

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL

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Northwich
town council

DATE: 25th June 2023

To: The Members of Northwich Town Council

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the at the **Council Chamber, 78 Church Road, Northwich, CW9 5PB** held on **Monday 3rd July 2023 at 6.00pm.**

Yours Sincerely

Chris Shaw

Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Long Service Award

Town Mayor to present Simon Ashbrook with a long service award after 40 years of service.

2. To receive a presentation from Peak Cluster

3. Apologies for absence or absence

4. Declaration of interest

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

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

5. 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.

6. Signing of the Minutes

- 6.1 Of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 5th June 2023. Minutes attached.
 - 6.2 Of the Extraordinary meeting held on Friday 23rd June 2023. Minutes attached.
- Members are required to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record**

7. Reports of Committees

- 7.1 To note Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 19th June 2023. Minutes attached.
- 7.2 To note Planning & Environment Committee discussion held on Monday 20th of June 2023. Minutes attached.

- 8. Town Mayor's Communication**
List of civic events that the Town Mayor has attended during the last month (attached)
- 9. Town Clerk's Report**
Report attached
- 10. Northwich Skate Park**
To receive a report on the progress of the project (report attached)
- 11. Verdin Park Music Festival**
To receive a report on the recent Music Festival and to consider holding again next year (report attached)
[Decision of the Council is Requested](#)
- 12. Ear Marked Reserves to be approved**
To receive a report on this years EMR
[Decision of the Council is Requested](#)
- 13. CW&C Councillor Updates**
To receive updates from Members
- 14. Outside Bodies**
To receive an update from any member attending meetings of outside bodies
- 15. Date of next meeting**
The next meeting will be Monday 4th September 2023 at 6.00pm due to August recess.

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 6th June 2023

Present:

Cllr Jane Thomas

Town Mayor

Councillors:

Cllr Joanne Callaghan
Cllr Kate Cernik
Cllr Bob Cernik
Cllr Andrew Cooper
Cllr Olwyn Dean
Cllr Graham Emmett
Cllr Catherine Fox
Cllr Catriona Stewart
Cllr Rachel Waterman

Cllr Andy Kent
Cllr Julie Macdonald
Cllr Tom Melville
Cllr Sam Naylor
Cllr Patricia Parkes
Cllr Arthur Neil
Cllr Lee Siddall
Cllr Andy Stott

Also present:

Chris Shaw
Liza Clansey

Town Clerk
Assistant Town Clerk

NTC 23/01 PAST MAYORS BADGE PRESENTATION

Mayor Cllr Jane Thomas presented Cllr Graham Emmett with his Past Mayors badge, she said it has been a pleasure working alongside Graham this last year and learning from him. Graham expressed how much he had enjoyed being Mayor the past year.

NTC 23/02 CHESHIRE SEARCH AND RESCUE

Two representatives from Cheshire Search and Rescue Team were presented with a cheque from the Mayor for £1100.00 towards PPE ELEV8 helmets. This funding was from the late Mayor Cllr Kevin Rimmer's charity account.

Cheshire Search and Rescue was formed in 2004 following the disappearance of a teenage girl and started as a group of community spirited individuals with little more than high visibility jackets and torches. Today, the team takes pride in being extremely well trained and equipped and committed to maintaining professional standards and developing the team and individual members to make an even greater contribution to the people of Cheshire.

The primary function of the team is to assist Cheshire Police with searches for vulnerable missing people. But the team also has capability for flood response, evidence searching and assisting other emergency services as the need arises.

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Cllr Jane Thomas Town Mayor

Covering all 904 square miles (2.34 billion square metres) of Cheshire, the varied terrain includes rural land, towns and cities, moorland, forest, and some very steep ground. This means members must be prepared to tackle areas far different to the Cheshire Plains.

NTC 23/03 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Alison Gerrard, Cllr Janet Illidge & Cllr Amy Lockett

NTC 23/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

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

Cllr Andrew Cooper declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council

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

Cllr Arthur Neil declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council

Cllr Olwyn Dean declared an interest in any matters relating to Rudheath Parish Council

NTC 23/05 OPEN FORUM

There were no speakers

NTC 23/06 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2023 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr Olwyn Dean and seconded by Cllr Kate Cernik, all agreed.

