

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

Minutes of the Four Hundred and Seventy Ninth Meeting of Middlewich Town Council, held in the Wych Centre, Civic Way, Middlewich on Monday 17th October 2016, commencing at 6.30pm

Part One

Present

The Town Mayor, Councillor PJ Farrell and Councillors CL Bulman, J Eaton, MA Hunter, JK Kingston, DJ Latham, SN McGrory (from 7.00pm), JD Parry, B Walmsley, W Walmsley and D Williams

Council Officers:

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

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received and approved from Cllr S Moss (due to another meeting)

Feedback and Reports

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

The Town Mayor, Councillor PJ Farrell reported that she had attended 20 different events including a charity head shave; the Town Council event "Venables at Middlewich"; 3 Macmillan coffee mornings; the Over 70s Party, at which she presented an award to the Middlewich cyclist Kristian House following his successful performance in the Tour of Britain; Northwich Mayor's Civic Dinner and the Cheshire East Mayor's Civic Ball. She had also held a prize bingo night which had raised £503 for her charities with another bingo night planned for November.

Resolved 7841

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 item 16 Waste Transfer Station as a member of the Action Against Ansa Group;
- Councillor MA Hunter declared an interest in item 16 Waste Transfer Station as a member of the Action Against Ansa Group; a member of the Community Hub Liaison Committee and a near neighbour consultee ;
- Councillor JD Parry declared an interest in item 16 Waste Transfer Station as a member of the Action Against Ansa Group and a near neighbour consultee;
- Councillor B Walmsley declared an interest in item 16 Waste Transfer Station on the grounds that she is a member of Cheshire East Council's Southern Planning Committee.

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

Resolved 7842

That Councillors B Walmsley and W Walmsley host the next Surgery on 29th October at the Town Council stall at the Makers Market.

5. To consider any items raised during the Open Forum

Mr G Williams asked the following questions:

(i) has there been any update on the 2 matters he raised at the previous meeting on pedestrian safety on Lewin Street and access to businesses on Lewin Street in the absence of suitable crossing points? The Town Clerk responded that there had been no feedback as yet;

(ii) what was the current situation regarding closing the barrier on the Southway car park? Councillor Bulman explained that she had been advised that a bespoke post was needed to secure the barrier and this was expected to be installed by the end of the week;

(iii) Would the Town Council consider providing guidance for the Public Open Forum so members of the public were aware of the procedures? The Town Clerk agreed to look into this.

6. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Meeting of Middlewich Town Council held on Monday 19th September 2016

Resolved 7843

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th September 2016 be approved as a correct record.

(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, Williams, B Walmsley and W Walmsley

Against the resolution: Councillor Hunter;

Abstention: Councillors Bulman and Parry)

7. To receive the Minutes of Meetings of Middlewich Town Council's Finance, Policy and Governance Committee held on 14th September and 10th October 2016.

Resolved 7844

That the Minutes of Meetings of the Finance, Policy and Governance Committee 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, B Walmsley and W Walmsley

Against the resolution: Councillors Hunter, Parry and Williams)

8. To receive the Minutes of a Meeting of Middlewich Town Council's Planning Committee held on 20th September 2016

Resolved 7845

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 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, B Walmsley and W Walmsley

Abstention: Councillors Hunter, Parry and Williams)

9. To receive the Minutes of a Meeting of Middlewich Town Council's Events and Communications Committee held on 5th October 2016

Resolved 7846

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Events and Communications Committee be received.

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

Resolved 7847

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

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

Members' items had been received as follows:

- Councillor Parry had submitted an item asking for a letter of thanks to be sent to the PCSO for all his hard work on behalf of Middlewich;
- Councillor Parry had submitted an item regarding CCTV, including the camera on Lewin Street which appeared not to be working; and the liaison arrangements between the Town Council and the CCTV service;
- Councillor Williams asked for an itemised list of expenditure incurred in relation to the Tour of Britain;
- Councillor Williams asked for an update on the Branding Project including costs and a timetable for the next steps;
- Councillor Bulman asked for the Town Council to set up a meeting to look at pedestrian safety on Newton Bank.

Resolved 7848

That:

- (a) the Town Clerk writes to Dave Jinks, PCSO, to thank him for all his hard work on behalf of Middlewich, and his commitment to the Town and wishing him well for the future;
- (b) the Town Clerk investigates what communication was received by the Town Council on the Speedwatch initiative and the Friday Night plus one scheme;
- (c) the Town Clerk contacts Cheshire East Council to ascertain what measures are in place to ensure down time of CCTV cameras is kept to a minimum, that all cameras have a clear view and what arrangements exist to notify the Town Council of any problems with cameras; also to request a monthly update report on how the cameras are operating;
- (d) that the update on the Tour of Britain – expenditure and income report and staff time spent on the event, be noted;
- (e) the Town Clerk confirm to Members details of the design and location of the Tour of Britain banners;
- (f) the update on the Branding Project – that a business plan was being produced for the end of October by Bare Bones Marketing and Cheshire East Council – and the financial information so far – that £4,100 had been spent so far by the Town Council

and there was a figure in the current budget of £4,000 and £5,000 for next year – be noted;

(g) the Town Clerk confirms the approval mechanism for the new logo as part of the Branding Project; and

(h) a Highways Officer be asked to attend a future Town Council meeting once detailed plans have been produced to improve pedestrian safety at Newton Bank in order to outline the plans to Members and answer any questions.

Finance

12. To receive and approve the Monthly Town Council Financial and Monitoring, Cashbook and Income & Expenditure reports for the month of September 2016

Resolved 7849

That the Financial report be received and approved.

13. Annual Audit

Resolved 7850

That the receipt of the Clean Audit be noted with thanks to the Town Clerk.

Policy Considerations

14. To receive any update from the PCSO

Resolved 7851

That the report of the PCSO be noted.

Highways and Transportation

None

Planning and the Environment

15. Application 16/3209C – outline proposal for a mixed use development including residential, retail, cafes, access to marina and other ancillary works (access) at Intertechnic UK Ltd, Road Beta, Middlewich – to consider the planning application

Resolved 7852

That the application be deferred for consideration at a special meeting with the developer in order to give detailed consideration to the plans and enable Members to raise any queries.

16. Waste Transfer Station, Cledford Lane, Middlewich

Resolved 7853

That:

- (a) the Town Clerk contacts Cheshire East Council asking for details of the consultation with the wider community as it appears that not many people were aware of the proposals regarding the use of the site at Pochins by Ansa;
- (b) the minutes of the Liaison Board meeting held on 15th September be received and the Town Clerk ask whether these can be published on the Town Council website.

Notice of Future Meetings

17. To note the dates of forthcoming Meetings

Resolved 7840

That the dates for future meetings be noted.

Part Two

None

The next ordinary Meeting of the Town Council will be on Monday 21st November 2016.

The meeting concluded at 7.22 pm.

Councillor PJ Farrell
Town Mayor

Signed.....2016

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