

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL

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Northwich
town council

DATE: 1st September 2021

To: The Members of Northwich Town Council

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the **NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL** at the COUNCIL CHAMBER, 78 CHURCH ROAD, NORTHWICH, CW9 5PB held on **Monday 6th September 2021 at 6.00pm.**

Yours Sincerely

Chris Shaw

Chris Shaw
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1 Apologies for absence or absence

2 Declaration of interest

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

- * Pecuniary interest
- * Outside bodies interest
- * Family, friend, or close associate interest

3 Open Forum

Members of the public will be allowed to speak at the Open Forum section of this meeting on the understanding that any topics raised will have been forwarded in writing to the Town Clerk at the above address prior to the date of the meeting. Public Question Time to be a maximum of 10 minutes.

4 Signing of the Minutes

4.1 Of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 5th July (minutes attached)
[Members are required to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record](#)

5 Reports of Committees

- 5.1 To note Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20th July 2021 (minutes attached)
- 5.2 To note Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 17th August 2021 (minutes attached)
- 5.3 To note Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on Thursday 15th July 2021 (minutes attached)
- 5.4 To note Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on Thursday 19th August (minutes attached)

6 Town Mayor's Communication

Town Mayors communications attached

- 7 Town Clerk's Report**
To consider the Town Clerks Report
Report to follow
- 8 Verdin Park Banner Case**
To receive a report from the Assistant Clerk further to Finance meeting
Report attached
[Decision of the Council requested](#)
- 9 Summer Play Schemes**
To receive an update from the Assistant Clerk regarding Summer Play scheme
Report attached
[To note](#)
- 10 Church Walk Paddling Pool**
To receive an update from the Town Clerk
Report attached
[To note](#)
- 11 Co-Option**
To receive an update from the Town Clerk
[Decision of the Council requested](#)
- 12 AED Installations**
To receive a report from the Town Clerk on AED installations in Northwich
[To note](#)
- 13 Northwich Events**
To receive an update from the Town Clerk
Report attached
[To note](#)
- 14 Junior Park Run**
To receive a report from Cllr Mrs A Lockett
[To note](#)
- 15 CW&C Councillor Updates**
To receive updates from members
- 16 Outside Bodies**
To receive an update from any member attending meetings of outside bodies
- 17 Date of next meeting**
The next meeting will be Monday 4th October 2021 at 6.00pm

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 5TH JULY 2021

Present:

Cllr S Naylor - Town Mayor

Councillors:

Cllr A Cooper
 Cllr. Miss C. Fox
 Cllr. Mrs. A. Gerrard
 Cllr. L. Siddall

Cllr M. McNamee
 Cllr. Ms. J. Thomas
 Cllr. A Stott
 Cllr. B. Cernik

Also present: Chris Shaw
 Liza Clansey
 Theresa Cash

Town Clerk
 Assistant Town Clerk
 Council Secretary/Mayor's P.A.

The Mayor wished to welcome Jessica Farrington, Guardian Reporter, and also mentioned as it was his first time Chairing the meeting as Mayor, considers it to be an honour and privilege, and is here to support and promote our town. Also mentioned today is 73rd Anniversary of the N.H.S. and the fantastic job they have done throughout the pandemic and the successful rolling out of the vaccine process.

NTC 21/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs, S Eastwood. (Leave of absence granted) D. Bowden, K. Cernik, G. Emmett, J. Illidge, G. Edwards, A. Lockett, T Melville, K. Rimmer and M. Rowley

NTC 21/02 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, Victoria Road Primary and Leftwich Primary Schools.

Cllr. B. Cernik declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council.

NTC 21/03 OPEN FORUM

There were no speakers

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Cllr. S. Naylor
Town Mayor

NTC 21/04 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

- 4.1 The minutes of Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th May ,2021 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record.
Proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr B. Cernik. Minutes to be signed by the Mayor. All in favour.
- 4.2 The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 6th May, 2021 to be confirmed and approved as an accurate record.
Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. B. Cernik.
- 4.3 The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 28th June, 2021 to be confirmed and approved as an accurate record.
Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. McNamee.

NTC 21/05 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 5.1 To note Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18th May, 2021.
Noted by Cllr Stott
- 5.2 To note Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 18th May, 2021.
Noted by Cllr McNamee
- 5.3 To note Amenities Meeting held on Wednesday 19th May, 2021. Noted by Cllr. Siddall.
- 5.4 To note Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 15th June, 2021.
Noted by Cllr. Cooper
- 5.5 To note Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Thursday 24th June, 2021. Noted by Cllr. Thomas.

NTC 21/06 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

There were 3 events attended by the Town Mayor during June		
Wednesday 9 th	The Joshua Tree	Visit to new premises
Saturday 19 th	NTC	Opening of new toilets in Northwich
Saturday 26 th	Swetenhams Estate Agents	Re-opening following refurbishment

The Mayor mentioned his visit to The Joshua Tree. Also the newly installed temporary Toilets as a first class facility.

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Cllr. S. Naylor
Town Mayor

NTC 21/07 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Northwich Toilets

New temporary toilets now within Weaver Square, comprising of 1 male, 1 female and an accessible toilet with ramp and a baby change facility. The toilets are being cleaned throughout the day by NTC 7 days a week. Toilets are open between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm each day and there is a contact number for members of the public to call if they notice any issues with these facilities.

This was a joint project between CW&C, Northwich BID and Northwich Town Council and officers have worked to ensure we get the best possible facilities for the town. We have had positive comments since opening them 2 weeks ago and we will continue to ensure that these facilities are kept clean and safe to use throughout the year. Cllr. Cooper offered thanks to our Town Clerk for spearheading this initiative. Joint partnership between NTC, Northwich BID in an effort to respond to public demand in addition to disabled facilities.