The minutes of the Town and Parish meeting held on Friday 6th May 2023 and the minutes of the AGM held on Monday 15th May 2023 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr Bob Cernik and seconded by Cllr Patricia Parkes, all agreed.

Minutes were signed by the Mayor at the end of the meeting.

Date.....

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Cllr Jane Thomas Town Mayor

NTC 23/07 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

To note Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 22nd of May 2023

Noted by Cllr Lee Siddall

To note Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 29th of May 2023

Noted by Cllr Andy Stott

NTC 23/08 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

There were events attended by the Town Mayor and Deputy during May		
Sunday 7 th May 2023	Barons Quay, Northwich	Kings Coronation Event
Monday 8 th May	Lostock Lodge	Jubilee Celebrations
Sunday 21 st May 2023	Chester Cathedral, Chester	Annual Civic Service
Saturday 27 th May 2023	Northwich Cricket Club	Afternoon Tea
Friday 26 th June 2023	Church Walk Paddling Pool	Promotion for Northwich River Festival
Wednesday 31 st May 2023	Church Walk Playground	Accessible Roundabout opening

NTC 23/08 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

Northwich Skatepark

Final plans have now been agreed with the contractor and we are hoping to begin the build mid-June. Construction will be around 9 weeks weather permitting and I will keep members informed with regular updates.

Friendly Bench

The Friendly bench is now fully installed and was officially opened by the Town Mayor on Friday 2nd June, representatives also attended from the Care Community and the Friendly Bench organisation. A big thank you to Cllr Kate Cernik who was influential in getting the funding with the Care Community.

Grub Club/Spring Food Festival

These events continue to be popular and are well attended, we will continue to offer support to the event organiser.

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Cllr Jane Thomas Town Mayor

Vickersway Park

Shop is now fully open and being well used.

Church Walk Paddling Pool

Church walk paddling pool opened on Saturday 27th May, the booking system is working well and this year bookings are being taken through the Visit Northwich website.

Kings Coronation

The Kings Coronation took place in Barons Square on Sunday 7th May and was well attended with crowds listening to Roberts Bakery Band, acoustic performances and violin and saxophone players

Accessible Roundabout

The town Mayor officially opened the newly installed accessible roundabout at Church Walk play area on Wednesday 31st May along with representatives from Oakmere Toyota who part funded the purchase and installation.

Verdin Park Music Festival

Next weekend we have the Verdin Park music festival taking place on Friday/Saturday /Sunday, this is promising to be a fantastic event with an amazing line up of artists set to perform.

We have a fairground, food, Hush brewery bar, prosecco, wine, coffee, cakes and much more.

Verdin Park Gates

The railings next to Verdin Park gates have now been painted and are looking really good at the entrance to the park.

NTC 23/09 JDH SECOND INTERNAL AUDIT 22-23

Members were presented with JDH Second Internal Audit 22/23 showing issues raised, recommendations and our follow-ups which are yet to be completed.

Proposed Cllr Catherine Fox and seconded Tom Melville, all agreed

NTC 23/10 GIVE AND GAIN

In previous years Northwich Town Council and partners have worked together to improve areas and tidy up grot spots around the town. Following discussions, a few members have asked what the possibility is of NTC looking at starting this initiative again.

Members were passionate to move this forward. This was discussed at length and ideas such as involving local businesses, local organisations, and the community. Identifying key sites. Identifying key groups. Talking with private landowners. Considering the public health issues. Seeing if funding is available in some areas. Long term maintenance in some areas. Pride in maintaining areas by community and maybe a competition for best areas. Setting up a subgroup to report back to Council. The name of the committee will also be decided at the first meeting.

