

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9th MAY, 2022

Present:

Cllr S Naylor - Town Mayor

Councillors:

Cllr. G. Emmett
Cllr. R. Cernik
Cllr. L. Siddall
Cllr. Ms. J Thomas

Cllr. Miss C. Fox
Cllr. Mrs K Cernik
Cllr. Mrs. J. Illidge
Cllr. M. McNamee

Also present: Chris Shaw
Liza Clansey
Theresa Cash

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

NTC 21/158 PRESENTATION OF GRANT CHEQUES

Cheques were presented to various local community groups which had been agreed at the last meeting of the Grants Committee.

NTC 21/159 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A Gerrard, D. Bowden, A. Lockett, A. Cooper and A. Stott. Cllrs. G Edwards and T Melville did not attend.

NTC 21/160 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. K. Cernik declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council.
Cllr. R. Cernik declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council

NTC 21/161 OPEN FORUM

There were no speakers.

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Cllr. S. Naylor
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NTC 21/162 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 4th April, 2022 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr. C. Fox seconded by Cllr. J. Thomas. Minutes to be signed by the Mayor.
All in favour.

NTC 21/163 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 6.1 To note Grants Committee meeting on Wednesday 30th March 2022.. Minutes attached.
Noted by Cllr. Thomas.
- 6.2 To note Planning and Environment Committee meeting on Wednesday 20th April, 2022.
Minutes attached. Noted by Cllr R Cernik.
- 6.3 To note Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Thursday 21st April, 2022.
Minutes attached. Noted by Cllr. Siddall.

NTC 21/164 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

There were 7 event attended by the Town Mayor and Deputy during April

Thursday 5 th May	SJD 6 th Form	Year 13 Awards Evening
Friday 6 th May	Lord Mayor of Chester	Banquet at Chester Town Hall Deputy Mayor Cllr. G Emmett attended
Wednesday 11 th MAY	Acorn Meadow Care Home	Open Day event
Thursday 12 th May	CW&C	Northwich Jobs Fair Health and Social Care
Friday 13 th	CW&C	Northwich Jobs Fair
Saturday 14 th May	Care UK	Loading a container for Ukraine
Monday 16 th May	Puddle Ducks	Star Teacher Award

The Town Mayor gave update on all events he attended. The Town Mayor also mentioned a recent trip he enjoyed on the 'Daniel Adamson' boat which he very much hopes will be able to be installed within Barons Quay to be admired, and noted it's historical importance.

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NTC 21/165 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

Cemetery Break In

Unfortunately, on Wednesday 4th May our compound was broken into and equipment totalling £3000 was stolen, this included trimmers, blowers, and small battery hand tools. We do have CCTV, and this has been passed to the Police, an insurance claim has been made for the stolen equipment. Some equipment has since been retrieved.

Northwich NOW Festival

The Northwich NOW Festival took place on Saturday 30th April 2022 and saw thousands of visitors in the town for the event. Feedback has been positive on social media. Good comments were also received on the day.

Church Walk Paddling Pool

Church Walk paddling pool will now open on Saturday 28th May with the booking system going live one week prior. As agreed at Full Council there will be an option to make a voluntary donation towards the running costs of the pool when booking.

Vickersway Pergola

The new pergola at Vickersway Park is now installed which is safe and will be long lasting.

Artisan Market

Next market will be Saturday 14th May can members please decide on who will attend.

11.00 am	Cllr. Sam Naylor
12.00 noon	Cllr. Janet Illidge
1.00 pm	Cllr. Graham Emmett
2.00 pm	Cllr. Jane Thomas

NTC 21/166 ADDITIONAL GRASS CUTTING MACHINE

A comprehensive report was provided to Members prior to this meeting. Finance Committee recommended to purchase the Roberine F3 Reg P020 DLD EX DEMO with hours 151,4 x new tyres, new set of flails and 12 months warranty.

£29,000.00 + vat, less Chipper Part Ex £6,250.00 + vat = Total Purchase Cost = £22,750.00

Proposed by Cllr. Emmett, seconded by Cllr. Siddall. All in favour.

Approved

NTC 21/167 DANE VALLEY AND WITTON AMENDED CEMETERY FEES

A comprehensive report was provided to members prior to this meeting and it was agreed that upon the recommendation from Finance Committee to make the amendments which is broadly in line with other Burial Authorities. The updated list of all Burial fees was provided and is available on our website. Proposed by Cllr. Emmett and seconded by Cllr. R Cernik to accept the changes. All in favour.