Sunflower Growing Competition

NTC with Northwich BID and Barons Quay teamed up to hold a Sunflower growing competition throughout the town centre, planters will be situated in key locations with local children being asked to plant them and see how tall they grow. These will also be included in the In Bloom competition that we enter each year in partnership with Northwich BID.

The tallest sunflower will win vouchers for their school and this will be judged by the Town Mayor in the summer. The planting has taken place on 2nd July with the Town Mayor and children planting, involving Church Walk and Victoria Road Primary schools.

Witton Cemetery

We are currently installing 4 additional bays and benches in Witton Cemetery, these are granite memorial benches which have been purchased by relatives of loved ones that are in the cemetery.

Dane Valley Cemetery

Additional cremation plots and a granite bench have been installed in Dane Valley Cemetery over the past few weeks.

Vickersway Park

Vickersway Park shop has continued to stay open and is now serving toasties, sandwiches and hot dogs which is proving popular with visitors.

Summer Planting

Our staff have been busy over the last 3 weeks planting summer bedding, installing hanging baskets and barrier baskets throughout the town. We have also carried out extensive planting and installations for all our contracts throughout the borough.

We are now watering 4 days a week to keep the plants and baskets looking their best as we look to win gold this year at the 'In Bloom' awards.

Our staff have worked extremely hard to ensure our town looks vibrant and welcoming for our residents and visitors.

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Cllr. S. Naylor
Town Mayor

Verdin Park

We are hoping to have a mobile food outlet situated in Verdin Park over the summer holidays offering teas, coffees, and light snacks. We did trial this early in the year which proved popular so we will look at trying again to offer refreshments for visitors to the park.

Cllr. Stott asked about additional litter bins. These will be emptied by the Food Outlet onsite.

Jubilee Fields Winnington Avenue

Following on from the unauthorised encampment on Jubilee Fields NTC worked with local members, residents and CW&C Council to cleanse the field and also install preventative measures to the main entrance in the form of a solid bund. We will carry on working with local members and residents to ensure the field is protected from any further encampments.

Winnington Park

Following concerns from residents and local members regarding the frequency of litter bin emptying on the new park on Winnington Urban Village we have been working with the management company to address these concerns.

NTC will now empty the litter bins on a weekly basis and already this has seen a significant improvement to the site. Cllr. Siddall thanked NTC for their help with this situation. Cllr. Cooper advised that the management company appointed by the Developers should be maintaining the communal space. Unitary authorities have no available budget to take over this work. This should be in the conditions of each development plans to each Town and Parish Councils, but there is currently no legal basis to do this to resolve. There continues to be significant further major developments and Officers need to be pro-active at the planning stage in respect of management charges, in effect residents are being double taxed, firstly with Council tax and management charges. Cllr. Fox added comments to this discussion regarding the collection of substantial management fees and Contractors not carrying out their commitments. Further discussion took place with Cllr. B. Cernik adding his knowledge in these situations. Cllr. Naylor finished by adding it is vital that any Planning Committee identify problems such as these from the outset.

Burnside Way

Burnside Way Play Area is situated in Winnington and was on the list to refurbish once funding became available. Unfortunately the play area has deteriorated over the last 12 months, the decision was taken to close the site until refurbishment can take place..

Members resolved to refurbish this play area at the Extraordinary meeting held on Monday 28th June with equipment being supplied by Play & Leisure. 3D plan were circulated to members and local residents will have the opportunity to see these plans on a leaflet drop, which Councillors will be assisting with.

The site will be increased in size with additional fencing along with swings, multi play unit, sit in roundabout, springer and accessible picnic bench.

Instead of traditional wet pour we will be installing a synthetic carpet which comes with an 8 year guarantee.

Old Hall Road Play Area Leftwich

The refurbishment at Old Hall Road Play Area will now start on the 18th July and will take around 4 weeks to complete weather depending. This refurbishment will be substantial and will be a welcome addition for local residents. The MUGA will be removed but we will be installing goal posts on to the green and a pitch will be marked out throughout the playing season.

Once completed the Town Mayor, members and local residents will be invited to officially open the new play facilities.

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Cllr. S. Naylor
Town Mayor

Northwich Artisan Market

As you know the last Artisan market was cancelled due to an increase in local Covid infections, we are now working with the local authority to ensure the July market can go ahead with additional measures in place. Cllr. Naylor thanked the whole team at NTC which is much appreciated. Also mentioned the fantastic facilities available at Vickersway and Verdin Parks.

Assistant Clerk gave overview to the AGAR Report, previously distributed to Members. It was proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. Thomas to approve 2021 year end Audit from JDH Business Services. All in favour. **RESOLVED**

NTC 21/09 LSEP APPLICATION (Lostock Sustainable Energy Plant)

Cllr. McNamee read out a draft letter composed by himself and Cllr. Emmett to the Secretary of State. This letter will come from Northwich Town Council and Cllr McNamee gave overview of the background to the letter. Cllr. B Cernik advised that CW&C have responded opposing in the strongest terms. Permission has already been approved for operating hours, but this variation is for extended hours and increase in volume.

Letter was proposed by Cllr. B. Cernik and seconded by Cllr. Gerrard. All in favour. **RESOLVED**

NTC 21/10 WINNINGTON BRIDGE A533 CORRIDOR

Cllrs. B Cernik and Siddall spoke in relation to the conversion of the existing bridge. An outline business case was presented to CW&C last month. Considerations include feasibility, need, value for money etc. Can apply for main transport venture Government funding. Winnington Bridge has support from our local M.P.'s. Preferable scheme is for 2 bridges but need to build up the case for this. Traffic modelling and junction improvements would be part of the business plan. Levelling up fund is not guaranteed and engagement will be with local Parish Councils to which meetings have been attended by both Councillors. All in favour of the bridge. Extra crossings were suggested, concerns with HGV traffic and signage to mitigate problems. An option being to have a swing bridge for cyclists and pedestrians separate from each other, this would help congestion. Application for other funding is available for crossings etc. Cllr. Cooper mentioned much progress has been made over recent years with the matter having been raised over several decades. The Northwich Neighbourhood Plan had suggested replacement. Cllr. Cernik wished to thank and acknowledge the work by Cllr. Brian Clarke and the Local Enterprise Partnership who have been instrumental in the matter.