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Cllr Jane Thomas Town Mayor

18.26 – Cllr Graham Emmitt left the meeting

Sub Group to consist of : Cllr Olwyn Dean, Cllr Lee Siddall, Cllr Joanne Callaghan, Cllr Arthur Neil, and Cllr Sam Naylor

Meeting: in the council offices Wednesday 21st June at 6pm

Proposed by Cllr Olwyn Dean, seconded by Cllr Catherine Fox, all agreed.

18.32 Cllr Graham Emmitt jointed the meeting again

NTC 23/11 CW&C COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllr Arthur Neil has been speaking with Castle residents and has also been speaking to a bus company regarding the bus routes.

Cllr Sam Naylor commented that this was the first meeting since the elections, and he's really pleased with the mix of NTC councillors. CW&C are just getting back into things since the election.

Cllr Andrew Cooper has been doing a lot of casework.

Bollington Avenue in Leftwich has had incorrect signpost since the properties were built and in poor state and rusting. With help from Cllr Joanne Callaghan this sign now looks great and correctly displays the right numbers.

The groundwork at Weaver Square has started. Once this is completed, they will establish what height/build they will be able to construct depending on ground conditions.

The library continues to move forward. They have found a lot of asbestos on site. Weaver Hall continues to remain the temporary library for now and is doing a really good job.

Dane Valley open forest continues to move on, and fingers crossed planting will be in September.

The railway station is being rebuilt. Northern rail has still not come back regarding the application for the disabled and pram access. There is a Mid Cheshire rial meeting due soon.

Cllr Olwyn Dean updated members that many of the potholes around Rudheath are being filled. Rudheath and Northwich and Shipbrook Road are being resurfaced. Cllr Sam Naylor said the contractors filling in the potholes in Rudheath are doing a really good job.

Cllr Patricia Parkes commented that future building developments should put roads back in the condition they were before the heavy vehicles damage the roads during building work instead of being allowed to leave them in such a poor state.

Cllr Lee Siddall asked Cllr Sam Naylor for an update regarding the River Weaver and River Dee. Cllr Naylor chaired a task group and has been working on river pollution in Cheshire rivers and open water swimming for the last two years. CW&C are also looking into water quality and river pollution. The next step will be to look at the River Weaver. Cllr Siddall said there is no data available regarding the state of the rivers. If Cllr Siddall can get together some information Cllr Naylor will look at this.

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Cllr Jane Thomas Town Mayor

NTC 23/12 OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Olwyn Dean informed members that the Rudheath Clerk is off sick at the moment and any contact should be made with Cllr Olwyn Dean or Cllr Alison Gerrard until she returns.

Cllr Graham Emmett asked Cllr Olwyn Dean for an update on St Johns Field – Rudheath PC applied for an asset of community value status which was granted. NPL requested a freedom of information request. They were trying to prove that CW&C had not followed procedure.

NPL have now withdrawn their objection as they were informed everything had been carried out correctly by CW&C. This does not in itself stop the development going forward. NPL with either press ahead or they will try and sell the land. Rudheath PC are now working with someone that has experience in this field and hope that they will be able to help.

Cllr Bob Cernik reported that ELSEP Lostock planning application was refused back in December last year by the secretary of state. Last month they put in an almost identical proposal with an increase in the amount of material they wanted to burn. There was not a lot of difference between the last proposal and the new one. Cllr Bob Cernik has sent a letter on behalf of NTC saying there is no credible mitigation sited that go anyway towards addressing our concerns that we expressed in our original letter of objection along with a copy of the original letter.

The Mayor thanked Councillors for their hard work regarding this.

NTC 23/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next Full Council Meeting will be Monday 3rd July at 6pm.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7.30pm.

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Cllr Jane Thomas Town Mayor

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 23RD JUNE 2023

Members Present: Cllr Ms J Callaghan, Cllr A Cooper, Cllr Ms C Fox, Cllr A Kent,
Cllr Ms J Macdonald, Cllr Ms P Parkes, Cllr S Naylor, Cllr L Sidall
Cllr Ms C Stewart, Cllr A Stott, Cllr Ms J Thomas

Also Present: Chris Shaw Town Clerk
Cath Kirwan Finance Officer

EXT 23/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were given by Cllr Mrs K Cernik, Cllr B Cernik, Cllr Mrs O Dean, Cllr Ms A Gerrard, Cllr Mrs J Illidge, Cllr A Neil, Cllr Ms R Waterman

EXT 23/02 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.

