

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 1st JULY, 2019

Present: Cllr. K. Rimmer Town Mayor

Councillors: Cllr. . Bowden Cllr. Mrs. J. Illidge Cllr. A. Cooper
Cllr. T. Melville Cllr. A. Stott Cllr. Miss H Rowlands
Cllr. Mrs. L. Nelson Cllr. S. Naylor Cllr. G. Emmett
Cllr. T. Lawrenson Cllr. M. McNamee

Also present: Chris Shaw Town Clerk
Theresa Cash Council Secretary/Mayor's P.A.

NTC 19/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. Eastwood, G. Edwards, T. Murphy, M Rowley and A. Gerrard.

NTC 19/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

- Pecuniary Interest
- Outside Bodies Interest
- Family, Friend or Close Associate interest

Cllr. S. Naylor declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council
Cllr. A. Cooper declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council
Cllr. T. Lawrenson declared an interest in any matters relating to Rudheath Parish Council..

NTC 19/017 OPEN FORUM

There were no speakers.

NTC 19/18 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

- 4.1 The minutes of Town Council Meeting held on Monday 3RD June, 2019 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Melville seconded by Cllr. Rowlands. Minutes signed by the Mayor. All in favour
- 4.2 The minutes of the Annual Town and Parish Meeting, held on Monday 3rd June, 2019 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Nelson seconded by Cllr Illidge. Minutes signed by the Mayor. All in favour.
- 4.3 The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on Thursday 20th June, 2019, be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Melville seconded by Cllr Rowlands. Minutes signed by the Mayor. All in favour.

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NTC19/19 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 5.1 To note Grants Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21st May, 2019. Noted by Cllr Illidge. Cllr. Naylor enquired regarding the unsuccessful applicants. Advised these did not meet the criteria..
- 5.2 To note Amenities Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 12th June, 2019. Noted by Cllr. Emmett.
- 5.3 To note Policy and Operations Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 12th June, 2019. Noted by Cllr. Stott.
- 5.4 To note Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 18th June, 2019. Noted by Cllr. Melville.
- 5.5 To note Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 25th June, 2019. Noted by Cllr Stott.

NTC 19/20 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor attended the following events during June

Saturday 1 st June	Care UK	1st anniversary of Charity Aid Recycling
Sunday 2 nd June	City of Chester	Lord Mayor's Annual Civic Service
Thursday 6 th June	Barnton Primary School	75 Year commemoration service to affiliate them as first School in Cheshire West with RBL. ** Deputy Mayor attended
Friday 7 th June	High Sheriff of Chester	Mayor's Summer Drinks Party **Deputy Mayor attended
Friday 7 th June	Relate Cheshire & Merseyside	Charity Concert Memorial Court
Tuesday 18 th June	Northwich Schools Singing Festival	Memorial Court
Thursday 20 th June	Mid Cheshire Scouts	District Annual General Meeting
Friday 21 st June	Visual Arts Cheshire	Weaver Hall
Tuesday 25 th June	South Cheshire Housing Assoc.	Ribbon cut at Lilac Drive development Greenbank
Thursday 27 th June	Cheshire West Voluntary Arts Network	Community and Voluntary Arts Awards 2019 Chester Town Hall
Friday 28 th June	HC-One	Care Home Open Day Daneside Mews

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1.0 Verdin Park

Works to the Park are ongoing. Funding application for the play area will be submitted and should have an outcome by end of September.

Cycle path works have also commenced in Birdcage Walk, and Verdin Park will be the next phase within the next month, and will see the installation of new kerbs.

2.0 General Update

Both Church Walks and Vickersway Park shops are now fully open. All planting in the town centre has been completed along with all our contracts.

3.0 Makaton Friendly Status

If Members would like to attend the free courses (details distributed) which will enable NTC to hold the Makaton friendly licence and support the Groups ambition of making Northwich the first Makaton friendly town in the Northwest. Cllr. Cooper gave background to this initiative, and suggests NTC staff to attend. Cllr. Naylor commented that we want to be seen as an inclusive Council. Disabled Awareness campaign taking place at Moss Farm in August, which will include Makaton. All Councillors present agreed to attend the Course as described. Proposed by Cllr. Rimmer, seconded by Cllr. Emmett. All in favour.

