

**Middlewich Town Council
Victoria Building
Lewin Street
Middlewich
CW10 9AT**

Minutes of the Four Hundred and Eighty Sixth Meeting of Middlewich Town Council, held in the Victoria Hall, Civic Way, Middlewich on Tuesday 16th May 2017, commencing at 6.30pm

Part One

Present

The Town Mayor, Councillor SL Moss and Councillors CL Bulman, J Eaton, PJ Farrell, JK Kingston, DJ Latham, SN McGrory, S Moss, JD Parry, B Walmsley and W Walmsley

Council Officers:

JPA Williams, Town Clerk, DJ French, Assistant Town Clerk, and N Antoney, Administrator

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor MA Hunter due to illness and Councillor DA Williams due to work commitments

Feedback and Reports

2. To receive any announcements to be made by the Mayor

The Town Mayor, Councillor SL Moss, thanked everyone who had attended the Annual Meeting at which she had been appointed as Town Mayor and in particular gave thanks to Councillors W Walmsley and CL Bulman for their support in nominating and seconding her.

Resolved 7931

That the Mayor's report be noted.

3. To note any declarations of Members' Interests on any agenda item

The following declarations were made:

- Councillor DJ Latham declared an interest in any matters relating to the Ansa Waste Transfer Station as a member of the Action Against Ansa Group and near neighbour consultee;
- Councillor B Walmsley declared an interest in any matters relating to her role as a Member of Cheshire East Council and in any matters relating to advertising.
- Councillor W Walmsley declared an interest in any matters relating to advertising.

4. Rota for the Town Council Surgery to be held at the Makers Market

Resolved 7932

That Councillors J Eaton and PJ Farrell host the next Surgery on 27th May at the Town Council stall at the Makers Market.

5. To consider any items raised during the Open Forum

(i) Mr Sean Boyle asked a question asking the Council to consider a proposed timetable for budget consultation which would include public participation.

(ii) Ms Nikki Keenan asked a question regarding contacting Cheshire East Council urging that the Eastern By Pass be completed from the Booth Lane end to include a crossing over the railway.

Members of the public were advised that an item on a budget timetable including public participation would be considered at a meeting of Finance Policy and Governance Committee. Mr Hall was asked to email his question into the Clerk for consideration at the Committee.

Members noted that a full briefing by Cheshire East Council had recently been held on Transport matters following the transport consultation organised by CEC in 2016. All Members had been invited to the briefing and a note had been circulated afterwards. Councillor McGrory advised that new rules required a bypass to be built as a bypass rather than a feeder road or link road; the new route meant a 50mph speed limit could be imposed rather than the previous route which would have had to have a 30mph speed limit. The Clerk agreed to seek clarification as to the starting point of the bypass and chase a response to queries raised at the previous meeting.

6. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Meeting of Middlewich Town Council held on Tuesday 18th April 2017

Resolved 7933

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th April 2017 be approved as a correct record.

7. To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of Middlewich Town Council's Planning Committee held on 18th April 2017.

Resolved 7934

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 18th April be received.

8. To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of Middlewich Town Council's Events and Communications Committee held on 3rd May 2017.

Resolved 7935

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Events and Communications Committee held on 3rd May be received.

(Note: In accordance with Standing Order 3 (o) a request was made for a named vote on this resolution and the voting was as follows:

For the Resolution: Councillors Eaton, Farrell, Kingston, Latham, McGrory, Moss, B Walmsley and W Walmsley
Against the Resolution: Councillor Parry.
Abstention: Councillor Bulman).

9. To receive written reports from Members of Cheshire East Council

Resolved 7936

That the reports from the Cheshire East Councillor be received and noted.

10. To consider any Members' Items previously submitted in writing

None

Finance

11. To receive and approve the Monthly Town Council Financial and Monitoring, Cashbook and Income & Expenditure reports for the month of April 2017

Resolved 7937

That the Financial report for April 2017 be received and approved.

(Note: In accordance with Standing Order 3 (o) a request was made for a named vote on this resolution and the voting was as follows:

For the Resolution: Councillors Eaton, Farrell, Kingston, Latham, McGrory, Moss, B Walmsley and W Walmsley

Against the Resolution: Councillor Parry.

Abstention: Councillor Bulman).

Policy Considerations

12. PCSO – to consider the update from the PCSO

Resolved 7938

That the update from the PCSO be received and noted.

Highways and Transportation

None

Planning and the Environment

13. Letter from Sandbach TC – to consider the letter from Sandbach Town Council requesting support in opposing the proposal of Cheshire East Council to close the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Arclid

Resolved 7939

That Middlewich Town Council is unable to support Sandbach Town Council in this matter because when the consultation on the future of Cheshire East's House Waste Recycling Centres was previously considered in January 2017 the Council agreed to support the retention of 4 HWRCs which did not include the one at Arclid (minute 7891 below refers)

“Resolved 7891

That:

(a) the Town Council responds to the Household Waste and Recycling Centre consultation with the comment that Cheshire East Council should have four core sites based on geographical positions and population and these sites should be Crewe, Knutsford, Macclesfield and Middlewich;”

Notice of Future Meetings

14. To note the dates of forthcoming Meetings

Resolved 7940

That the dates for future meetings be noted.

Part Two

None

The next ordinary Meeting of the Town Council will be on Monday 12th June 2017.

The meeting concluded at 6.55pm.

Councillor SL Moss
Town Mayor

Signed.....2017