EXT 23/03 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN

TC discussed the AGAR figures with members which were approved to be sent off to the External Auditors.

Proposed Cllr Ms C Fox seconded by Cllr Ms C Stewart

all agreed

EXT 23/04 YEAR END AUDIT – FROM JDH BUSINESS SERVICES

The internal audit from JDH Business Services for 2022/23 issues, recommendations and follow ups were discussed in detail with members which were accepted.

Proposed Cllr A Stott seconded Cllr Ms C Fox

all agreed

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.15pm

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Cllr Ms J Thomas
Town Mayor

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 19th JUNE 2023 at 6.30 pm

Members Present : Cllr S Naylor
Cllr Ms J Thomas
Cllr Ms C Fox
Cllr Ms R Waterman
Cllr Ms A Gerrard
Cllr Ms K Cernik
Cllr L Siddall

Also Present : Chris Shaw - Town Clerk
Cath Kirwan – Finance Officer/Town Clerks PA

FIN23/09 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Ms J Macdonald, and Cllr T Melville.

FIN 23/10 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of interest were given by Cllr S Naylor in relation to CW&C, Cllr Ms A Gerrard in relation to Rudheath Parish Council and Cllr Ms R Waterman to Changing Lives Together.

FIN 23/11 **SIGNING OF THE MINUTES**

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 15th May 2023 and noted at Full Council meeting on Monday 5th June 2023 were approved.

Proposed Cllr Ms K Cernik, seconded Cllr Ms R Waterman, all agreed

FIN 23/12 **DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE BY BUDGET**

TC & FO answered various members questions relating to budget headings.

- 4010/100 - Travel Allowance
- 4120/100 - Holidays
- 4557/105 - Church Walk Roundabout
- 4247/135 - Plaza Events
- 4525/130 – Building Projects

Proposed Cllr Ms C Fox, seconded Cllr Ms R Waterman, all agreed

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Cllr Lee Siddall
Chair

FIN 23/13 BACS DUE FOR PAYMENT

Bacs payments and direct debit figure approved £86,027.75

Proposed by Cllr Ms J Thomas and seconded by Cllr Ms C Fox, all agreed

FIN 23/14 BANK PAYMENTS TO BE CHECKED BY FINANCE

Members approved evidence for payments made in April 23 (March 23 invoices)

Cheshire Ice Cream - £724.71
Rainbow Slush – £156.00

Proposed by Cllr Ms J Thomas seconded by Cllr R Waterman, all agreed

Members picked two suppliers from May payments (April invoices), evidence to be brought to finance meeting in July 2023

Sharkeyes Pirates - £400.00
Asbestos Associated UK Limited - £1794.00

Proposed by Cllr Ms R Waterman seconded by Cllr Ms. J Thomas, all agreed

FIN 23/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting Monday 17th July 2023 at 6.30pm

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.05pm

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**Cllr Lee Siddall
Chair**

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 20th JUNE 2023

Members Present

Cllr A Stott	Cllr Jo Callaghan
Cllr Andy Kent	Cllr Siddall
Cllr Janet Illidge	
Cllr Andrew Coper	

Also present Mr Chris Shaw – Town Clerk

PL 23/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, OR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Parkes, Cllr Stewart, Cllr Illidge, Cllr. Miss C. Fox, Cllr. Olwyn Dean

PL 23/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

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

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

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

PL 23/08 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

Of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 30th May 2023 and were noted at the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 5th June 2023. Proposed by Cllr Andy Stott as he was the only member present at the previous meeting.

PL 23/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. 42 - 44 Station Road Northwich CW9 5RB
Change of use from a fire training facility (sui generis) to a car showroom/service (Class F1)
23/01575/FUL

Members raised concerns over limited number of car parking spaces for the amount of potential visitors to the building. Members also noted the lack of disabled parking and cycle parking on site.