NTC 21/11 NORTHWICH TRAIN STATION COLLAPSE

Cllr. Cooper advised the safety investigation by the Office for Rail and Road. Inspection roles and safety enforcement actions. Cllr. Cooper together with Mike Amesbury M.P. had a meeting with the Investigating Officers who will use their information to launch a full investigation, as to what happened, learns, any duty holders. There could be several companies for prosecution if enough evidence is found but this will lengthen the timescales. Follow up meeting is planned for progress. Other considerations regarding timescales for rebuilding. MCRP will challenge Network Rail with milestones for the permanent facility for main rebuild. Network Rail have agreed to produce that requested. CW&C have commissioned a study and produced possible options for lifts on the Station and blueprint modifications of costs and design. Grant funding may be available from Department for Transport. Mike Amesbury has brought this matter up in Parliament, and it is hoped this will be looked upon favourably by DFT. Cllr. Fox questioned the Listed Building Consent in respect of rebuild. Certain artefacts have been kept and retained.

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Cllr. S. Naylor
Town Mayor

NTC 21/12 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

Cllr. B. Cernik gave background to this consultation. Input is still welcome after the closing date. Cllr. Fox proposed a response is sent from Town Clerk and Assistant. seconded by Cllr. B Cernik. **Resolved.**

NTC 21/13 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Following recent resignations, there is currently one vacancy each in Belmont and Leftwich Wards. Both have been advertised and no elections were called, meaning the Council can now Co-opt.

Currently reviewing the Co-option policy so recommendation is that this is completed before advertising the Co-options. It was suggested that a working group of Members be set up to review the policy with advice from ChALC and National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and be presented for approval. Vacancies can then be advertised on website, noticeboards and local press. It was agreed that Town Clerk will email Members to set up a group. **Resolved**

NTC 21/14 INTERNET AND EMAIL POLICY

A report prepared by ATC was distributed to Members prior to this meeting. Contents were discussed and ATC gave background. Proposed to accept the Policy by Cllr. Gerrard, seconded by Cllr. Cooper. All in favour.

Approved

NTC 21/15 SUMMER PLAY SCHEMES

ATC gave details of this Summers planned activities, dates and where they will take place. Activities will provide fun and free lunch to so many children over the Summer period and we are delighted funding has been accepted. Cllr. B Cernik commented that more than 40 schemes are taking place across the Borough, more than ever before, and is a welcomed initiative.

NTC 21/16 LEFTWICH HIGH SCHOOL EXPANSION CONSULTATION

The consultation document was distributed to Members prior to this meeting. Cllr. Cooper advised he has already responded as Ward Councillor, particularly in relation to traffic management. Discussion took place among Members as to reasons for expansion. Cllr. B Cernk went into further details regarding the demographics used to determine need in the future. The consultation was noted.

NTC 21/17 ROTARY CLUB INITIATIVE

Rotary Club Northwich have been looking to refurbish street signs around the town and have completed some which were illustrated to Members. They are hopeful they will have the backing of CW&C to carry on improving the appearance of the signs. Cllr. Cooper has been assisting the Rotary Club, and explained how CW&C prioritise street sign repairs. Proposed by Cllr. Gerrard and seconded by Cllr. Cooper that NTC contributes £200 towards the materials for this project. All in favour.

Approved.

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Cllr. S. Naylor
Town Mayor

NTC 21/18 COMMEMORATIVE TREES FOR PAST MAYORS

A statement was read out from Cllr. Illidge who was not present at this meeting with her suggestion that there should be, for each past Town Mayor, a tree planted in recognition of their term in Office. It was proposed by Cllr. Thomas and seconded by Cllr. Gerrard to agree with the suggestion. All in favour.

Resolved

NTC 21/19 CW&C COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr. B Cernik mentioned the High Needs Review considering Holiday activity funding in School holidays, Special needs wrap-around care and other ideas that could be achievable in formulating an Action Plan. Tiny Steps and Cheshire Downs Group have had input which might be included. Also

formulating a youth strategy. Any input from Councillors or members of the public are welcome. Cllr. Cooper reported about the progress of the Flooding Action group. Speaking of a presentation from EA and UU outlining progress being made, and reaching a permanent solution to prevent further flooding. Encompassing a large area for waste water and drainage system into Water Works at Dock Road. Hydraulic modelling will determine solution. There are interim measures that can be taken. The next meeting will include a presentation from the Canal & River Trust.

NTC 21/20 OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. Stott advised he no longer represents Rudheath and Witton Together (RWT). Looking for local people, and residents of Witton ideally, to join a new Management Committee to make decisions on how their remaining budget may be spent.

Cllr. Naylor mentioned an update to the Flood Risk. The river needs to be dredged, as it is key to Northwich's success as a river town. The Steam Ship Daniel Adamson has arrived in Northwich, and has attracted much attention.

At this point the Town Mayor also mentioned the passing of ex-Town Councillor Ron Woodier. Mr Woodier had served as Northwich Town Mayor, Vale Royal Mayor and was also an honorary Alderman. Mr Woodier has made a wonderful contribution. A minutes silence was observed by Councillors, and a letter of condolence will be sent to the family on behalf of Northwich Town Council.

NTC 21/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There will be no Full Council Meeting held in August due to recess.

