

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 6th JUNE, 2022

Present:

Cllr G. Emmett - Town Mayor

Councillors:

Cllr. S. Naylor
Cllr. L. Siddall
Cllr. Ms. J Thomas
Cllr. A. Cooper
Cllr. Mrs. A. Lockett

Cllr. D. Bowden
Cllr. Mrs. J. Illidge
Cllr. M. McNamee
Cllr. A. Stott
Cllr. Ms G. Edwards joined the Meeting at 6.30.

Also present: Chris Shaw Town Clerk
Liza Clansey Assistant Town Clerk
Theresa Cash Council Secretary/Mayor's P.A.

NTC 22/01 PRESENTATION OF PAST MAYOR'S MEDAL

The Town Mayor presented outgoing Town Mayor Cllr. Sam Naylor with a Past Mayor's commemorative medal.

NTC 22/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A Gerrard, R. Cernik, K. Cernik. Cllrs. T Melville and C. Fox did not attend.

NTC 22/03 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.

NTC 22/04 OPEN FORUM

There were no speakers.

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Cllr. G. Emmett Town Mayor

NTC 22/05 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 9th May, 2022 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record. Minutes attached.

Proposed by Cllr. Thomas seconded by Cllr. Siddall. Minutes to be signed by the Mayor. All in favour.

NTC 22/06 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 6.1 To note Town and Parish meeting on Friday 6th May 2022. Minutes attached. Proposed by Cllr. Siddall, seconded by Cllr. Naylor. All in favour.
- 6.2 To note the Annual General Meeting on Monday 16th May, 2022. Minutes attached. Proposed by Cllr. Siddall, seconded by Cllr. Lockett. All in favour.
- 6.3 The Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting was not held on 23rd May, 2022. Meeting was not quorate.
- 6.4 To note the Planning and Environment discussion meeting held virtually on Thursday 26th May, 2022. Noted by Cllr. Cooper.

NTC 22/07 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

There were 12 events attended by both Town Mayors during May

ATTENDED BY	OUTGOING MAYOR	CLLR. SAM NAYLOR
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
Wednesday 11 th May	Acorn Meadow Care Home	Open Day event
Thursday 12 th May	CW&C	Northwich Jobs Fair Health and Social Care
Saturday 14 th May	Care UK	Loading a container for Ukraine
Monday 16 th May	Puddle Ducks	Star Teacher Award Nominations
ATTENDED BY	INCOMING MAYOR	CLLR. GRAHAM EMMETT
21 st May	St Helen's Church	St Helen's Day Celebration
21 st May	KMTC	Shrek The Musical
Wednesday 25 th May	Church Walk School	Community picnic lunch
Thursday 26 th May	NTC	Jubilee tree planting at 6 schools
Friday 27 th May	Charles Darwin School	Sports Day opening
Saturday 28 th May	NTC	Opening of Church Walk Paddling Pool

Updates were given by both Town Mayors on the events they attended.

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Greenbank Station Shelter

The long awaited shelter at Greenbank Rail Station is now open for passengers to use. Northwich Town Council contributed £2000 towards this initiative along with other partners.

Verdin Park

The entrance to Verdin Park now resurfaced and additional drainage installed, the gates now open inwards. The gates will only be open during events in the park and event organisers will take full responsibility for any damage incurred.

Crossing Points in Northwich

Cllr Siddall wished to address Members about certain areas in Northwich, traffic signalled but not pedestrian friendly. Cllrs. Naylor and Cooper has raised this matter with CW&C requesting a safety audit, and will also be raised with Highways Dept.

Youth Provision

The youth provision initiative in Northwich is now almost organised, activities will include

- Police discos at the Plaza
- Party in The Park (Verdin Park)
- Vickersway Park activity days throughout the summer holidays
- Brio Leisure activities
- Odeon cinema nights

All this activity is being funded and organised by NTC, R&WT, Northwich Police, Northwich BID, EdSential and Barons Quay.

Northwich Beacon Lighting

On Thursday 2nd June the Queen's Jubilee was celebrated by lighting a beacon at Verdin Park, this event was very well attended. The Town Mayor Cllr Graham Emmett lit the beacon supported by the head boy and head girl of Church Walk School.

Verdin Park Music Festival

Saturday 4th June saw the return of the Verdin Park Music Festival which was again very well attended. The event started at 1.00 pm and saw a number of bands play throughout the day and into the evening. The event finished with a firework display at 10.00 pm to celebrate the Queen's jubilee. A massive thank you to our Town Mayor Cllrs Emmett and Thomas who worked tirelessly on the NTC bar and litter picked with our staff. Also Adam Gerrard from the BID, Cllr Alison Gerrard, Cllr Andrew Cooper and all the volunteers from ONE Northwich.

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Cllr. G. Emmett Town Mayor

Artisan Market

Next market will be Saturday 11th June members attending as follows:-

11.00 am Cllr. G Emmett – Town Mayor

12.00 noon Cllr. M. McNamee

1.00 pm Cllr. Ms. J. Thomas

2.00 pm Cllrs. G Emmett and J. Thomas.

Cllr. Illidge mentioned complaints she has received from members of the public whilst on the Artisan Market last month. These consisted of enquiries regarding the building at the bottom of Castle Hill, this has been a contentious issue over many years. Cllr. Cooper advised that CW&C are aware of this and further discussion took place among members.

Cllr. Naylor also mentioned contact he has had with a member of the Brunner family enquiring as to the future of the Brunner statues. The removal of the statues from Winnington to Pocket Park will be very expensive to move the short distance but is confident we can secure funding.

NTC 22/09 EAR MARKED RESERVES

A full report of Ear Marked Reserves and planned capita; expenditure was distributed to Members prior to this meeting for consideration. Proposed by Cllr. Naylor, seconded by Cllr. Cooper. All in favour.

Approved

NTC 22/10 COUNCILLORS CO-OPTION

Cllr. Naylor spoke as one of the panel members interviewing candidates and was impressed with the quality, they will offer value to the community. Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. Naylor. All in favour to accept five applicants.

Approved.

NTC 22/11 EVENTS

TC gave update. Upcoming events that NTC are involved with, include Krazy Races on 26th June. An all day event with food, drink and activities available at Verdin Park. Racing will take place down Castle Hill. Pina Colada on 20th August.

NTC 22/12 CW&C COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr. Cooper advised CW&C are preparing a bid to Central Government to cover a number of improvements. Expected outcome of the bid is expected by end of the year. Cllrs. Naylor and Cooper are jointly working for a solution to solve the swimming pool problem for Primary Schools since Sir John Deane's have closed permanently their pool. Working with CW&C Public Health, Brio and Vale Royal Schools Partnership. Brio can possibly reconfigure their schedule to accommodate Primary Schools. There is a need for Swimming Teachers and NTC are looking for a suitable Course for Schoolteachers to qualify. With the growth on the Town a long term solution needs to be found. Cllrs. K Cernik and Cooper have met with Tiny Steps and the Downs Syndrome Group to obtain suitable premises. Cllr. Naylor had a recent trip on the Daniel Adamson Steamboat and had useful discussion with C&RT in respect of dredging the River. Would ideally like to get the Daniel Adamson to Barons Quay.

HS2 - CW&C agree to formally oppose the hybrid Bill. Cllr. Cooper explained the ongoing process.

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NTC 22/13 OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. Siddall is working with Cllr. R Cernik in respect of the Youth Centre sessions. Trial of 6 weeks.

NTC 22/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next Full Council Meeting will be held on Monday 4th July, 2022 at 6.00 pm.

Meeting ended at 6.50 p.m.

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Cllr. G. Emmett Town Mayor