

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY 16TH MAY 2022

Present: Councillor . G. Emmett – Town Mayor

Councillors:

D. Bowden	A. Cooper	Mrs K Cernik
S. Naylor	R. Cernik	Miss C. Fox
Mrs J. Illidge	Mrs A. Lockett	L. Siddall
A. Stott	Ms J. Thomas	

Also Present: Mr. C. Shaw – Town Clerk
Mrs T. Cash – Council Secretary/Mayor's P.A
Mrs . C. Kirwan – Finance Officer/Town Clerk's P.A..

Guests: Invited guests of the incoming Mayor

The Town Mayor opened the meeting at 6.00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Council.

22/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A. Gerrard and M. McNamee. Cllrs. T. Melville, and G. Edwards did not attend.

22/02 CHEQUES PRESENTATION

The previous Town Mayor, Cllr. S. Naylor, presented cheques amounting to £640, each, which has been raised through various charity initiatives during his term in Office, to 5 local schools to be used at the Headteacher's discretion to help local children/ parents who are struggling financially. The 5 schools awarded were

- Winnington Park Primary School, received by Cllr. Andrew Cooper.
- Leftwich Community Primary School
- Witton (Church Walk) Primary School
- Charles Darwin Community Primary School, received by Cllr. Lee Siddall.
- Victoria Road Primary School, received by Cllr. Andrew Cooper.

22/03 NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF TOWN MAYOR

The Town Mayor, Cllr. S. Naylor called for nominations for the Office of Town Mayor for the forthcoming year. Cllr. Andrew Cooper proposed the Motion that Councillor Graham Emmett be elected as Town Mayor for the coming year. Cllr. Mrs. Janet Illidge 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 Graham Emmett be elected as Town Mayor of Northwich for the ensuing year. The Town Mayor, Cllr. Sam Naylor, Town Mayor elect, and the Town Clerk then left the meeting to exchange Mayoral Robes 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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Cllr Graham Emmett
Town Mayor

22/04 TOWN MAYOR - VOTE OF THANKS

Councillor Derek Bowden proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Town Mayor Cllr. Sam Naylor, for his previous year of Office saying it was both a privilege and honour to deliver this vote of thanks. He also thanked all those attending. Cllr. Jane Thomas seconded the vote and added her thanks. Cllr. Sam Naylor responded to the vote of thanks, and delivered his own closing speech, in which he highlighted some of the main functions and events he had attended during her year in Office. Noting in particular the way the town is recovering so well after the Covid pandemic. He has been proud to follow his father who held the Office of Town Mayor in 1977. Born and brought up in the town, he has seen many changes. Very fortunate to have met some wonderful people, at some very memorable events, including the vigil for Ukraine in March when so many people gathered together in unity, showing their support, truly heartening. Mentioned all the events coming up in the town during this summer. Cllr. Naylor wished to thank his fellow Councillors for their support, his family and friends for their love and support, and also extended thanks to the Town Clerk and staff at Northwich Town Council. Has immensely enjoyed his year as Town Mayor, and wished the incoming Mayor all the very best for an enjoyable year.

22/05 ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR 2019-2020

The Town Mayor called for nominations for the office of Deputy Town Mayor for the forthcoming Civic Year. Cllr. R. Cernik proposed the Motion that Councillor. Ms. Jane Thomas be elected Deputy Town Mayor for the coming year. Cllr. Amy Lockett seconded the Motion. The Town Mayor called for any other nominations before putting the Motion to the vote. No further nominations made. Motion carried. All in favour.

RESOLVED

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

22/06 MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES

List of Members of Committees and Representatives on Outside Bodies had been previously circulated to members and are as follows. These were proposed by Cllr. K. Cernik and seconded by Cllr. L. Siddall. Approved en bloc. All in favour.

Approved

Town Council Committees 2022-2023

Finance & General Purposes Committee

This meeting is to be held the third Monday of each month at 6.30 p.m.