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

Meeting ended at 8.25 p.m.

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Cllr. S. Naylor
Town Mayor

PART B

In accordance with Local Government Act- Public Admission to Meetings Act 1960, the following Agenda item is to be considered in the absence of Press and Public.

NTC 21/22 Church Walk Paddling Pool

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 20th JULY 2021
VIA ZOOM

Members Present

A Stott
D. Bowden
J. Illidge joined at 5.15 p.m.
G. Emmett
C. Fox

Also present

Theresa Cash - Council Secretary/Mayor's P.A.

PL 21/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, OR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs. Cooper, Cernik and Melville. Cllrs. Eastwood, (leave of absence)

PL 21/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

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

Cllr. Illidge declared an interest in application No. 3.

Cllr. Bowden declared an interest in application No. 16

PL 21/17 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

1. The Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18th May, 2021, were approved, as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Bowden seconded by Cllr Emmett All in favour. Minutes to be signed by Cllr. Stott Chair of Committee.

2. The Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15th June, 2021, were approved, as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Bowden seconded by Cllr Emmett All in favour. Minutes to be signed by Cllr. Stott Chair of Committee

PL 21/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. 21/02072/FUL (Deferred from last Meeting)

Conversion of commercial unit and dwelling into commercial unit with first floor flat and three new dwellings.

180 Chester Road Northwich CW8 4AS

The Planning Committee object to this overdevelopment with poor amenities for occupants of dwellings, negative outlook and size of dwellings. Concerns over parking access and egress to the site.

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Cllr. A. Stott
Chair

2. 21/02286/FUL

Erection of a new Sodium Bicarbonate Manufacturing Facility (New Ekocarb Plant) and the demolition of an existing Sodium Bicarbonate Production Plant: Wetside building: and associated buildings, structures and other infrastructure.

Natrium House Winnington Lane Northwich

No objections

3. 21/02359/FUL

Two storey side and rear extension

42 Burnside Way Northwich CW8 4XS

The Committee have concerns on the impact of next door neighbours overlooked, amenities and their light.

4. 21/01944/FUL

Erection of a storage building

Winnington Works, Winnington Lane Northwich CW8 4DL

No objections

5. 21/02295/FUL

Construction of an acoustic fence

Development land at Griffiths Road, Lostock Gralam Northwich

No objections

6. 21/02325/S73

Variation of condition 9 (delivery hours) of planning permission 12/04020/S73

22 London Road Northwich CW9 5HD

The Committee object as detrimental to residents in respect of noise levels.

7. 21/02260/FUL

Two storey side extension, replacement of doors and windows, conversion and extension to outbuilding.

14 The Crescent Northwich CW9 8AD

No objections to main extension but object to the summer house not in keeping with the character of the property and area.

8. 21/02247/FUL

Single storey rear extension

Ashgrove House, Dobells Road Northwich CW9 8DT

No objections

9. 21/02236/FUL

Construction of 6 industrial/office units and associated hardstanding/parking.

Land at Winnington Lane Northwich

No objections

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**Cllr. A. Stott
Chair**

10.21/02274/FUL

Erection of two storey office building (Class E Use) and creation of a vehicular access off Winnington Road with associated car parking and engineering works. Winnington House, 22 Winnington Street, Northwich CW8 1AD

No objections

11.21/01027/FUL

Residential development of 2no. 1 Bed Apartments

Land to rear of 170 London Road Northwich CW9 8AA

The Committee object due to overdevelopment of the site, lack of parking and amenities to current and future residents.

12.21/02340/FUL

Partial demolition of existing ground floor extensions and erection of single storey rear and side extension

21 Darwin Street Northwich CW8 1BT

No objections

13.21/02421/FUL

Alteration of front elevation, garage conversion, addition of window and door to side.

1 Barn Meadow, Northwich CW8 4XD

No objections

14.21/02490/FUL

Single storey side and rear extension

9 Clifton Drive Northwich CW9 8BG

No objections

15.21/02500/FUL

Two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear.

42 Manor Drive Northwich CW9 7HR

No objections

16.21/02516/OUT

Erection of one dwelling (Resubmission of 20/03736/OUT

Land at Highfield Road Northwich

The Committee object on the grounds that there appears to be no significant change to the original plans submitted and therefore no amendment that would deal with the refusal of the previous plans.

17.21/02508/FUL

Erection of a coffee shop with drive thru facility, new access, parking provision, landscaping and other associated works including the demolition of buildings, change of use of existing building to Commercial Business and Service (Class E) and/or hot food takeaway (Sui Generis) use.

1 – 11 Station Road Northwich CW9 5LR

No objection.

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**Cllr. A. Stott
Chair**

Approval Decisions worthy of note:-

19/03919/FUL – Removal and relocation of the statue of Ludwig Mond from the Winnington Works, Winnington Lane Northwich to Parr's Bank

Public Open Space Parr's Bank, Dane Street Northwich

19/03920/LBC – As above details

19/03921/FUL – Removal and relocation of the statue of Sir John Brunner from the Winnington Works, Winnington Lane Northwich to Parr's Bank.

