

**NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019**

**Present:** Cllr. K. Rimmer                                      Town Mayor

Councillors:    Cllr. D . Bowden    Cllr. A. Cooper  
                     Cllr. Ms S. Eastwood                                       Cllr. Ms H Rowlands  
                     Cllr. A. Stott    Cllr. Miss C. Fox  
                     Cllr. Mrs. L. Nelson     Cllr. S. Naylor  
                     Cllr. M Rowley    Cllr. Mrs. A. Lockett  
                     Cllr. M. McNamee    Cllr. T. Melville  
                     Cllr. T. Lawenson

Also present:            Chris Shaw            -    Town Clerk  
                              Liza Clansey        -    Assistant Town Clerk/Registrar  
                              Theresa Cash        -    Council Secretary/Mayor’s P.A.

**NTC 19/63        APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J. Illidge, A. Gerrard, G. Emmett and G. Edwards

**NTC 19/64        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 Ms H Rowlands declared an interest in any matters relating to Rudheath Parish Council.  
Cllr. T Lawenson declared an interest in any matters relating to Rudheath Parish Council.

**NTC 19/65        OPEN FORUM**

There were no speakers.

**NTC 19/66        SIGNING OF THE MINUTES**

- 4.1      The minutes of Town Council Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. Stott seconded by Cllr. Nelson. Minutes signed by the Mayor. All in favour.

**NTC19/67        REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- 5.1      To note Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2019  
            Noted by Cllr. Rowley.
- 5.2      To note Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. Noted by Cllr. Nelson.
- 5.3      To note Policy and Operations Committee meeting held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. Noted by Cllr. Eastwood.

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**Town Mayor**

**NTC 19/68    TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor attended the following events during October.

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Castle Community Church (John Hulme)	McMillan Coffee morning
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Cheshire Dance	NOW Northwich reception
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Soroptiimist International	70th anniversary Charter dinner
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Wincham Parish Council	Wincham Unsung Heroes
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Yours Housing Group	Sod cutting at Waters Cross Development
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	County High School Leftwich	Presentation evening
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	RBL Bikers Branch	Launch of 2019 Poppy Appeal
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	The Grange Theatre	The Addams Family musical

The Town Mayor made reference to the volunteers from Wincham Parish Council and their event Unsung Heroes. Also gave an update to Members regarding the development at Waters Cross. The Launch of the Poppy Appeal was also attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire David Briggs. Also mentioned the Rotary Club who organise the annual bonfire at Verdin Park. Rotary members spoke to the Mayor at the lack of support from fellow Councillors. Rotary and Round Table attended throughout the day. Online bookings proved to be very popular. TC remarked the support we give by way of that the Rotary get use of Verdin Park free, and NTC employees clear up the site afterwards.

**NTC19/69                    TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

**1.0 Verdin Park**

In respect of the Veolia funding, should know if we have been successful by the beginning of December.

**2.0 Makaton Friendly Status**

NTC are now registered and training will be given at the office on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November starting at 10.00 and will last 2 hours. If members wish to attend please let Theresa know as soon as possible. Town Mayor reiterated this point and asked for more Councillor attendance if at all possible. Shop attendants have also been asked if they would like to join the training.

**3.0 Events**

**Remembrance Sunday**

Will take place on Sunday 10th November. Parade will start from Crum Hill at 9.45 a.m. for a 10.00 service at St Helen's Church. Following the Act of Remembrance which takes place at the Cenotaph at 11.00 a.m. wreaths will be laid from various organisations and individuals.

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Town Mayor**

## **Christmas Extravaganza**

Day of activity is planned again for this years Christmas Light Switch on on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. The usual favourites return in addition to an Ice Skating Rink which will be running from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Children's Lantern Parade and a firework finale will conclude this fantastic day for the town. Any Councillor who wishes to help during the day no matter how much time you can spare would be greatly appreciated, please let the office know. Tickets for the Ice Skating may be purchased in advance from our office, the Artisan Market, and of course on the day.

## **Tree of Lights**

Will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6.00 p.m. outside our offices. This is a special celebration of those loved ones who are no longer with us at Christmas. Complimentary refreshments will be available in the Condate Room.

## **4.0 Northwich Artisan Market 12<sup>th</sup> October.**

Councillor Surgery was very busy with members in attendance to answer questions and queries from residents. Next surgery will be Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Councillors in attendance will be Cllrs. Fox and Rowlands between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

## **5.0 Meetings**

Finance and General Purposes meeting, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 9.30 a.m.