2. 57 Moss Road Northwich CW8 4BH
1 x lombardy poplar (to left of garden) - request to fell to ground level 2 x lombardy Poplars (to rear of garden) - request to fell to ground level or pollard to safe height
23/01744/TPO

Refer to Tree Officer

3. 119 - 125 Middlewich Road Northwich CW9 7BY
Renovation of 2No. commercial premises at ground floor level to include extensions at rear with additional residential accommodation provided above at first floor level
23/01727/FUL

No Comment

4. 38 Withington Close Northwich CW9 8BD
Removal of Sycamore
23/01753/TPO

Refer to Tree Officer

PL 23/11 NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th July 2023 at 6.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.05 pm.

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Cllr A Stott - Chair

Report to : Full Council

Meeting Date : 3rd July 2023

Agenda Item : 8

Prepared By : Cath Kirwan

Subject : Town Mayors Communications



There were events attended by the Town Mayor and Deputy during June		
2nd June	The Friendly Bench opening, Vickersway Park	<i>Photograph to launch The Friendly Bench</i>
8 th June	Krazy Races Launch, Verdin Park	<i>Photograph to launch the Krazy Races! Exciting times and looking forward to the actual event!</i>
13th June	Grozone, Northwich	<i>Big Green Week event to see all the great environmental and sustainable activities that are happening at The Grozone Northwich.</i>
16th June	Freedom Ceremony, Northwich Town Council	<i>Thank you to all attended. Stunning words from Sam, Andrew and Paul to show our appreciation for a stunning former Councillor and now Freeman of the town. It was a lovely ceremony and many thanks to our amazing staff for putting on a lovely spread to celebrate this achievement.</i>
16 th June	146 Squadron	<i>The Mayor attended this ceremony to show my support and appreciation of these remarkable young cadets. The range of opportunities that these youngsters are awarded is immense thanks to the outstanding dedication of staff volunteers. Northwich 146 consistently scores in the top 5 squadrons county wide – over 950 different sections in the country.</i> <i>The cadets are able to enjoy courses on:</i> <i>Radio communications, Cyber communications, Leadership, music, first aid, swimming, shooting, flying, D of E and complete BTech qualifications</i> <i>They are an amazing group of individuals and if anyone can spare the time to visit and see what they do, you</i>

		<i>would be extremely impressed! They would be really happy to have other volunteers to support this group.</i>
20 th June	Northwich Skate Park, Northwich	<i>Thank you to those who came!</i>
20th June	Mid Cheshire Scouts AGM, Northwich Cricket Club, Moss Farm	<i>Another amazing group of volunteers who support our children from the age of 4 years. There are currently 1199 scouts in mid-Cheshire; 897 children and 302 adult supporters.</i> <i>There are over 300 more children on waiting lists!</i> <i>They would like more volunteers!</i> <i>These pupils also take part in tasks to develop lifelong skills: orienteering, hiking, rafting BTEch studies, Bake off, camping D of E etc etc.</i> <i>They would really like to volunteer for any activity as it supports their badges for community involvement and also helps develop the Scouts visibility and reputation.</i> <i>Please think of inviting them if you have an activity that you would like them to support!</i>
21st June	Krazy Races Scrutineer Event, Cheshire Roof Repairs, Parkview, Mobberley Rd, Knutsford	<i>Had a lovely time looking at carts and chatting to the organizers and other racers</i>
22nd June	Neuromuscular Centre (NMC), Neuromuscular Centre (NMC), Winsford	<i>Open Day</i>
22nd June	Sir John Deanes College	<i>A wonderful evening celebrating the successes of pupils from a huge range of schools. These pupils are clearly integrating well into their A levels and are showing aptitude in all areas. We were entertained by one of these talented pupils who sang at the start of the evening.</i>
30th June	Daneside Court, Northwich	<i>Open Day</i>
30th June	Daneside Mews, Northwich	<i>Open Day</i>

Report to : Full Council

Meeting Date : 3rd July 2023

Agenda Item : 9

Prepared By : Chris Shaw

Subject : Town Clerks Report



Summer Bedding

All summer bedding, hanging baskets and barriers are now installed throughout the town centre and towns that employ our services to install their flower displays. This year has been extremely challenging due to the extreme heat but once again our staff have risen to the challenge. Many thanks to them all for their continued commitment to keeping the town and surrounding areas looking full of colour.