Public Open Space Parr's Bank, Dane Street Northwich

19/03922/LBC - As above details

1. 21/00433/FUL
Erection of garden outbuilding
3 Tall Trees Close Northwich CW8 4YA
Approved
2. 21/01681/LBC
Repair work including: re roofing including replacement flashing, maintenance of windows and replacement window panes, stonework repairs and repainting of the door, stonework, cills and rainwater pipes
Dock Road Pumping Station, Weir Street Northwich CW9 5HL
Approved
3. 21/00870/FUL
First floor side extension
28A Moss Road Northwich CW8 4BH
Awaiting decision
4. 21/01908/FUL
Single storey rear extension and associated alterations.
33 Fairfield Road Northwich CW9 8DG
Awaiting decision
5. 21/01960/FUL
Single storey rear extension
37 Bollington Avenue Northwich CW9 8SB
Awaiting decision
6. 21/01999/FUL
Change of use of the ground floor from Barber Shop to Fast Food Takeaway and addition of a flue to the rear elevation.
108 Witton Street Northwich CW9 5AB
Awaiting decision

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Cllr. A. Stott
Chair

7. 21/02021/FUL
Single storey rear extension
105 Church Road, Northwich CW9 5PH
Awaiting decision
8. 21/01860/FUL
Erection of a 3 storey apartment block comprises of 9 apartments with associated landscaping.
Car Park opposite Plaza Bingo Club, Albion Road Northwich
Awaiting decision
9. 21/00112/FUL **Amendment/Additional Information
Two storey extension to side and rear.
128 Shipbrook Road Rudheath, Northwich CW9 7HF
Awaiting decision
10. 21/02072/FUL
Conversion of commercial unit and dwelling into commercial unit with first floor flat and three new dwellings.
180 Chester Road Northwich CW8 4AS
We are to refer back to the Case Officer for further information and have deferred this application to be considered at next meeting.
11. 21/02118/FUL
Single storey front/side extension (Amendment to 20/00403/FUL
1 Braemar Avenue Northwich CW9 7BB
Awaiting decision

PL 21/20 NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Planning and Environment Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th August, 2021, at 5.00 p.m. Zoom details will be sent nearer the time.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.

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Cllr. A. Stott
Chair

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 17th AUGUST 2021
VIA ZOOM

Members Present

A Stott
D. Bowden
T Melville
G. Emmett

Also present

Theresa Cash - Council Secretary/Mayor's P.A.

PL 21/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, OR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs. Cooper, Cernik, Illidge, and Fox. Cllr. Eastwood, (leave of absence)

PL 21/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

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

None declared.

PL 21/23 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

1. The Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20th July 2021, were approved, as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Emmett, seconded by Cllr Bowden. All in favour. Minutes to be signed by Cllr. Stott Chair of Committee.

PL 21/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. 21/02647/S73
Variation of Condition 2 (Plans) of 12/01838/S73
Winnington Urban Village, Winnington Avenue Northwich
No objections

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Cllr. A. Stott
Chair

2. 21/02772/TPO

T1 Ash to rear of garden in adopted land: Request to fell if not Crown reduce
T2 T3 T4 T5 (start of alley way) Request to Crown reduce T7 Smaller poor
quality Ash: Request to fell T8 Large Mature Ash: Request to fell if not Crown
reduce T9 Large mature Ash; Request to remove long thin single stem and
reduce remainder of tree T10 Mature Sycamore close to property: Request to
fell if not Crown reduce T11 Large multi stemmed Sycamore; Request to
crown reduce and remove some lower limbs.

2A Brockhurst Way, Northwich CW9 8AP

The Committee wish this to be referred to the Tree Officer.

3. 21/02956/CAT

The tree is a large mature beech tree: it was observed to be in a seriously
impaired structural condition, and as such, has been recommended to be
felled within one month. It's located at the rear of the property and on the
boundary of the Northwich Conservation Area PrefRef 089. It is also located
at 51 David Street and at the top of a steep soil bank that has properties
beneath it along Weaver Road. Due to the included bark the tree has been
reported to be structurally unstable and therefore poses significant risk to all
properties nearby. Due to the steep bank it would be best to leave the stump
in place to prevent soil erosion or land slip. It would be my intention to
dismantle the tree leaving the stump at a height of approximately 2 metres.

Note: The Arboricultural Condition Report was completed before my client
moved into the property, this explains why it is addressed to Rosalind Phillips
and not Dan Bowen. Dan Bowen is now the owner of the property and tree.
51 David Street Northwich CW8 1HE

The Committee wish this to be referred to the Tree Officer

4. 21/02838/FUL

Single storey side/rear extension and front elevation porch enclosing existing
canopy roof.

20 Hill View Rise Northwich Cheshire CW8 4XA

No objections

5. 21/02894/FUL

Single storey rear conservatory

22 King George Avenue Northwich CW9 5PY

No objections

6. 21/02984/FUL

Single storey rear extension

132 Chester Road Northwich CW8 4AN

No objections

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7. 21/01860/FUL
Erection of a 3 storey apartment block comprises of 9 apartments with associated landscaping.
Car Park opposite Plaza Bingo Club, Albion Road Northwich
No objections
8. 21/03273/CAT
Large sycamore (on neighbouring property) – Reduce crown by 2-3m due to excessive growth. Ash x1 – Fell as showing early signs of Ash die back.
Weaver Court, London Road, Northwich CW9 5EU
The Committee wish this to be referred to the Tree Officer
9. 21/03396/FUL
Single storey rear extension
25 Northway Northwich CW8 4DF
No objections
10. 21/01052/FUL **Amendment/Additional information**
Erection of new garage
76 Station Road Northwich CW9 5RB
No objections

PL 21/25 DECISION NOTICES

1. 21/02072/FUL (Deferred from last Meeting)
Conversion of commercial unit and dwelling into commercial unit with first floor flat and three new dwellings.
180 Chester Road Northwich CW8 4AS
Awaiting decision
2. 21/02286/FUL
Erection of a new Sodium Bicarbonate Manufacturing Facility (New Ekocarb Plant) and the demolition of an existing Sodium Bicarbonate Production Plant: Wetside building: and associated buildings, structures and other infrastructure.
Natrium House Winnington Lane Northwich
Awaiting decision
3. 21/02359/FUL
Two storey side and rear extension
42 Burnside Way Northwich CW8 4XS
Awaiting decision

