

**NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY 14th MAY 2018**

**Present:** Councillor . Mrs. Alison Gerrard – Town Mayor

**Councillors:**

D. Bowden	A. Cooper
P. Dolan	Ms. S. Eastwood
S. Naylor	Mrs J. Illidge
B. Jamieson	A. Stott
T. Lawrenson	Mrs. L. Nelson
K. Rimmer	T. Murphy

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

**Guests:** Mrs. Myra Harris

The Town Mayor opened the meeting at 6.30 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Council.

**18/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A Dimelow, M. Falzon, and P. Naylor, duly recorded in the apologies register.

**18/02 CHEQUES PRESENTATION**

The previous Town Mayor, Cllr. Mrs. Janet Myerscough-Illidge presented cheques to Representatives of the two chosen charities in respect of monies raised during her term of Office. The charities nominated were St. Luke’s Hospice and Northwich Stroke Club.

**18/03 NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF TOWN MAYOR**

The Town Mayor, Cllr. Mrs. Janet Myerscough-Illidge called for nominations for the Office of Town Mayor for the forthcoming year. Cllr. Brian Jamieson proposed the Motion that Councillor Mrs. Alison Gerrard be elected as Town Mayor for the coming year. Cllr. Terry Murphy 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 Mrs. Alison Gerrard be elected as Town Mayor of Northwich for the ensuing year. The Town Mayor, Mrs. Janet Myerscough-Illidge, Town Mayor elect and the Town Clerk then left the meeting to exchange Mayoral Gown 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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**Town Mayor**

**18/04 TOWN MAYOR - VOTE OF THANKS**

Councillor Derek Bowden proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Town Mayor Cllr. Mrs. Janet Myerscough-Illidge, for the previous year of Office. Cllr. P. Dolan seconded the vote. Cllr. Mrs. Janet Myerscough-Illidge 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 Subway Art, and the work she has done with our Primary School children. Cllr. Bowden added his thanks to the outgoing Mayor and all those attending this meeting. "It is a privilege and honour to deliver this vote of thanks." Cllr. Mrs. Janet Myerscough-Illidge responded to the vote of thanks. She had enjoyed every minute which had gone extremely quickly. Very fortunate to have met some wonderful people. She then wished the incoming Mayor an enjoyable year, and hopes she enjoys it just as much as she has.

The Town Mayor then presented the outgoing Mayor with her Past Mayor's Medal.

**18/05 ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR 2018-2019**

The Town Mayor called for nominations for the office of Deputy Town Mayor for the forthcoming Civic Year. Cllr. Jamieson proposed the Motion that Councillor. Kevin Rimmer 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. All in favour.

**RESOLVED**

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

**18/06 MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES**

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

**Town Council Committees**

**Finance & General Purposes Committee (10 members, 12 meetings a year)**

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Sam Naylor     | 2. Michael Falzon |
| 3. Janet Illidge  | 4. Vacant         |
| 5. Brian Jamieson | 6. Vacant         |
| 7. Linda Nelson   | 8. Terry Murphy   |
| 9. Tony Lawrenson | 10. Kevin Rimmer  |

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Town Mayor**

**Planning & Environment Committee (10 members, 12 meetings a year)**

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Derek Bowden   | 2. Andrew Cooper    |
| 3. Sam Naylor     | 4. Paul Dolan       |
| 5. Michael Falzon | 6. Shelley Eastwood |
| 6. Brian Jamieson | 8. Linda Nelson     |
| 9. Kevin Rimmer   | 10. Andy Stott      |

**Grants Committee (10 members, 2 meetings a year)**

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| 1. Brian Jamieson | 2. Linda Nelson   |
| 3. Andrew Cooper  | 4. Alison Gerrard |
| 5. Janet Illidge  | 6. Vacant         |
| 7. Tony Lawrenson | 8. Sam Naylor     |
| 9. Kevin Rimmer   | 10. Andy Stott    |

**Amenities Committee (10 members, meetings as requested)**

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Derek Bowden   | 2. Andrew Cooper    |
| 3. Linda Nelson   | 4. Alison Gerrard   |
| 5. Vacant         | 6. Shelley Eastwood |
| 7. Michael Falzon | 8. Sam Naylor       |
| 9. Kevin Rimmer   | 10. 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                         |

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**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	Kevin Rimmer Linda Nelson	1 year
Sir John Deane's College	1	Linda Nelson	1 year
Northwich BID	2	Town Clerk Andrew Cooper	
Cheshire Association of Local Councils (CHALC)	2	Michael Falzon Brian Jamieson	1 year
Rudheath & Witton Together Neighbourhood Partnership	1	Andy Stott	1 year
INEOS Enterprises & Storengy	1	Kevin Rimmer	1 year
Manchester International Airport	2	Brian Jamieson Chris Shaw (Town Clerk)	1 year
Mid Cheshire Community Rail	2	Andrew Cooper Chris Shaw (Town Clerk)	1 year
Saltscape	2	Alison Gerrard Andy Stott	1 year
Northwich Carnival Committee	2	Kevin Rimmer Chris Shaw (Town Clerk)	1 year
Dong Energy	2	Andrew Cooper Kevin Rimmer Res- Derek Bowden	1 year
River Festival	2	Sam Naylor Kevin Rimmer Shelley Eastwood Chris Shaw (Town Clerk)	1 year

List of Committee Members and Representatives on Outside Bodies as listed were proposed by Cllr. P. Dolan and seconded by Cllr. T. Lawrenson. All in favour.

**Approved**

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**Cllr Mrs Alison Gerrard**  
**Town Mayor**

**18/07 TOWN MAYOR TO ADDRESS THE MEETING**

Newly elected Town Mayor, Cllr. Mrs. Alison Gerrard delivered her speech and thanked members for nominating her to the Office for the forthcoming year.

**18/08 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR'S ESCORT 2018-19**

Cllr D. Bowden proposed a Motion that Mrs. Myra Harris be the Town Mayor's Consort for 2018-19. Cllr. Nelson seconded the Motion. The Town Mayor then placed the Chain of Office on Mrs. Harris. All in favour.

**Approved**

**18/09 STANDING ORDERS**

Members were requested to agree the amendments to the Council Standing Orders. Cllr. A. Cooper proposed the Motion to accept and this was seconded by Cllr. B. Jamieson. All in favour..

**Approved**

**18/10 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE**

To adopt the General Power Of Competence previously circulated among Members. Proposed by Cllr. S, Eastwood, seconded by Cllr. A. Cooper. All in favour.

**Approved**

**18/11 ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017/18**

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

**18/12 MEETING CALENDAR 2018/19**

Members were requested to agree the Calendar of Meetings for the forthcoming year, which had been distributed among members. Cllr. Dolan proposed a Motion to accept, this was seconded by Cllr. Stott.

**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 Mrs. Alison Gerrard  
Town Mayor**