

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 3rd JUNE 2024

Present:

Cllr Kate Cernik

Town Mayor

Councillors:

Cllr Andy Kent

Cllr Catriona Stewart

Cllr Julie MacDonald

Cllr Janet Illidge

Cllr Alison Gerrard

Cllr Olwyn Dean

Cllr Lee Siddall

Cllr Patricia Parkes

Cllr Jane Thomas

Cllr Andy Stott

Cllr Bob Cerni

Cllr Arthur Neil

Cllr Jane Thomas

Cllr Sam Naylor

Cllr Graham Emmett

Also present:

Chris Shaw

Cath Kirwan

Chief Officer

Deputy Chief Officer/Responsible Finance Officer

NTC 24/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Amy Lockett, Cllr Tom Melville, Cllr Joanne Callaghan and Cllr Catherine Fox,

NTC 24/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

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

Cllr Patricia Parkes, Cllr Arthur Neil and Cllr Sam Naylor declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council. Cllr Olwyn Dean and Cllr Alison Gerrard declared an interest in any matters relating to Rudheath Parish Council

NTC 24/03 OPEN FORUM

Nobody in attendance

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Cllr Kate Cernik
Town Mayor

NTC 24/04 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

- 4.1 The minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 8th April 2024 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr Bob Cernik and seconded by Cllr Graham Emmett

- 4.2 The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Monday 20th May 2024 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr Bob Cernik and seconded by Cllr Rachel Waterman

- 4.3 The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 20th May 2024 be confirmed and approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr Lee Siddall and seconded by Cllr Rachel Waterman

All agreed.

Minutes to be signed by the Mayor.

NTC 24/05 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 5.1 To note the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Monday 21st May 2024.
Noted by Cllr Lee Siddall
- 5.2 To note the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd April 2024
Noted by Cllr Andrew Stott
- 5.2 To note the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 29th May 2024
Noted by Cllr Andrew Stott

Proposed by Cllr Janet Illidge and seconded by Cllr Lee Siddall

All agreed.

NTC 24/06 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor's diary – May 2024

Town Mayor's Communications	
2 nd May	Sir John Deane's Sixth Form College - Year 13 Awards Evening
23 rd May	KMTC – "Rock of Ages"
31 st May	Rotary Club of Northwich Vale Royal – "Francesco Attesti – Piano Recital"

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NTC 24/07 CHIEF OFFICER REPORT

Members received a report from Chief Officer.

Councillors agree for Northwich Town Council to receive asset transfer for new allotments from Wade Works Development, Hargreaves Road, Rudheath

NOW Northwich

Members discussed the festival at length and agreed it was another great event that the town can be proud of. Some members felt it was not as good as previous years but agreed it did bring a different demographic into the town that may have not visited previously.

Beacon Lighting

Thursday 6th June, lighting of the Beacon and Verdin Park for D-Day

Verdin Park Music Festival

Many thanks to volunteers for the weekend support.

NTC 24/08 POLICE UPDATE

No Police officers attended.

Members would like to invite the new Police and Crime Commissioner and Community Safety Officers to attend our Council meeting to discuss concerns with ASB and staffing.

Proposed by Cllr Catriona Stewart and seconded by Cllr Graham Emmett

All agreed

NTC 24/09 BELMONT ROAD PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT

Members received a report from CO who updated members on the development of this area. A successful consultation with members of the community and councillors and a design has been agreed. There is a mass of equipment and communication boards will be installed. This will be a very exclusive play area. Funding has now been submitted and the outcome will be in September 2024.

Equipment Costs

Play & Leisure (Play equipment)	£40,517.15
Sutcliffe Play (Play equipment)	£6,364.80
Kompan (Play equipment)	£32,499.79
Earth Anchor (Litter bin)	£840.00
Network Vision (CCTV)	£2,823.00
Total Cost	£83,044.74

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*Members agreed to above equipment costs of **£83,044.74***

Proposed by Cllr Catriona Stewart and seconded by Cllr Lee Siddall

All Agreed

Installation Costs

Play & Leisure	£119,728.50
Groundwork & Leisure Services	£99,774.00
Kompan	£115,352.00

Members agreed to award the installation to Groundwork & Leisure Services at a cost of **£99,774.00**

Proposed by Cllr Andrew Stott and seconded by Cllr Graham Emmett

All Agreed

Total Cost of Project

Members to approve total cost of **£182,818.74** to refurbish Belmont Road Play Area

FCC Communities	£94,965.74
Section 106	£85,030
Members Budgets	£1,323
Rudheath & Witton Together	£1500
Total Cost	£182,818.74

Members approved total cost of **£182,818.74** to refurbish Belmont Road Play Area.

Proposed by Cllr Andrew Stott and seconded by Cllr Arthur Neil

All Agreed

Third Party Contribution

Members agreed Third party Contribution of **£10,208.82** to be paid by NTC.

Proposed by Cllr Rachel Waterman and seconded by Cllr Sam Naylor

All Agreed

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NTC 24/10 COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

Councillor Arthur Neil thanked Councillor Andrew Cooper for his commitment and hard work to Northwich Town Council. Councillor Sam Naylor especially thanks Andrew Cooper for his hard work and contribution to the Neighbourhood Plan and Planning committee and wished him all the best with his future. Letter will be drafted to thank him personally.

Proposed by Cllr Catherine Fox and seconded by Cllr Julie McDonald

All agreed.

NTC 24/11 OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Catriona Stewart and Councillor Andy Kent have attended an online meeting with the Friends of Railways regarding accessibility at Northwich Train Station. Have had three successful litter picks at Northwich train station and is working with Tesco to keep the site clean on the entrance. Cllr Stewart informed members on the Art Trail in Barons Quay, Northwich working together with local schools in designing a display board with Welcome to Northwich. This will be funded by the Mid Cheshire Rail Association who has secured funding from Network Rail and Trans Pennine and will be making a grant application to Northwich Town Council to bridge the gap. Northern Rail will be funding the installation of the signs.

Councillor Sam Naylor due to purdah nothing to update from CWAC but is disappointed in the state of the town centre especially near Sainsburys.

Councillor Janet Illidge asked about the Brunner and Mond statues, Councillor Sam Naylor updated members on a meeting that he attended. Tata Chemicals do not contribute to the upkeep of these statues. Unfortunately, the decedents of the family were not willing to contribute to the moving of the statues.

Councillor Graham Emmett updated members on the Grade Two listed Winnington Swing Bridge. Councillor Arthur Neil will be attending the meeting tomorrow on the Land at Winnington Avenue. The projected will have an increase of over 240, 30-ton HGVs crossing this vulnerable structure, each way, daily, for five years is very alarming. Representatives will be attending the planning meeting tomorrow and will be asking questions. Councillor's will be expressing their concerns at the meeting.

Councillor Arthur Neil will be asking for a deferral on this planning application whilst Northwich Town Council raise their concerns.

Councillor Arthur Neil updated members on the green alley ways

Councillor Patricia Parkes commented on the poor state of the grass cut in the area.

Councillor Olwyn Dean has updated members on alleyway at William Street and this is very impressive and other residents are following suite.

Councillor Kate Cernik mentioned Dementia Friendly group and is presenting to Northwich BID about becoming a dementia friendly town and CWAC rangers are doing are arranging a walk. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

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Cllr Kate Cernik
Town Mayor

NTC 24/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Council meeting will be Monday 1st July 2024 at 6.00 pm

Meeting closed 7.45pm.

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Cllr Kate Cernik
Town Mayor