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4. 21/01944/FUL
Erection of a storage building
Winnington Works, Winnington Lane Northwich CW8 4DL
Awaiting decision
5. 21/02295/FUL
Construction of an acoustic fence
Development land at Griffiths Road, Lostock Gralam Northwich
Awaiting decision
6. 21/02325/S73
Variation of condition 9 (delivery hours) of planning permission 12/04020/S73
22 London Road Northwich CW9 5HD
Awaiting decision
7. 21/02260/FUL
Two storey side extension, replacement of doors and windows, conversion and extension to outbuilding.
14 The Crescent Northwich CW9 8AD
Awaiting decision
8. 21/02247/FUL
Single storey rear extension
Ashgrove House, Dobells Road Northwich CW9 8DT
Awaiting decision
9. 21/02236/FUL
Construction of 6 industrial/office units and associated hardstanding/parking.
Land at Winnington Lane Northwich
Awaiting decision
10. 21/02274/FUL
Erection of two storey office building (Class E Use) and creation of a vehicular access off Winnington Road with associated car parking and engineering works.
Winnington House, 22 Winnington Street, Northwich CW8 1AD
Awaiting decision
11. 21/01027/FUL
Residential development of 2no. 1 Bed Apartments
Land to rear of 170 London Road Northwich CW9 8AA
Refused

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12.21/02340/FUL

Partial demolition of existing ground floor extensions and erection of single storey rear and side extension
21 Darwin Street Northwich CW8 1BT

Awaiting decision

13.21/02421/FUL

Alteration of front elevation, garage conversion, addition of window and door to side.

1 Barn Meadow, Northwich CW8 4XD

Awaiting decision

14.21/02490/FUL

Single storey side and rear extension

9 Clifton Drive Northwich CW9 8BG

Awaiting decision

15.21/02500/FUL

Two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear.

42 Manor Drive Northwich CW9 7HR

Approved

16.21/02516/OUT

Erection of one dwelling (Resubmission of 20/03736/OUT

Land at Highfield Road Northwich

Awaiting decision.

17.21/02508/FUL

Erection of a coffee shop with drive thru facility, new access, parking provision, landscaping and other associated works including the demolition of buildings, change of use of existing building to Commercial Business and Service (Class E) and/or hot food takeaway (Sui Generis) use.

1 – 11 Station Road Northwich CW9 5LR

Awaiting decision.

PL 21/26

NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Planning and Environment Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st September, 2021, at 5.00 p.m. Zoom details will be sent nearer the time.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.45 p.m.

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NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 15TH JULY 2021 VIA ZOOM

Members Present : Cllr G Emmett
 Cllr M McNamee (Vice Chair)
 Cllr Mrs J Thomas (arrived 17.15)
 Cllr Mrs C Fox
 Cllr S Naylor
 Cllr Mrs K Cernik

Also Present : Chris Shaw – Town Clerk
 Liza Clansey – Assistant Town Clerk

FIN 21/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr T Melville. Cllr L Siddall was not present.

FIN 21/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr G Emmett and Cllr M McNamee wished to declare an interest in any matters relating to Freshwater View and Cllr S Naylor and Cllr Mrs K Cernik declared an interest in matters relating to CW&C.

FIN 21/20 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on Thursday 24th of June 2021 were approved.

Propose by Cllr Ms C Fox and seconded by Cllr G Emmett, all approved.

FIN 21/21 DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE BY BUDGET

TC & AC answered various members' questions relating to budget headings.

The total figures were approved.

Proposed by Cllr G Emmett and seconded by Cllr Miss C Fox, all approved.

FIN 21/22 BACS DUE FOR PAYMENT

TC and ATC answered various members' questions relating to Bacs payments.

The figure of £73,837.05 was approved.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs K Cernik and seconded by Cllr G Emmett, all approved.

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Chair

FIN 21/23

BANK PAYMENTS TO BE CHECK BY FINANCE

Members approved evidence for payments from May 2021 payments.

Cheshire Farm £160.27 & D & R Fabrications £672.00

Proposed by Cllr G Emmett and seconded by Cllr Miss C Fox, all agreed.

Cllr Mrs K Cernik picked the payments from June 2021 to be brought to finance next month to check.

Cheshire Business Supplies 90.00 & Gibsons Garden Machinery £334.47

FIN 21/24

BRITISH GAS ELECTRIC FOR OFFICES, CHAPEL, OUTSIDE & GARAGES

Further to last month's Finance meeting when FO reported to members there was a dispute with the British Gas electric bill and direct debit payments.

British Gas informed us the high charges were due to high running costs.

ATC & FO looked back over the last 15 months invoices and could see the months that were higher than others which related to work being carried out in the chapels and work men using the heating and the chapels being used as office space during Covid. The electric heaters are very expensive to run and the chapels were used over the winter months.

Normally British Gas would automatically increase the direct debit to account for the excess amount of electric used but had not done this until now.

The balance for this account runs between £1,000 and £2000 but British Gas have allowed this to get up to £5393.23.

FO has been trying to resolve why the total has become so high for the last three months, but it has taken until now to get an answer from British Gas.

The bills and meter readings are being monitored and the monthly direct debit will remain at £1699.00 for the coming months to reduce this balance.

Members asked we look at ways to reduce the high running costs but as AC and TC explained, until a refurbishment is carried out on the slate roof (which needs replacing), all the heat is lost as there is no roof insulation, when the roof is replaced in the future years the heating will be re-assessed.

FO will keep members up to date over the next few months of the balance on this account.

