

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2023

Present:

Cllr G. Emmett

Town Mayor

Councillors:

Cllr. S. Bennett

Cllr. B. Holland

Cllr. A. Stott

Cllr. S. Naylor

Cllr. Mrs J. Illidge

Cllr. L. Siddall

Cllr. Mrs K Cernik

Cllr. Ms. J Macdonald

Also present: Chris Shaw
Liza Clansey
Theresa Cash

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

NTC 22/95 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. D. Bowden,(LOA) R. Cernik, A. Cooper, O. Dean, G. Edwards, C. Fox, A. Gerrard, A. Lockett, M. McNamee, T Melville, J Thomas and R Waterman.

NTC 22/96 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

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

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

Cllr S. Naylor declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council.

NTC 22/97 OPEN FORUM

There were no speakers

NTC 22/98 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 12th December, 2022 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record.

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

NTC 22/99 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.1 To note the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Monday 19th December 2022. Noted by Cllr. K. Cernik.

There was no Planning and Environment meeting held in December.

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Cllr. G. Emmett Town Mayor

NTC 22/100 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

There were 10 events attended by the Town Mayor and Deputy during December

Friday 2 nd December	NTC	Tree of Lights
Sunday 4 th December	St Luke's Hospice	Light Up A Life
Sunday 11 th December	The Grange Theatre	Sleeping Beauty Panto Deputy Mayor attended
Tuesday 13 th December	Sarah Belcher Events Ltd	Northwich Krazy Races Charity Press Launch
14 th December	Sir John Deane's	Spirit of Christmas
Friday 16 th December	Changing Lives Cheshire	Awards Afternoon
Tuesday 20 th December	Covid19families UK	Candlelight 4 Christmas
Wednesday 21 st December	Cheshire Police Northwich	Young People Awards ceremony Deputy Mayor accompanied Town Mayor
Thursday 22 nd December	St Helen's Church	Christmas Drop In
Friday 23 rd December	Bethel Church	Christmas Drop In Deputy Mayor attended

Updates were given by the Town Mayor on the events they have attended.

NTC 22/101 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

Northwich Skate Park

As discussed at the last Full Council meeting we have now been successful in our funding application to FCC Communities for £100,000, this is a great achievement and means that we are almost there with the funding requirements for this project to now go ahead.

We have also been successful in our application to Spacehive and we have received £16,000 towards the project from CW&C Council.

Next steps are to finalise the plans, appoint a contractor and look to start the project in the Spring.

Christmas Lights & Trees

Our Christmas lights and trees have started to be removed along with our contract schemes throughout the borough. Lights will be stored within our containers and all trees will be chipped and composted.

Old Hall Road

The new inclusive equipment has now been installed at Old Hall Road.

Vickersway Park/Verdin Park

Our staff are now undertaking winter works within our parks.

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Cllr. G. Emmett Town Mayor

NTC 22/102 NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY

Town Clerk gave a brief background as to the origins of the Town Councillor presence at the monthly Artisan Market.

The Northwich Artisan Market has been the location for these surgeries for the last 7 years and have proved popular with residents who are visiting the town centre. These surgeries are beneficial before a large event to get as much marketing material out as possible to ensure the events are well attended. We also have leaflets when available to promote local organisations/services and other organisations will come on the stand with us to promote their events.

Members were given two proposals as to the future of these, as some sessions are poorly visited and residents not always sure who we are.

Cllr Siddall commented that it is important to engage with the public, footfall volume greatly increases on these days, but would like to see something additional, but certainly to carry on in the same manner. Cllr. Holland would like to see up to date leaflets available on our stand. Cllr. Naylor commented that the Artisan market attracts visitors from outside our area, and we need to promote and identify further who we are. Cllr. Cernik suggested Councillor badges to identify them. This will be reviewed following the Local Government elections in May when all new Councillors will have a badge provided to them. It was proposed by Cllr. Macdonald and seconded by Cllr. Siddall that the best option is that described above.

Resolved

NTC 22/103 DUKE OF EDINBURGH FUNDING

As Cllr. R Cernik was not present to give an update, this item will be deferred to next meeting.

NTC 22/104 CW&C COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr. K Cernik anticipates activities within the borough will be very busy leading up to the Local Government Elections this coming May.

It is hoped that Northwich will become a dementia friendly town, and wants support from Members. A message will be sent out shortly outlining support needed.

Cllr. Holland wanted to register his thanks to CW&C Councillors for the new cycle and walkway in Chester.

Cllr. Illidge asked regarding the Brunner statues and their removal to a new site. Cllr. Naylor advised there is slow progress being made. Transportation costs quoted already have been prohibitive so are looking at possible alternatives.

Cllr. Siddall thanked Cllr Naylor for his intervention regarding car parking time restrictions in relation to the old market place.

NTC 22/105 OUTSIDE BODIES

No reports given.

NTC 22/106 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next Full Council Meeting will be held on Monday 6th February, 2023 at 6.00 pm.
Meeting ended at 6.25 p.m.

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Cllr. G. Emmett Town Mayor