

NTC 19/105 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor attended the following events during January

Friday 24 th January	Community Awards	Awards Evening **Deputy Mayor Cllr. Linda Nelson attended** Vale Royal Abbey
Tuesday 28 th January	Cheshire Best Kept Station	Awards Evening The Grange Theatre
Wednesday 29 th January	Rotary Northwich Vale Royal	Charter dinner Willington Hall

The Town Mayor mentioned in particular the Best Kept Station Award recently won by Greenbank Station. Special mention to the volunteers who work so hard to keep the station looking so well.

The Mayor also advised members of the recent death of Mrs. Dee Cooke, a past Councillor of many years of this Council. Our condolences relayed to her husband and family.

NTC19/106 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1.0 Verdin Park Improvements

Works on the new play area will commence during the first week in April. NTC staff will be removing the existing play equipment over the next few weeks as part of our agreement for match funding. Cycle and kerb works have been installed along the main path creating a safe surface to use from the bridge to the main entrance. This path will eventually link the new urban village to the town centre. Following the recent vandalism around the Robert Verdin monument, cost has been agreed with our Insurance Company to replace the damaged granite and recycled bench.

2.0 Burnside Way Play Area Refurbishment

Still awaiting news on the funding application to refurbish this play area.

2.0 Old Hall Play Area Leftwich

Shrubs now planted to the rear of Old Hall Road through Cllr. Cooper's Members Budget and a match fund from NTC.

4.0 Northwich Town Centre Impact Day

Impact Day will take place with partners on Monday 23rd March from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. during the day we shall be clearing grot spots throughout the town and our NTC/BID branded gazebo with officers from CWAC departments will be on hand to give out information and advice.

5.0 CWAC Parish Conference

Annual Parish Conference takes place Tuesday 3rd March in Chester. Opportunity to hear from the Leader of the Council Louise Gittins and Chief Executive, Andrew Lewis. Other officers will be on hand to answer questions, and a finger buffet will be provided. Any intersted Members who would like to attend are asked to contact Theresa no later than 14th February please.

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**Cllr. K. Rimmer
Town Mayor**

6.0 Meet the Cheshire West and Chester Planning Team

Following on from successful sessions with Parking and Highways Team, there is opportunity to meet the Planning Team on Wednesday 19th February 7-9 p.m. The Meeting will take place at Tarvin Community Centre.

Please let Theresa know if you would like to attend, as soon as possible.

7.0 100th Parkrun

Saturday 1st February saw the 100th Northwich Parkrun take place in Carey Park. The Town Mayor attended to see the runners off. Cllr. Lockett gave an update and advised that 426 attended which was the highest ever. Gave thanks to the volunteers without whom the Parkrun would not happen. Also thanks to NTC and RBL who provided a birthday cake and refreshments at the end. Cllr. Bowden added that the event is well organised, and the high calibre of runners and walkers.

8.0 Northwich Market Fundraiser

Saturday 1st February also saw the local community come together to stage a fundraising event in support of the Market Traders who were badly affected by the fire in January. Many activities throughout the town with artists and bands performing in many of the pubs, bars and coffee shops during the day and into the evening. Cllr. Naylor gave update about a very successful event with every venue reporting excellent trading. Paid tribute to NTC and other organisations. The commitment shown by Cllr. Lockett shows the level of commitment that can be given. Organisers have expressed a wish for this type of event to be repeated. Our M.P. Mike Amesbury, along with the Town Mayor attended the official opening of the event at the Plaza. One of the main organisers, Iain Stead did a first class job, and has advised he is unsure of the final total monies raised. The Town Mayor thanked all the volunteers and organisers who arranged this at such short notice. Cllr. Lockett suggested that if this is an annual event, monies raised could be for local communities.

9.0 Meetings

TC advised at this point regarding the bunds that have been installed on Cumberland St. Car Park

14th June sees Krazy Races event comes to Northwich. Activities for this could include a Concert to be held in Barons Quay.

A reminder regarding the Town Mayor’s Charity meal at The Indian in Castle taking place on Tuesday 18th February.

Finance Meeting	Tuesday 18 th February 2020 9.30 a.m.
Planning & Environment	Monday 2 nd March, 2020 5.00 p.m.
Full Council	Monday 2 nd March, 2020 6.30 p.m.

NTC19/107 PRECEPT 2020/2021

Following on since the recent Finance Meeting, NTC has secured further outside contracts, as we continue to give good service. Cllr. Cooper wished to thank NTC staff. NTC backfill services previously provided by CWAC and their services are in demand among other local Parish and Town Councils. There is a small increase of the Northwich Town Council precept to ratepayers of 0.6%. WE precept to CW&C for £ 530,779. This was proposed by Cllr. Emmett and seconded by Cllr. Cooper. All in favour.