FIN 21/25

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting Thursday 19th August 2021 5.00pm

There being no further business the Vice Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.24pm

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Cllr T Melville
Chair

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 19th AUGUST 2021 VIA ZOOM

Members Present : Cllr M McNamee (Vice-Chair)
 Cllr S Naylor
 Cllr G Emmett
 Cllr Ms J Thomas
 Cllr T Melville

Also Present : Chris Shaw – Town Clerk
 Liza Clansey – Assistant Town Clerk
 Cath Kirwan – Finance Officer

FIN 21/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr L Siddall, Cllr Mrs K Cernik and Cllr Miss C Fox

FIN 21/27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S Naylor wished to declare an interest in any matters relating to CW&C. Cllr G Emmett and Cllr M McNamee wished to declare an interest in any matters relating to Freshwater View.

FIN 21/28 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on Thursday 15th July 2021 and to be noted at Town Council Monday 6th September 2021 were approved

Proposed Cllr G Emmett, seconded Cllr S Naylor, all approved

FIN 21/29 DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE BY BUDGET

TC & FO answered various members' questions relating to budget:

4553/200 Old Hall Road – High expenditure for new play area. WREN income expected soon.

4555/200 Protective Clothing/Uniform – We have struggled with the quality of boots which are not lasting as expected. New staff members also required full uniform. Hence high spend on this line.

Church Walk and Vickersway have now been given their own contract code – this will make it easier to see what has been spent and what income has been received. With regards to the Church Walk paddling pool TC has suggested charging £1 per entry next year as this will guarantee an income. The running costs are astronomical, and this £1 charge could generate £56k income. Whilst the pool has been opened the visitors have been asked would they be happy to pay, and the feedback has been good. The booking system has been very good and is going well. The pool has been easier to manage with smaller numbers. Cllr G Emmett asked about the security fee as it isn't showing yet, but he was informed that this will be on next months Income and Expenditure when the invoice has been received.

NTC are still awaiting payment from Chester West and Chester for the town centre toilets.

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Verdin Park Banner Case - This has become a popular advertising site. At the moment the fee is £50 a week and charities advertise for free. TC has suggested we review this fee to £30 a day or £150 per week. Report to be brought to Full Council for approval after the TC has reviewed this. Northwich Town Council and BID Northwich events will take precedence for the advertising space.

Figures on page 25 were agreed

Proposed: Cllr Ms J Thomas, seconded Cllr G Emmett, all approved

FIN 21/30 BACS DUE FOR PAYMENT

TC and ATC answered various members' questions relating to Bacs payments.

Universal Container – This was for Parkrun and NTC and members budget have contributed to costs.

Cheshire Self Drive – TC Car to be reviewed for a longer-term lease.

Premises Licence – payment for annual Regulated Entertainment Licence for Music and Dance

Walkers – Summer planting.

Aviary Birds – Birds in Vickersway Park.

Rudheath and Witton Together and Northwich Town Council have hosted the Summer Fun Days every Monday and Thursday throughout August. We have had payment to Harveys Bouncy Castle, LoveSeed Yoga and Multiflex.

Gawsworth Parish Council – Outside play inspectors are used for this contract.

Steve Pugh – monthly invoice for Grave digging.

Salt Town – 3 Artists for the Artisan Market.

Suddenstrike – Bees/Wasps nest @ Vickersway Park

SN commented on town centre how it is looking really good and praised NTC staff.

£90,550.60 Payments were approved

Proposed by Cllr G Emmett, seconded by Cllr S Naylor, all approved

FIN 21/31 BANK PAYMENTS TO BE CHECK BY FINANCE

Members approved evidence for payments from June 2021 payments

Cheshire Business Supplies - £90.00

Gibsons Garden Machine - £334.47

Proposed by Cllr G Emmett and seconded by Cllr S Naylor, all agreed

Members picked two suppliers from July 2021 to be brought to finance meeting in September and chosen by Cllr Ms J Thomas

Peter Douglas Platforms - £258.00

Sutcliffe Play - £110.54

FIN 21/32 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed the next meeting would be on Thursday 16th September at 5pm via Zoom

Proposed Cllr T Melville, seconded Cllr G Emmett, all agreed

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6pm

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**Cllr M McNamee
Chair**

REPORT TO : FULL COUNCIL

MEETING DATE : 6th September, 2021

AGENDA ITEM : 6

PREPARED BY : Theresa Cash

SUBJECT : Town Mayors Communications



There were 8 events attended by the Town Mayor during July and August		
JULY		
Friday 2nd	NTC	Sunflower promotion in town
Friday 9 th	St Nicholas High School	Virtual student business presentations
Saturday 10 th	St Luke's Hospice	Opening of R&B shop
Saturday 24 th	Mrs Olga Ellis	100 th birthday celebrations
Monday 19 th	NTC	Ceremonial Ground breaking at Old Hall Road Play Area
Wednesday 28 th	Vale Royal Crematorium	COVID Memorial launch
AUGUST		
Thursday 5 th	Your Housing Group	Waters Cross opening
Friday 20 th	Knutsford TC	Mayors Summer BBQ Deputy Mayor attended

REPORT TO : FULL COUNCIL

MEETING DATE : 6th September, 2021
AGENDA ITEM : 9
PREPARED BY : Liza Clansey
SUBJECT : Verdin Park Banner Case



Background

TC reported at the last Finance meeting that the Verdin Park Banner Case has become very popular over the last few years.

This has been charged at £50 a week to businesses and free to local Charities.

After reviewing costs with other advertising companies, the average charge for a banner case this size is £50 a day.

TC would like to recommend £30 a day for the hire of the banner case.

Decision of the Council is requested

REPORT TO : FULL COUNCIL

MEETING DATE : 6th September, 2021
AGENDA ITEM : 10
PREPARED BY : Liza Clansey
SUBJECT : Summer Play Schemes



Background

NTC received funding this year from Edsential for Summer Playschemes which have now all taken place over July and August.

The Playschemes were as follows:

4 x Mondays – Vickersway Park

Run by RWT and NTC – 100 free places a day to include: Free packed lunch, free games equipment in the park, bouncy castle, arts and crafts, circus skills, yoga, outdoor gym training.

