

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

Minutes of the Four Hundred and Eighty Third Meeting of Middlewich Town Council, held in the Wych Centre, Civic Way, Middlewich on Monday 20th February 2017, 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, 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

An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor DA Williams due to holidays.

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 various events including the Makers Market; the opening of the new showroom for Cliff Dickenson; U3A Quiz Night; Crewe Town Council Civic Ball; Sandbach Town Council Civic Event; a 90th birthday party and the Oscars Judging Panel. She thanked the Deputy Mayor for attending the Cheshire East Council Civic Sunday. She also reminded Members about some forthcoming Town Council events – the Elvis Tribute Night on 25th February; Middlewich Oscars on 3rd March and her Mayoral Ball on Friday 28th April.

Resolved 7895

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, D Latham and JD Parry declared interests in any matters relating to the Ansa Waste Transfer Station as members of the Action Against Ansa Group and near neighbour consultees;
- Councillor B Walmsley declared an interest as a Member of Cheshire East Council.

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

Resolved 7896

That the Town Mayor, Councillor PJ Farrell and Councillor J Eaton host the next Surgery on 25th February at the Town Council stall at the Makers Market.

5. To consider any items raised during the Open Forum

P Cooley referred to the consultation on the amended route for HS2 which she believed would impact Middlewich both once the route was in place and during construction works; she asked whether the Town Council was to respond to the consultation. She explained that the closing date was 9 March. The Town Clerk advised that he would ascertain whether a late submission would be acceptable and if not, he would consult with the Mayor to arrange an extraordinary meeting.

J Eyre referred to Middlewich having a high Council tax but felt there were few amenities; she requested greater visibility in how finances were spent. She referred to the Branding Project and asked for details about which Councillors had had input into progressing the project and which Councillors had had no input. The Mayor referred to item 14 which was a letter from Bare Bones Marketing and said the query would be dealt with there. She also offered to meet with Ms Eyre to discuss this matter.

6. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the ordinary Meeting of Middlewich Town Council held on Monday 16th January 2017

Resolved 7897

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

7. To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of Middlewich Town Council's Planning Committee held on 24th January 2017.

Resolved 7898

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24th January be received.

8. To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of Middlewich Town Council's Events and Communications Committee held on 1st February 2017.

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Events and Communications Committee held on 1st February be received.

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

Resolved 7899

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 Bulman had submitted an item regarding making representations to the Secretary of State for Education on proposed funding cuts; and
- Councillor McGrory had submitted an item regarding the monthly Town Council surgery and proposed changes as to how the surgery might be run in the future. .

Resolved 7900

That:

(a) the Town Clerk, in consultation with Councillor Bulman, writes to the Secretary of State for Education expressing the Council's concern regarding proposed cuts in funding for education which is felt could jeopardise education standards in the town; and

(b) proposals for changes to the Town Council surgery be brought back to the extraordinary meeting, if held, or next meeting of the Town Council, to include options such as an evening surgery and Councillor McGrory to look at obtaining views from members of the public on this matter.

Finance

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

Resolved 7901

That the Financial report for January 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: Councillors Hunter and Parry

Abstention: Councillor Bulman)

Policy Considerations

12. PCSO – to consider the update from the PCSO

Resolved 7902

That the update from the PCSO be received and he be thanked for his comprehensive report.

13. CCTV – to consider the quarterly monitoring report

Resolved 7903

That clarification be sought on abbreviations and what is meant by “Observations Requested” and the CCTV Manager be invited to attend a future meeting of the Town Council to present his report and answer any queries from Members of the Council.

14. Bare Bones Marketing – to consider a letter from E Dalzell of Bare Bones Marketing Limited

The Mayor read out to Members the suggested response that she would send to E Dalzell.

Resolved 7904

That the response be received.

Highways and Transportation

None

Planning and the Environment

15. Environmental Hub Liaison Board – to receive the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th January 2017

Resolved 7905

That the Minutes of the meeting held of the Board held on 12th January be received.

Notice of Future Meetings

16. To note the dates of forthcoming Meetings

Resolved 7906

That the dates for future meetings be noted.

Part Two

None

The next ordinary Meeting of the Town Council will be on Monday 20th March 2017.

The meeting concluded at 7.35 pm.

Councillor PJ Farrell
Town Mayor

Signed.....2017

