr. J. Illidge, seconded by Cllr. S. Naylor. All in favour. **Approved**

**19/12 ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS 2018/19**

Schedule of Councillor’s attendances was submitted for members information, previous to this meeting, and were noted.

**19/13 MEETING CALENDAR 2019/20**

Members were requested to agree the Calendar of Meetings for the forthcoming year, which had been distributed among members. Cllr. H. Rowlands proposed a Motion to accept, this was seconded by Cllr. A. Gerrard. **Approved**

At the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting, the newly elected Mayor joined fellow members for celebratory refreshments in the Council Chambers.

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**Cllr Kevin Rimmer  
Town Mayor**

