

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

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of Middlewich Town Council, held in the Wych Centre at the above address on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017, commencing at 6.30pm**

## **Part One**

### **Present**

The Town Mayor, Councillor PJ Farrell and Councillors CL Bulman, MA Hunter, JK Kingston, DJ Latham, SN McGrory, SL Moss, B Walmsley and W Walmsley

Council Officers:

JPA Williams, Town Clerk and DJ French, Assistant Town Clerk

### **1. To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors J Eaton and DA Williams.

## **Feedback and Reports**

### **2. To note any declarations of Members' Interests on any agenda item**

#### **Resolved 7884**

The following declarations were made:

- Councillor PJ Farrell declared a personal interest in the Middlewich Community Trust and Middlewich Good Neighbours;
- Councillor M Hunter declared a personal interest in Middlewich Cemetery and any matters relating to the Ansa Waste Site;
- Councillor JK Kingston declared a personal interest in Middlewich Cemetery;
- Councillor DJ Latham declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matters relating to the Ansa Waste Site;
- Councillor S Moss declared a personal interest in Middlewich Community Trust and the Railway Campaign;
- Councillor B Walmsley declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matters relating to advertising and a personal interest in Middlewich Community Trust, Middlewich Good Neighbours and Middlewich Clean Team;
- Councillor W Walmsley declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matters relating to advertising and a personal interest in Middlewich Community and Youth Project.

## **Finance**

### **3. Middlewich Town Council Budget**

The Meeting of the Full Town Council was to consider the fifth draft Financial Budget and agree a final budget for the Financial Year 2017 – 2018 in order to submit a precept request to Cheshire East Council.

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer took Members through the End of Year Financial Projection which estimated a cash in hand figure of £234,561.62 at 31.3.17. He reported that a letter had been received from Cheshire East Council (CEC) regarding the Town Council taking on the assets of Southway public conveniences and the Booth Lane allotments. There was no money in the draft budget to cover the transfer of either of these items although there was budget provision for running Southway toilets; the Town Clerk recommended that he respond to CEC that the Town Council is happy to continue running the toilets on behalf of CEC and in the meantime CEC can provide a full list of costings including any legal costs, for the running of the toilets to enable the Town Council to make an informed decision at a later date.

Members also considered a letter from the Chair of the Middlewich Community Trust.

#### **Resolved 7885**

##### **That**

- a) The Draft Budget as submitted, be approved;
- b) The Final Budget figure be agreed as £477,129;
- c) The sum of £10,000 be taken out of reserves to support the budget;
- d) The Precept figure of £414,053 be requested from Cheshire East Council;
- e) The Band D figure for the Council Tax payer is £86.95;
- f) The Town Clerk contact Cheshire East Council to advise that the Town Council is happy to continue running Southway public toilets and Booth Lane allotments and in the meantime CEC provide a full list of costings including any legal costs, of running these facilities;
- g) The requests of the Middlewich Community Trust be approved and the current Management Agreement for the running of the Victoria Hall be amended to extend the transitional period into the 2018/19 financial year.

(Note: in accordance with Standing Order 3 (o) a request was made for a named vote in relation to resolution (c) and the voting was as follows:

For the resolution: Councillors, Farrell, Kingston, McGrory, Moss, B Walmsley and W Walmsley

Against the resolution: Councillors Bulman, Hunter and Latham)

The next ordinary Meeting of the Town Council will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

The meeting concluded at 7.28 pm.

Councillor PJ Farrell  
Town Mayor

Signed.....2017

