

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2021

Present:

Cllr S Naylor - Town Mayor

Councillors:

Cllr. B Cernik
Cllr. Miss C Fox
Cllr. Mrs A Gerrard
Cllr. A Cooper
Cllr. Ms J Thomas
Cllr. Mrs J Illidge

Cllr. G. Emmett
Cllr. Mrs K Cernik

Cllr. M. McNamee
Cllr. Ms G Edwards joined the meeting at 6.30.
Cllr. A. Stott

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

NTC 21/58 PRESENTATION BY NORTHWICH COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Town Mayor welcomed Mr Lee Burstow who wished to address Members awareness of the No Food Waste initiative. Explained that Volunteers visit local food markets and filter through goods available for distribution. 4 Hubs are supplied, including Winnington, Rudheath and Weaverham. Advisors are on hand to kit out essentials and to advise as to what is available to them in the short term. Some foods are chargeable at very low rates. Numbers attending are steeply increasing over recent weeks. There is a referral system and donations are encouraged. Cllr. K Cernik asked if other similar initiatives already in place are linked up with, for example wrap around care for referrals for Foodbanks? Cllr. Emmett asked what range of people attend generally. Volunteers try to observe people and advise accordingly. Referrals come from Social Media, word of mouth or personal enquiries. One school is already supplied with Breakfast bags and hopefully going into other schools towards Christmas and next Easter. Town Mayor offered NTC support where needed. Also help at hand from volunteers for transition from homeless. Their biggest need at present are premises and the use of a refrigerated van to transport foods from various supermarkets and distribution centres. Cllr. Fox suggested applying for Councillor budgets. Other helpful suggestions were made. Mr Burstow extended an open invitation to visit any of the Hubs operating. The Town Mayor thanked Mr Burstow for his presentation.

NTC 21/59 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs, S Eastwood. (Leave of absence granted) A Lockett, L. Siddall, T Melville D. Bowden and K. Rimmer.

NTC 21/60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

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

Date.....

.....
Cllr. S. Naylor
Town Mayor

Cllr. S Naylor declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council
 Cllr. K. Cernik declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council.
 Cllr. B Cernik declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council
 Cllr. G Edwards 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

NTC 21/61 OPEN FORUM

There were no speakers.

NTC 21/62 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of Town Council Meeting held on Monday 4th October ,2021 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr K. Cernik seconded by Cllr G. Emmett. Minutes to be signed by the Mayor.
 All in favour.

NTC 21/63 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 5.1 To note Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19th October, 2021.
 Noted by Cllr Stott.
- 5.2 To note Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Thursday 21st October, 2021. Noted by Cllr. Emmett.

NTC 21/64 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

There were 9 events attended by the Town Mayor and Deputy during October		
15 th October	Church Walk Primary School	Presentation of book token in respect of 2021 sunflower competition
16 th October	Kids Planet Winnington	Grand Opening
18 th October	Charles Darwin Primary School	Presentation of book token in respect of 2021 sunflower competition
20 th October	Leftwich Primary School	Presentation of book token in respect of 2021 sunflower competition
20 th October	Rotary Club NVR	Charity Gala
20 th October	RWT	Open Evening Deputy Mayor attended
22 nd October	Victoria Road Primary School	Presentation of book token in respect of 2021 sunflower competition
23 rd October	KMTC	Do You Hear the People Sing Deputy Mayor attended
30 th October	RBL Poppy Appeal Launch	RBL Riders stopping off at the Cenotaph

The Mayor updated members on all events attended.

Date.....

.....
Cllr. S. Naylor
Town Mayor

NTC 21/65 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Burnside Way Play Area

Refurbishment has now started and should be completed within the next 2 weeks.

Old Hall Road

Following the opening of the Play area last month, much positive feedback received from the community. Minor adjustments made to some equipment and have installed goal posts onto the green and marked out a pitch. Proving extremely popular with residents.

Town Centre Planting

All summer bedding plants now removed to be replaced with spring bedding to our parks, cemeteries and outer areas over the coming weeks.

Witton Cemetery

We are in the process of obtaining costs to re-erect some older memorials within the Cemetery. It is hoped we can budget for a plan of works over the next 5 years to complete as many as possible.

Northwich Skate Park

Application for funding for the Skate Park has begun. Contractors and the local Skate Park groups have been contacted to come up with a design for all. Once we have costs we can submit the application to the funders.

Plaza Plaoza

4 nights of music were held recently at Northwich Plaza. Each night was well attended and it is hoped this will be one of many music events repeated in the future. The event was organized by CW&C, Northwich BID and support from NTC.

Artisan Market

Next Artisan will be on Saturday 13th November in Witton Street with food outlets on Apple Market Place with live music. Our stall will be manned by Cllrs. Stott and Naylor 11-1, and Cllr. Illidge 1-2.

Date.....

.....
Cllr. S. Naylor
Town Mayor

NTC 21/66 LOSTOCK SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PLANT

Members noted the contents of a response to our letter from the Secretary of State. The Town Mayor, Cllr. Naylor mentioned he was disappointed that a jobs fair being organised by LSEP is not to be held in Northwich but at The Mere, Knutsford. Cllr K Cernik wondered if free transport could be provided to those interested in attending from Northwich. Cllr. R Cernik added there are other means of disposing of waste and any decision on changes to the Plant is not really relevant in view of the current COP26 Climate Change seminar. Suggests sending another letter to the Secretary of State.

NTC 21/67 REMEMBRANCE PARADE 2021

Each year NTC organise the towns Remembrance Parade in partnership with the RBL and St Helen's Church. This year on 14th November the Parade will take place but no church service will be held. Wreath laying will take place at the Cenotaph as usual and observation of the 2 minutes silence. The Parade will re-form and march back to Chester Way where the Mayor will take the salute.