Resolved

4.0 Events

Northwich Carnival 6th/7th July – Verdin Park

Northwich River Festival 12th/14th July – Town Centre and Riverside

Northwich Artisan Market 13th July – Town Centre and Barons Square

5.0 Meetings

Finance Meeting, Tuesday 16th July, 9.30 a.m. NTC offices.

Planning Meeting, Monday 5th August, 4.30 p.m. NTC offices. **Please note new time and date.**

Recommendations in respect of funding to PCSO's to enable them to fund their summer initiatives, previously distributed to members. Proposed by Cllr. Naylor, seconded by Cllr. Rimmer. A.I.F.

Approved

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NTC19/23 CHESHIRE EAST REGIONAL GROUP

Reading material was previously distributed among members. Cllr. Emmett has agreed to attend any meetings arranged.

Resolved

NTC19/24 FREE SCHOOL FOR NORTHWICH

Cllr. Bowden gave an update to members, as this matter had been brought up briefly at Planning Committee Meeting. Cllr. Naylor added further details. Consultants think there is appetite for an additional Secondary School. It appears the Director for Education at Cheshire West and Chester Council feels there is no requirement in the Northwich area. DfE advised that all schools in the area are in good order, and considers no need for any extra educational requirement in Northwich. DfE would not support this venture. Cllr. Bowden concluded by saying that children and parents are well served by local schools and doesn't warrant further schools. Cllr. Cooper suggests NTC contact Consultant and advise that currently there are surplus places for 11-16 year olds. Thanking them for the interest, but no thank you from us. Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. Illidge. A.I.F.

Resolved

NTC19/25 CWAC & PARTNERS CORRESPONDENCE

Members briefing – Food Grant award. NTC was successful in obtaining funding.

Cllr. Naylor is Chair of Northwich Regeneration. Cllr. Cooper, Cllr. Beacham and others will represent. 4 years to continue with Barons Quay and Weaver Square. Expanded on this issue and other enterprises on Barons Quay. A very optimistic future.

Cllr. Bowden mentioned the Litfest event in Northwich. It was superb but not fully attended. So much goes on. Suggests that TC contact the organisers to keep in touch with future events, and if we can be of any assistance. It was a high level event that should be appreciated more. Cllr. Illidge will suggest they apply for a Grant. Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. Nelson. A..I.F.

Resolved

NTC19/26 MONTHLY COUNCILLOR SURGERY AT THE ARTISAN MARKET

Last one held in Barons Quay. Most queries were related to highways issues. Alan St. was raised, and have now obtained Members budget and Rudheath and Witton Together Also Liverpool Street sprayed and litter picked NPL helped, and will be completed in the next week. Councillor rota for next Artisan agreed as :

- 11-12 Cllrs M McNamee and G. Emmett
- 12-1 Cllr. S. Naylor
- 1-2 Cllr. J Illidge

Resolved

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NTC19/27 OUTSIDE BODIES UPDATES

Dong Energy - meeting to be re-arranged.

Cllr. Rimmer read a PCSO report to members and commented that it is a pleasure to work together with them.

Carer's Week – Cllr. Rowlands gave an update. On 13th June she met with our M.P. Mike Amesbury on how to build a community in Northwich. Gave background on how people are supported. It was noted that people are suffering mental, physical and financial hardships in our areas. Helpline is available. These can help with benefits system. Activities are arranged to support groups. Need to let residents in Council Wards how they can help. Cllr. Rimmer relayed personal issues that he deals with within his working life on a daily basis. Cllr. Cooper asked about respite care. General impression is that there is insufficiency in this area. Members were asked that if they have any specific questions, to send them to Cllr. Rimmer when he meets with the Chief Executive.

PART B

In accordance with Local Government Act – Public Admission to Meetings Act 1960, the following agenda item is to be considered in the absence of press and public.

NTC19/28 FUNDING APPLICATION

Update on Verdin Park was given by the Town Clerk, in relation to future funding arrangements, for two phases to be carried out, NTC should know by end September if funding successful.

NTC19/29 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There will be no meeting in August due to recess.

Date of the next meeting will be Monday 2nd September, 2019 at 6.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m..

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