Planning and Environment Meeting, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 4.30 p.m.

Full Council Meeting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 6.30 p.m.

## **NTC19/70 APPROVE FINANCE RECOMMENDATIONS**

The following were recommendations to the Finance and General Purposes Committee at the last meeting.

Wirehouse Limited to continue to service as before for a further 5 year period. Proposed by Cllr. Rimmer, seconded by Cllr. Stott.

**Approved**

AMR Technical to continue the existing contract for a further 3 years. Proposed by Cllr. Nelson, seconded by Cllr. Rowley.

**Approved**

It was noted that another Councillor is required to join the Finance and General Purposes Committee, as Cllr. Emmett has had to come off the Committee due to other commitments. Cllr. Naylor has agreed to join.

**Resolved**

## **NTC19/71 ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

Cllrs. Rowlands and Nelson attended the recent Annual General Meeting of ChALC (Cheshire Association of Local Councils) and gave update. Discussed the current consultation in respect of Enforcement. Question was have we got enough resource within existing staff to appoint an Enforcement Officer. Cllr. Rowley would not support this, and there is a need to lobby Cheshire West and Chester to do more. A response to the consultation was sent by Cllr. Rowlands, and TC will send a response. Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. Nelson. All in favour.

**Resolved**

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**NTC19/72      CHRSTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES**

Details about NTC office opening times over the Christmas period were distributed among Members. Staff will be on call for any funeral arrangements, and Park staff will be on a rota system to cleanse the town and feed the birds in the Park. Proposed to accept by Cllr. Melville and seconded by Cllr. Rowley. All in favour.

**Approved**

**NTC19/73      CWAC AND PARTNERS CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr. Naylor made reference to Hamilton House which has been used for the homeless. There was a protestor who presented themselves at the Information Centre in Northwich in respect of the homeless in Northwich. He has set up a meeting with Forfutures, Northwich In Need, Helping Hands and CWAC, and the Cabinet Member for housing. Concerns to be addressed. Homelessness is on the increase, and would support any voluntary arrangements in place. There is a 'sleep out' arranged in Northwich over the weekend 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> November

Cllr. Rimmer gave an update from the PCSO for Greenbank.

During the recent function the Mayor attended at Waters Cross, the Developers indicated to him that they want to 'give something back to Northwich'.

**NTC19/74      MONTHLY COUNCILLOR SURGERY AT THE ARTISAN MARKET**

Cllr. Cooper gave update.

**NTC19/75      OUTSIDE BODIES UPDATES**

Cllr. Nelson attended Sir John Deane's College.

**NTC19/76      CWAC WARD COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. Cooper showed aerial photographs taken during the recent flooding incident in the town. Cllr. Cooper with M.P. Mike Amesbury were on site over the weekend offering reassurance to residents. Had a follow up meeting with Environment Agency. Floodgates were deployed on the Friday night. River levels rose further the following day. Residents from the boats moored waded through waist high waters to access their homes. Houseboats were evacuated where possible. EA staff were on standby around the clock, CWAC Emergency Planning, the Fire Service and Red Cross. Homestead Care employee ensured a very elderly resident received their medications, and much thanks goes out to all those. Cllr. Cooper wrote to Andrew Lewis asking for an investigation into the root cause of the incident and the lessons that may be learned. The core defences did what they were designed to do. CWAC are working with EA to establish the problem, and Cllr. Cooper suggests that NTC support and help where possible with ongoing promotion.

Cllr. Rimmer wants to convey thanks to all who helped during a very difficult situation. Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded Cllr. Nelson to act upon Cllr. Coopers report.

Cllr. Naylor chaired the Northwich and Winsford Advisory Panel discussed skills and education. Northwich pledge is to have a complete fresh look at skills requirements. Look at College education skills offerings, and at the end of the educational system. Is keen to get in touch with prospective Employers. Cllr. Bowdon considered that currently, too much emphasis is placed on paper qualifications.

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**Cllr. K. Rimmer  
Town Mayor**

**NTC19/77     DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date of the next Full Council Meeting will be Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2019 at 6.30pm

After this meeting you are invited to stay for a Christmas drink and a small buffet.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

**Date.....**

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**Cllr. K. Rimmer**  
**Town Mayor**