4 x Tuesday – Grozone

Run by Grozone – 12 free places a day to include: Free packed lunch, bug hunts, pizza making.

4 x Wednesday – Multiflex

Run by Multiflex on Whalley Road Field, 50 free places a day to include: Free packed lunch, football training, archery, dance, and games.

4 x Thursday – Vickersway Park

Run by RWT and NTC – 100 free places a day to include: Free packed lunch, free games equipment in the park, bouncy castle, arts and crafts, circus skills, yoga, outdoor gym training.

This was a successful play scheme. Parents and children were delighted with the free activities, and it was lovely to see the same children returning week after week. Even the bad weather didn't keep them away!

The one disappointing issue was that some parents that had booked in their children for the Playscheme but didn't turn up on the day meaning other children missed out on the opportunity of a free place. I reported this to Edsential in the feedback and they said this is a problem at all the Playschemes they fund. At Vickersway this was easier to control, we gave parents a deadline to arrive and any places that had not been taken were given out to other families in the park that could make use of the free events.

REPORT TO : FULL COUNCIL
MEETING DATE : 6th September 2021
AGENDA ITEM : 11
PREPARED BY : Chris Shaw
SUBJECT : Church Walk Paddling
Pool



Background

After much debate we decided to open our paddling pool for the summer holidays with reduced capacity and using a new online booking system.

We have spoken to visitors at the pool during their time at the facility and asked what they thought of the facility, booking system and new reduced capacity. Everyone we spoke to preferred the new system and said it was easy to book on and cancel and also like the fact that there were not as many people using the pool which created a more enjoyable experience for all.

We also discussed a fee for when we open next year due to the increase in costs to run the facility and again this was welcomed with most saying they would be happy to pay if the facilities were kept to the high standard that they are now. Most said that they could not believe there was no charge for such a fantastic facility.

At the end of the season I will produce a report for the Amenities Committee with recommendations for next year and this will be presented to Full Council for approval.

Chris Shaw

Town Clerk.

REPORT TO : FULL COUNCIL
MEETING DATE : 6th September 2021
AGENDA ITEM : 12
PREPARED BY : Chris Shaw
SUBJECT : Co-Options



Northwich Town Council currently have 2 vacancies for Co-option, due to staff shortages and annual leave we have not yet reviewed our Co-Option Policy which we agreed to do at our last Council Meeting.

Before any Co-Options are considered we agreed to review the policy and bring back to Council for approval, this will be undertaken with a 3 member panel with guidance from ChALC.

Council to appoint panel members in the meeting

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Panel to bring back reviewed Co-Option policy in October for approval and we will then advertise the Co-Options in the local press, website, and social media channels.

Decision of the Council is requested.

Chris Shaw

Town Clerk

REPORT TO : FULL COUNCIL

MEETING DATE : 6th September, 2021

AGENDA ITEM : 13

PREPARED BY : Chris Shaw

SUBJECT : AED's



Background

Over the last 5 years NTC have been working with partners to install AED's throughout the town and surrounding area.

These AED's are contained within a cabinet and are accessible 24 hours a day and accessed with a code obtained when calling 999. All AED's are maintained and checked by NTC every 2/4 weeks to ensure they are all in working order and ready to use in an emergency.

We currently have accessible AED's at the following locations

- Buxton Accounting – Shipbrook Road
- Victoria Road School – Orchard Street
- Meadow Street - Town Centre
- Barons Quay – Car Park stairwell
- Nat West Bank - The Bull Ring
- Lucky Petes Chippy - Winnington Lane
- Winnington Community Centre – Walker Road
- Greenbank Hub – Greenbank Lane
- Iron Bridge Public House – Chester Road
- Leftwich – Granville Road

Future Instalations

Working with TATA, Rotary, Northwich BID, Northwich Rowing Club, Brio, and the Community Rail Partnership we have now ordered additional AED's and cabinets and will be installing the following devices in the following locations.

- Manchester Road – Location TBC
- Station Road – Snipets Hair Salon
- Northwich Town Council Offices – Witton Cemetery
- Vickersway Park – Manora Road
- Church Walk Paddling Pool – Percy Street
- Greenbank Hotel – Chester Road
- Northwich Information Centre – Chester Way
- Temples Wine Bar – Witton Street
- Northwich Rowing Club
- Brio – Moss Farm

After the installation of the above devices, we will have 20 accessible AED's situated around the town and I would like to thank all partners for their contributions to these life saving devices that we now have in our town.

REPORT TO : FULL COUNCIL
MEETING DATE : 6th September 2021
AGENDA ITEM : 14
PREPARED BY : Chris Shaw
SUBJECT : Northwich Events



Pina colada Festival

We recently held the first Pina colada Festival in Northwich which proved a fantastic day attended by many with really positive feedback. Great work from Adam Gerrard and local businesses in organising the day, we will be having a follow up meeting in a few weeks to discuss next years event as we have already had requests to put on a bigger and better event next year.

BBC Radio 2 even covered the event and want to attend next year so we have a real opportunity to put Northwich on the map with a great festival for the whole family.

Remembrance Sunday

The annual Remembrance Parade will take place on Sunday 14th November and we are planning to have a full parade and Act of Remembrance as previous years before Covid.

Again more details will follow once final arrangements have been put in place.

Christmas Light Switch On

The Christmas light switch on will take place on Saturday 27th November and will have the usual attractions throughout the day within the town.

We will again have an ice rink and this will be situated in the new open space at Apple Market Place, there will also be a parade, switch on and fireworks as usual. The lights will be switched on by the Town Mayor/Chair of the BID and also somebody that will hopefully have the authority !!!

More details will follow soon in the form of press releases and social media posts.