NTC 21/68 NORTHWICH CHRISTMAS EXTAVAGANZA

Will take place on Saturday 27th November with a range of activities throughout the town centre, working together with Northwich BID and Barons Quay. Apple Market Place will have a synthetic Ice Rink for the whole weekend. Details of booking will be released soon. Witton Street will have stalls from local businesses selling local produce. Father Christmas will be in attendance outside the Library from late morning to early afternoon before moving to Barons Quay. Parades throughout the day with entertainment and music, fairground rides, food stalls and an outside bar. The Lantern Parade will take place from Waitrose followed by the Lights switch on and finally the fireworks display will take place over the River Weaver. A call to members to help on the day would be appreciated.

NTC 21/69 TOWN BRIDGE LIGHTING

Over the last 18 months we have been working with C&RT, CW&C and Rotary to permanently light Town Bridge. We have temporarily illuminated the bridge for Remembrance and Christmas in the past and this was met with positivity from the community. We have now secured the permissions the permanently light the bridge and this will mainly be done in Autumn and Winter when we will get the full effect due to the longer darker evenings. We will once again be lighting the bridge for Remembrance and throughout the Christmas period.

St Helens Church

Working in partnership with St Helens Church we will once again be installing a projector to shine a poppy on to the tower.

NTC 21/70 NORTHWICH KRAZY RACES

Northwich Town Council originally planned to hold this event in June 2020 but due to Covid it was postponed on 2 occasions. The event will take place on Caste Hill and Verdin Park on Sunday 26th June 2022. The event will be free to attend and will include live bands, food outlets, outside bars and much more. Teams can still register through the Krazy Races website to take part, I will update members over the next few months with more details.

Date.....

.....
Cllr. S. Naylor
Town Mayor

NTC 21/71 VERDIN PARK MUSIC FESTIVAL

Cllr. Gerrard updated Members on previous Music Festivals held. Cancelled for the last 2 years. Numbers attending are growing year on year, admission is free. Suggested date this year is the first weekend in June which will also be the Queen's Jubilee celebration. Cllr Gerrard hopes there will be finance available in NTC budget and will assess the costs. The Music Festival this year will be in Memory of Cllr. Terry Murphy. Cllr. Cooper agreed that costs can be included in next NTC budget. Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. Stott. All in favour to support this event.

Approved

NTC 21/72 CHESHIRE WEST AND COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr K Cernik advised funding confirmed for a diagnostic section at Hospital. The proposals for a Hospital facility in Weaver Square will not now be going ahead. There will be State-of-the-Art improvements along with the new diagnostic hub, rebuild and development on site. In a 2nd phase it may be possible to transfer 'cold' surgery from Leighton Hospital to VIN to cater for people in the Cheshire, Warrington and Halton areas. Cllr Cooper acknowledge the Hospital building is deteriorating, and gave further details of plans for the future.

Regarding the development in Winnington Urban Village is causing concerns from residents in respect of Bus Stops, but hopefully there is now a compromise reached in order that no Bus Stops are located outside residents homes. The vast majority of residents do want a Bus Service in the area.

Cllr. R Cernik spoke about the Ecomarb proposals in respect of arrangements of the industrial site. New plans for chimneys and explained further developments. Gladman Developments want to submit plans for approx. 1500 homes. Needs for the future includes the Bridge problems to be resolved. The Government Levelling Up policy will be submitted for funding in November. The general viewpoint on this is No Bridge, No Build. Cllr. Cooper mentioned that NTC is well prepared, as well as CW&C Planning due to specific policies in the NNP (Northwich Neighbourhood Plan) and CW&C's Local Plan Part 2 which both state what is and is not acceptable.

Northwich Railway Station – Network Rail are scheduled to start the rebuild next year. Our local M.P. Mike Amesbury is to press strongly our case to resolve the accessibility issue.

Cllr. Cooper also advised the 3,000 bulbs are to be planted and asking for volunteers to help plant Northwich Rotary Club have provided volunteers.

NTC 21/73 OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports given.

NTC 21/74 PRESENTATION ON CARE COMMUNITY

Cllr K Cernik introduced the Clinical Director and Manager for Northwich Care Community.

This was set up some 4/5 years ago and covers all surgeries in Northwich for Primary and Community Services. Primary and Care Network set up in 2020 and is driven with local charities, Age Concern etc., looking to improve health before Doctor care. Appear to be far ahead in Northwich for Care Community and are pulling Northwich and Winsford practices together to become more strategic. Funding has been secured from CW&C, and going forward want to work with Active Cheshire, concentrating working together with families. There are 'pots' of funding to support smaller charities for families, focus on social isolation and mental health issues. Wanting to look at further projects to improve wellbeing in Northwich. Cllr. Cooper mentioned problems in deprived areas locally, and was assured drilling down into areas will be included. Cllr. Cernik asked how much funding and how NTC can help with ideas. £52,000 is the sum which will be sustainable for a few years. Cllr. Fox suggested linking all groups together including Parkrun and other family events in collective ways, making communities stronger, bringing people together. Cllr. K Cernik agreed to act as contact for NTC. Speakers were thanked for attending by the Town Mayor.

Date.....

.....
Cllr. S. Naylor
Town Mayor

NTC 21/75 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next Full Council Meeting will be held on Monday 6th December, 2021 at 6.00 pm.

Meeting ended at 7.45 p.m.

Date.....

.....
Cllr. S. Naylor
Town Mayor