

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

Minutes of the Four Hundred and Eighty Seventh Meeting of Middlewich Town Council, held in the Wych Centre, Civic Way, Middlewich on Monday 12th June 2017, commencing at 6.30pm

Part One

Present

The Town Mayor, Councillor SL Moss and Councillors CL Bulman, J Eaton, PJ Farrell, MA Hunter, JK Kingston, DJ Latham, SN McGrory, S Moss, JD Parry and DA Williams

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 Councillors B Walmsley and W Walmsley due to holidays

Feedback and Reports

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

The Town Mayor, Councillor SL Moss, advised that she had attended the Cheshire East Mayor Making, Cheshire West and Chester Civic Service, a Gourmet Dinner at the Boars Head Hotel, the Middlewich Town Crier event, the Rose Fete and opened the United Reform Church summer fair.

Resolved 7941

That the Mayor's report be noted.

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

The following declarations were made:

- Councillors MA Hunter and DJ Latham declared an interest in any matters relating to the Ansa Waste Transfer Station as members of the Action Against Ansa Group and near neighbour consultees;
- Councillors PJ Farrell and S Moss declared interests in any matters relating to their roles as Members of Middlewich Community Trust.

4. To consider any items raised during the Open Forum

None.

5. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Meeting of Middlewich Town Council held on Tuesday 16th May 2017

Resolved 7942

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th May 2017 be approved as a correct record.

6. To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of Middlewich Town Council's Finance, Policy and Governance Committee held on 22nd May 2017.

Resolved 7943

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance, Policy and Governance Committee held on 22nd 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
Against the Resolution: Councillors Parry and Williams.
Abstention: Councillors Bulman and Hunter)

7. To receive the Minutes of Meetings of Middlewich Town Council's Planning Committee held on 18th April and 23rd May 2017.

Resolved 7944

That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Planning Committee held on 18th April and 23rd May be received. It was noted that Councillor Latham was present at the meeting on 18th April.

8. To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of Middlewich Town Council's Events and Communications Committee held on 7th June 2017.

Resolved 7945

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Events Committee held on 7th June 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 Bulman, Eaton, Farrell, Kingston, Latham, McGrory, Moss

Against the Resolution: Councillors Hunter, Parry and Williams)

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

Resolved 7946

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

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

Members' items had been received as follows:

- Councillor Williams had submitted items regarding cuts in evening bus services; and requesting provision of a bus service linking Middlewich to Gadbrook Park, Northwich railway station and the town centre;
- Councillor Parry had submitted an item regarding the recent Rose Fete; and
- Councillor Hunter had submitted an item regarding the audited accounts for 2016-17.

Resolved 7947

That:

(a) views be sent to Cheshire East Council as part of their consultation on the Supported Bus Service urging that the 37 bus service be retained in full, to ensure Middlewich is not cut off in terms of public transport in the evening as well as the current situation of weekends and bank holidays; referencing the impact on air quality; the difficulty in attracting businesses to the town and the effect on young people accessing post 16 education. The comments to also urge Cheshire East Council to continue to show support for the rail link campaign by providing a bus link between Middlewich and Northwich including Gadbrook Park which would help illustrate the need for a rail service;

(b) the Council send a letter to the organisers of the Rose Fete congratulating them on a successful event; and

(c) the update on the audited accounts be noted – i.e the year end closedown had taken place; the Internal Audit had been undertaken and a report received and circulated to all Councillors; the audit form would be submitted to the External Auditor by the deadline of 26th June. A response would be submitted to the Town Council by 30th September.

Finance

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

Resolved 7948

That the Financial report for May 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
Against the Resolution: Councillors Hunter, Parry and Williams.
Abstention: Councillor Bulman).

Policy Considerations

12. Town Council Surgery arrangements – to consider a recommendation from Finance, Policy and Governance Committee

Resolved 7949

That the arrangements for the Town Council surgery be referred back to the Finance, Policy and Governance Committee for consideration including the possibility of holding surgeries in local cafes subject to discussions with the business owners.

13. PCSO – to consider the update from the PCSO

Resolved 7950

That the update from the PCSO be received and noted.

14. Committee Membership

Resolved 7951

That Councillor JD Parry's appointment to Personnel Committee and Community, Environment and Assets Committee be noted.

Highways and Transportation

15. Cheshire East Council Supported Bus Service Review

This item had been dealt with under Minute 7947 above.

Planning and the Environment

None

Notice of Future Meetings

16. To note the dates of forthcoming Meetings

Resolved 7952

That the dates for future meetings be noted.

Part Two

None

The next ordinary Meeting of the Town Council will be on Monday 17th July 2017.

The meeting concluded at 7.45pm.

Councillor SL Moss
Town Mayor

Signed.....2017