Approved

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Town Mayor**

NTC19/108 TO APPROVE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Financial Regulations approved at the last Finance Meeting were distributed among Members previous to this meeting. Providing the slight amendment that was highlighted is corrected, members were happy to accept. Proposed by Cllr. Eastwood, seconded by Cllr. Bowden. All in favour.

Approved

NTC19/109 TO APPROVE AND IMPLEMENT GDPR ACTION PLAN

TC gave background to the Audit carried out. May provide training for Councillors. Cllr. Cooper asked regarding the Christmas Lights stored in a Container. TC advised we may be able to lease new lights in the future, therefore freeing up space for a greater part of the year. Costs are being considered. Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. Fox to accept. All in favour.

Approved

NTC19/110 ASSET REGISTER

Members had copies provided to them. Discussed a few minor alterations to be made but were happy to approve, with alterations. Proposed by Cllr. Melville, seconded by Cllr. Nelson. All in favour.

Approved

NTC19/111 TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Details distributed among Members prior to this meeting. Proposed by Cllr. Emmett, seconded by Cllr. Nelson.

Approved

NTC19/112 COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

4 vacancies advertised. 1 application received. Proposed by Cllr. Fox to accept the applicant. Seconded by Cllr. Cooper. All in favour.

Resolved

NTC19/113 LIVERPOOL JOHN LENNON AIRPORT

Consultation on future aircraft flights paths. Report distributed to members. Cllr. Naylor may be available to attend.

NTC19/114 CHALC

Diary of scheduled training provided to Members. Town Mayor recommended the excellent training in particular for new Councillors.

NTC19/115 CWAC MEMBERS UPDATE

Cllr. Naylor attended Members Briefings. Barons Quay is moving along very well. Weaver Square development affected by the recent fire. A further meeting will be called concerning this matter.

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Update on Moss Farm, of which there has been a general decline of facilities over the last 40 years. An investment budget of £1.8 million has been agreed for updating Moss Farm. This is being dealt with by a team of Consultants, and the policy will be known by April. Grass areas are deteriorating . Only one access route which is prone to heavy traffic in view of the nearby schools and new housing developments. Cllr. Fox commented regarding Moss Farm and that CWAC's drive that collaborative work needed to get the best result and desire to obtain further funding. There are lots of disciplines available such as gymnastics and archery. Cllr. Bowden agreed it is a very important place, but at present gives a bad impression to visitors in the town.

Cllr. Cooper spoke about issues in relation to the Dane Valley development and Winnington Works potential significant development of 1200 properties. Gave a brief background of TATA's previous plans for the site. NTC have been aware of plans to be submitted for some time, and we are in a good position to make people's voices heard. Main issues continue to be roads, schools, medical facilities with heritage and historical aspects retained. Northwich Neighbourhood Plan has specific policy of that site that covers all issues. Developers would appear to have set aside land for a school mindful of the Governments legislation regarding new schools. Cllr Fox added in respect of the Local Plan, NTC need to understand the importance of what they want delivered when considering any Planning Application and if it meet the needs of the people. Compromises on the part of NTC to achieve. CWAC need to deliver housing targets. NTC need to be clear on what is acceptable on the site. Cllr. Cooper agreed Cllr. Fox has made excellent comments, and reiterated that NNP sets out NTC position on this issue, and shall seek to deliver what is set out in the NNP. Cllr. Bowden commented we are faced with massive development – not the first one and need to get it right. He suggests setting up a working group to deal with issues on Weaver Square. Winnington Village and Moss Farm proposed developments. Cllr. Naylor further discussed foreseeable problems with development sites, and suggested using existing rail line and river in the areas. Cllr. Nelson added that a bridge is also needed. Cllr. Cooper further mentioned the transport strategy and planning policy to fight the case. Cllr. Fox is happy to join Cllr. Bowden as her knowledge as a Chartered Town Planner, is up to date with current rulings. Any contributions by way of promised Developers for relevant use, NTC need to be happy where these are spent and not at the expense of housing numbers. Proposed to start a working group as described above, starting immediately, by Cllr. Bowden, this was seconded by Cllr. Cooper. Cllr. Cooper suggests Cllrs. Bowden, Fox, Cooper and Melville make up a group and this group to include CWAC Councillors Kate and Bob Cernik. TC will arrange a meeting date.

NTC19/116 CWAC AND PARTNERS CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr, Cooper referred to speed enforcements as outlined in the Police Report received.

NTC19/117 OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. Nelson mentioned the Northwich Carnival Committee Meeting. Cllr. Naylor mentioned the upcoming Northwich Pride, the first one to be held in Northwich in August. Organisers will be the Quality and Diversity Team at CWAC, and some businesses in town.

NTC19/118 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next Full Council Meeting will be Monday 2nd March, 2020 at 6.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

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**Cllr. K. Rimmer
Town Mayor**