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| 1. Graham Emmett | 2. Mick McNamee |
| 3. Sam Naylor | 4. Jane Thomas |
| 5. Tom Melville | 6. Catherine Fox |
| 7. Kate Cernik | 8. Lee Siddall |
| 9. Vacant | 10. Vacant |

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Cllr Graham Emmett
Town Mayor

Planning & Environment Committee

This meeting will be held every second Tuesday of the month at 6.30p.m. with every other meeting being a remote discussion held virtually via Microsoft Teams

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| 1. Derek Bowden | 2. Andrew Cooper |
| 3. R Cernik | 4. Graham Emmett |
| 5. Andy Stott | 6. Catherine Fox |
| 6. Janet Illidge | 8. Tom Melville |
| 9. Vacant | 10. Vacant |

Grants Committee

Meetings will be held on the following dates at 6.30 p.m.

21st July, 2022 and 17th November 2022

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| 1. Sam Naylor | 2. Jane Thomas |
| 3. Tom Melville | 4. R Cernik |
| 5. Alison Gerrard | 6. Janet Illidge |
| 7. Lee Siddall | 8. Vacant |
| 9. Vacant | 10. Vacant |

Amenities Committee

Meetings will be held at 6.30 p.m. on the following dates

13th June, 12th September, 12th December 2022 and 13th March 2023

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| 1. Derek Bowden | 2. Andrew Cooper |
| 3. Gillian Edwards | 4. Alison Gerrard |
| 5. Amy Lockett | 6. Janet Illidge |
| 7. Lee Siddall | 8. Vacant |
| 9. Vacant | 10. Vacant |

Policy & Operations Committee

Chair & Vice from all the above Committees, meetings as requested

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| 1. Town Mayor | 2. Deputy Town Mayor |
| 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 |
| 9. Chair of Finance | 10. Vice Chair of Finance |

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Personnel Committee to be agreed at first meeting of Policy & Operations

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Chairs and Vice Chairs of all Committees to be elected at their first Committee meetings.

Representatives on Outside Bodies 2022-2023

ORGANISATION	NUMBER OF VACANCIES	PROPOSED COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE	PERIOD OF OFFICE
Sir John Deane's College Foundation Trust	1	Robert (Bob) Cernik	1 year
Northwich BID	3	Chris Shaw (Town Clerk) Graham Emmett Sam Naylor	
Cheshire Association of Local Councils (CHALC)	2	Graham Emmett Chris Shaw (Town Clerk)	1 year
Rudheath & Witton Together Neighbourhood Partnership	1	Sam Naylor	1 year
Manchester International Airport	2	Sam Naylor Chris Shaw (Town Clerk)	1 year
Mid Cheshire Community Rail	2	Andrew Cooper Chris Shaw (Town Clerk)	1 year
Warrington & Vale Royal College	2	Sam Naylor Vacant	1 year
Northwich Carnival Committee	2	Lee Siddall Janet Illidge	1 year
Dong Energy	2	Graham Emmett Sam Naylor	1 year
River Festival	3	Sam Naylor Amy Lockett Chris Shaw (Town Clerk)	1 year
TATA Heat and Power	2	Sam Naylor Graham Emmett	1 year
HS2	3	Catherine Fox Andrew Cooper Tom Melville	
Care Community	1	Kate Cernik	1 year

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Cllr Graham Emmett
Town Mayor

22/07 TOWN MAYOR TO ADDRESS THE MEETING

Newly elected Town Mayor, Cllr. Graham Emmett delivered his speech and thanked members for nominating him to the Office for the forthcoming year. He also passed on his good wishes to the new Deputy Town Mayor Cllr. Jane Thomas. The Town Mayor announced that his chosen Charity this year, for which funds will be raised, will be Northwich Community Support who organise various food hubs in the area in a bid to cut food waste.

22/08 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR'S ESCORT 2022-2023

The Town Mayor proposes to invite guests to accompany him to any function that he attends on behalf of the Council, rather than appoint an Escort/Consort.

22/09 STANDING ORDERS

Members were requested to agree the Council Standing Orders which had been previously received. Cllr. C. Fox proposed the Motion to accept and this was seconded by Cllr. L. Siddall. All in favour.

Approved

22/10 ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS 2021-2022

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

22/11 MEETING CALENDAR 2022-2023

Members were requested to agree the Calendar of Meetings for the forthcoming year, Cllr. S. Naylor proposed a Motion to accept, this was seconded by Cllr. K. Cernik All in favour. .

Approved

At the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting, and Mayor making ceremony, the newly elected Town Mayor joined fellow members, family and friends for celebratory refreshments in the Council Chambers.

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**Cllr Graham Emmett
Town Mayor**