In Bloom

We will once again be entering the In Bloom competition following on from our Gold last year. This will once again be led by the BID who will submit the portfolio.

Town Centre Flagpole

We have been approached by CW&C Council to look at installing a flagpole in the town centre that will be managed by NTC, are members in agreement that source quotes and permissions to install the above. Location would be Barons Quay as this is where we are now holding any vigils that take place. I will approach partners for contributions toward cost.

Decision of the Council is requested.

Grub Club

The next Grub Club is July 6th and will once again be situated in Barons Quay.

Northwich River Festival

Northwich River Festival will take place on Saturday 15th July and this time will be just over 1 day, the main event will be the dragon boats and Visit Northwich will have a boat in the race as we defend our win from last year.

Northwich Krazy Races

Krazy Races will be staged this year on Sunday 16th July, following on from a successful event last year we are hoping the event will attract thousands of visitors into the town. We will be entering a kart under the Visit Northwich banner to promote the town and its businesses.

Would any members like to drive the kart or be part of the pit crew for the day helping to promote the town.

Report to : Full Council

Meeting Date : 3rd July 2023

Agenda Item : 10

Prepared By : Chris Shaw

Subject : Skatepark



Work has now begun on the refurbishment of the Northwich Skatepark, as discussed previously the works will take approximately 9/10 weeks.

Throughout the build I will give weekly updates on progress to members and also through our social media platforms.

Once completed we will arrange an opening event, details of this will be worked on as we go through the build and a date will be set to invite the community and partners.

Chris Shaw

Town Clerk

Report to : Full Council

Meeting Date : 3rd July 2023

Agenda Item : 11

Prepared By : Chris Shaw

Subject : Verdin Park Music Festival



The Verdin Park Music Festival took place over 3 days from 9th to 11th June and judging by the positive feedback was an overwhelming success. With increasing costs for medical, security and infrastructure we looked at many ways to save money and generate income.

Income was generated by running our own bar and charging food outlets and the fairground to come onto site. This proved extremely successful and was obviously helped by the fantastic weather we had over the weekend even though the Saturday night was interrupted by the threatening thunder and lightning which thankfully missed us out.

The total cost to stage the event was £23,856 and we generated an income of £18,917 meaning the cost to the Council to stage this 3-day free event for our residents was £4939.

I would like to personally thank all our suppliers, traders, artists but more importantly our staff volunteers and Cllrs who worked so hard over the 3 days, without them this event could not be possible.

We are now being asked if the event will take place next year, we have been approached by partners asking if they can be involved with the event. I also think that if we decide to hold next year it will give us time to look at sponsorship opportunities with local businesses.

I think we have an ideal opportunity to make this 3-day event one of the biggest free music festival in the area so I would like to explore how the next event will look and report back to Council with a proposal.

Decision of the Council is requested.

Chris Shaw

Town Clerk

Report to : Full Council

Meeting Date : 3rd July 2023

Agenda Item : 12

Prepared By : Liza Clansey

Subject : Earmark Reserves



Our earmarked reserves are listed below, these reserves have been approved previously but we need to approve each year as requested by our auditor.

• Teen Wheels	2,000.00	Funding received
• Verdin Park CCTV	4,000.00	Funding received
• Paddling Pool	30,000.00	From budget
• Cemetery Chapel	30,000.00	From budget
• Verdin Park Woodland Trail	9,850.00	Funding received
• Skatepark	20,000.00	From budget
• Verdin Park Improvements	54,000.00	Section 106
• Vickersway Park Pavilion	40,000.00	From budget
• Cemetery Path improvements	35,000.00	From budget

Decision of the Council is requested