

NTC 19/95 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor attended the following events during December

Thursday 5th December	Rudheath Senior Academy	Awards Evening
Friday 6th December	NTC	Tree of Lights
Sunday 8th December	St Helen's Church	Community Christmas Tree Festival
Tuesday 10th December	The Grange Senior School	Christmas Celebrations of Performing Arts
Friday 13th December	Church Walk School	Lunch with the pupils
Tuesday 17th December	St Wilfrid's Scout Group	Christmas Scout Meeting
Wednesday 18th December	SJD 6th Form College	The Spirit of Christmas
Friday 20th December	Daneside Court	Christingle Service.
Saturday 21st December	Redwalls Care Home	Christmas visit
Saturday 21st December	The Grange School	Pantomime Aladdin

The Mayor mentioned in particular the Church Walk school lunch he attended with pupils, the Christingle Service and the visit to residents living at Redwalls Care Home.

NTC19/96 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1.0 Verdin Park Improvements

NTC has been successful at obtaining the full grant of £75,000 for the refurbishment of Verdin Park Play area first phase. Further funding application will be made for second phase later this year. Work will commence in late March and will last around 6 weeks. A photoshoot and press release will be arranged with Northwich Guardian to inform residents the great news and when the works will begin. Cllr. Cooper thanked the Town Clerk and staff for their efforts. Great that the full Grant has been obtained. This project has taken a number of years planning to being to this stage. Cllr. Naylor fully agreed with these comments and was advised that a full consultation had taken place.

2.0 Burnside Way Play Area Refurbishment

A funding application to Pocket Parks has been submitted to refurbish and extend this popular play area in Winnington. Members will be informed of the decision.

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Cllr. K. Rimmer

2.0 Old Hall Play Area Leftwich

New trim trail, gate and litter bin will be installed in this park over the coming weeks as we continue to improve the play facilities.

4.0 Give and Gain

Recently undertook a Give and Gain day in Leftwich, including cutting back overgrown areas close to the old Doctors Surgery and an overgrown path used by residents. Both areas cut back and litter picked to improve the area. Cllr. Cooper gave a brief background to this area and its previous uses. The Feehold is registered with CWAC. Cllr Cooper thanked NTC on their great efforts working on this initiative.

5.0 Greenbank Island

Working in partnership with Cllr. Patricia Parkes, NTC secured funding to improve the traffic islands opposite Greenbank Railway Station. Existing planting to be removed and replace with Winter bedding plants, which will be replaced with Summer bedding and hanging baskets from May onwards. These will be maintained by NTC. The Mayor, Cllr. Rimmer wished to register his thanks to Cllr. Parkes, Phil Herbert and the Friends of Greenbank Station for their overall efforts to improve this area of Greenbank. Discussions then continued with Cllr. Naylor suggesting we liaise with CWAC in respect of the building on the other triangle in this area. Cllr. Fox explained the restrictions around this. From information that we know, the owner of this property is still alive. Cllr. Fox will further enquire.

At this point Cllr. Lockett was asked to give an update on the New Years Day Parkrun in which Northwich joined with Marbury. Imran Ali was present among the runners, who is a Parkrun celebrity.

Meetings

Finance and General Purposes Meeting - Tuesday 21st January, 2020 9.30 a.m.

Planning and Environment Meeting - Monday 3rd February, 2020 5.00 p.m.

Full Council Meeting.- Monday 3rd February, 2020 6.30 p.m.

NTC19/97 CWAC AND PARTNERS CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr. Cooper explained to members the Cycling and Walking consultation taking place. Mentioned the NTC Cycling strategy in the Northwich Neighbourhood Plan Planning Policy which was carried out by Sustrans. The current consultation has to meet certain criteria. It is backed by the Government to implement, with specific areas covered, 4 in all including Northwich. The route chosen would not have been our first choice, but a positive response should be given to this Consultation. Cllr. Cooper has agreed to respond on behalf of NTC.

Resolved.

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NTC19/98 OUTSIDE BODIES UPDATES

Cllr. Naylor gave update on Warrington and Vale Royal College Board meeting which has taken place. Trying to secure facilities for people in Northwich who may attend Winsford as that College is not at full capacity. Having to go elsewhere to gain skills required for local industry. Possibility of premises that may be used in Barons Quay, and this is currently ongoing. Cllr. Bowden mentioned less funding for Further Education over past years NTC has sent two letters to all our Secondary Education schools, with little response received. Cllr. Lockett asked about the Sports Complex at Mid Cheshire College but there is little known about this. Cllr. Fox suggested contacting the Enterprise Partnership Development Board, and Cllr. Bowden agreed to work with Cllr. Fox on this. Cllr. Rowley asked about vocational courses at SJD, but this College is more aligned to academic courses and University entrants.

Cllr. Naylor gave an update on news regarding the recent fire which occurred at the Outdoor Market a few days ago. This was a substantial fire which took some time to get under control after the alarm was raised at 3.00 a.m. The Emergency Services did excellent work. CWAC are to accommodate the tenants within the indoor Market Hall. All stock has been lost, as under Insurers terms, outdoor market stalls are not covered. Northwich In Need are looking to raise funds locally to get these stallholders up and running. Mike Amesbury our local M.P. visited the scene with Cllr. Naylor. BID and CWAC Business Support Department are doing all they can to assist. The fire has shown to also be detrimental to other shop owners in the vicinity. Northwich In Need are arranging a Music event in town on 1st February. Cllr. Cooper added that footfall figures in Northwich have been on the increase over the year, but fell when the flooding occurred. Spoke about other problems deterring shoppers visiting Northwich. Suggests NTC representatives getting together with BID and CWAC's Regeneration Officer. Needs to be more activities in town over the next period to show Northwich is open for business. Cllr. Lockett agreed to be a representative wanting to promote the town through social media. Cllr. Fox asks to be mindful if BID and Barons Quay may already have a schedule of events planned. We could work together and link in with them. Also to bear in mind the Library have a programme of activities throughout the year. Cllr. Rowley commented that we should look at our resilience and successes so far. Mentioned other challenges to getting people into town. The Town Mayor, Cllr. Rimmer added that it was heartening to see how everyone has pulled together, namely McDonalds offered refreshments to the Emergency Services who did excellent work. Thankfully there were no casualties as a result of the fire. Cllr. Emmett said at this point that he would be happy to work with Cllr. Lockett. Cllr. Naylor finished by adding that he has been speaking to the BBC about Northwich town centre being used as a model for other local authorities, as he believes this is due to Barons Quay offering a complete experience for visitors in the town centre due to its diverse businesses, of which there will be almost an 80% occupancy over the year with new businesses coming including Coffee House, swim school, Travel Agent and a Dentist. The suggestion described above was proposed by Cllr. Cooper and seconded by Cllr. Nelson.

Resolved

Town Mayor delivered the PCSO report for Greenbank, and discussed various cases being dealt with. Also regarding a defibrillator currently located in The Hub, and the need to find another location where it may be accessed 24/7.

The Town Mayor also attended the Rail Users Meeting along with Cllr. Bowden. Found this a very positive meeting where he was able to relay his personal experiences as a regular Train service user. He can readily identify with the problems encountered by School pupils.

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**Cllr. K. Rimmer
Town Mayor**

NTC19/99 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next Full Council Meeting will be Monday 3rd February, 2020 at 6.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

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**Cllr. K. Rimmer
Town Mayor**