Approved

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NTC 21/168 SANCTUM 2000 VAULTS – NEW SECTION

ATC gave background. Within Witton Cemetery we have Sanctum 2000 vaults situated close to the Railway line, which have proved extremely popular since being installed in 2011. All vaults have now been sold or reserved in this area so consideration needs to be given to other areas as demand for these remain high. The area that appears to be most suitable is on the right hand side of the cemetery just through the main entrance. Plans for this would include a bench, flower bed and refurbished stonework to accommodate a further 100 Sanctum 2000 vaults. Finance Committee have agreed that the Town Clerk obtains costs for the refurbishment and installation of vaults. Proposed by Cllr. K. Cernik and seconded by Cllr. Illidge. All in favour.

Approved

NTC 21/169 TELEPHONE SYSTEM

ATC gave background to a report provided to members prior to this meeting. The office telephone system is over 20 years old and is not now fit for purpose. Four quotations have been received to replace and upgrade the system. All 4 companies offer similar phone systems and similar prices which are in line with what NTC currently pays, with a small increase. Finance Committee are happy for NTC make the decision on which quote to accept. NTC consider Lili the best one to accept. Proposed by Cllr. Thomas and seconded by Cllr. Emmett. All in favour.

Approved

NTC 21/170 CO-OPTIONS

There have been applications received in response to the Councillor vacancy adverts. Following on from last Council meeting it was agreed that a 3 person panel be set up to undertake interviews with applicants. Councillors McNamee, Siddall, Fox agreed to become the panel with Cllr. Naylor held in reserve. Members will now decide a suitable meeting time and date when interviews can take place.

Resolved

NTC 21/171 SUMMER ACTIVITY FUND 2022

Members discussed the contents of a report provided to them by the TC in relation to ASB activity in the town. The following initiatives for the remainder of 2022 have been agreed with partners including Northwich BID, Barons Quay, Cheshire Police, Brio Leisure, Edsential and Northwich Plaza. Plaza Disco in June, September, October and December. A Party in the Park in July, Summer Fitness Camps at Brio, Summer Fun Days at Vickersway Park organised by RWT. Cinema Nights every 2 weeks. It is proposed that NTC support with a financial contribution of £1500 which will be match funded by Northwich BID, Barons Quay and Rudheath and Witton Together (RWT). All venues will be supervised and it is the intention on Plaza Night to invite partners like The Boxing Club. Cllr. Siddall commented this initiative is much needed. Cllr. R Cenik advised he has a contact at the Youth Club. Cllr. K Cernik advised he is still working with Localities to find a suitable premises for the Boxing Club. Also suggested there could be competitions held. Town Mayor, Cllr. Naylor commented it is vital that NTC do all it can to engage young people.

Proposed by Cllr. Fox, seconded by Cllr. McNamee to make the contribution as described.

Approved

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**Cllr. S. Naylor
Town Mayor**

NTC 21/172 SCHOOL JUBILEE TREE PLANTING

NTC have invited the following schools to plant a tree in their grounds to mark the Queen's Jubilee. The Mayor will attend each planting and help plant the trees with a commemorative plaque installed to mark the occasion. Total cost of this initiative is £700.

Schools taking part are Victoria Road, Witton Church Walk, Leftwich, Charles Darwin, Winnington Park and Cloughwood School. Proposed by Cllr. Emmett, seconded by Cllr. McNamee. All in favour.

Approved

NTC 21/173 CW&C COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr. R Cernik mentioned Foster4Fortnight. Lots of information available in respect of Fostering. Cllr. K Cernik advised on the air pollution matter and that data available is not accurate. Biggest polluter is traffic. Government consultation is looking at hydrogen power. Live monitoring is at high cost and CW&C are looking to roll out alternative. Cllr. Fox remarked that pollution levels will fall gradually with the introduction of electric cars. Pollution concentrates where there is a build up of standing traffic. Cllr. K Cernik advised a campaign to ask drivers to switch off idle engines. Cllr. Naylor has been contacted by Agents for NPL Development in respect of a development in Griffiths Park. Proposal for houses and a Care Home on site. Agents reported that CW&C with Sports England were in favour of this, but it is learned that CW&C have not made any such agreement. Cllr. Siddall attended a public meeting at Rudheath in respect of this and opposition and disapproval to development was voiced by a large turnout of residents who are very concerned. Green space is precious and this Park is regularly used. Cllr. Fox explained the planning process. Cllr. Thomas wished to register her thanks to the Organisers for setting up the Public Meeting. TC suggested that the Campaign for Air Pollution be taken to the next Amenities Committee meeting.

NTC 21/174 OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. Siddall mentioned the NOW Festival enjoyed by the large numbers that attended recently. Cllr. Naylor has spoken to Orsted regarding the smells around Manchester Road, LSEP is continuing apace and are looking at production to commence in 2025.

NTC 21/175 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next Full Council Meeting will be held on Monday 6th June, 2022 at 6.00 pm.

Meeting ended at 7.45 p.m.

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**Cllr. S. Naylor
Town Mayor**

Part B

In accordance with the 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 21/176 WORKING GROUP