

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

Minutes of the Five Hundred and Eleventh Meeting of Middlewich Town Council, held in the Wych Centre, Civic Way, Middlewich on Tuesday 20th August 2019, commencing at 6.30pm

Part One

Present

The Chairman, Councillor R Pendleton and Councillors P Hickey, M Hunter, C Jones, D Latham, J Parry, V Perez, H Watkinson, R Watkinson and G Williams

Council Officers:

NL Antoney, Administrative Assistant

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors S Boyle, C Bulman and the Town Clerk J Williams.

Feedback and Reports

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

There were no announcements made by the Chair

Resolved 8227

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

Cllr M Hunter declared an interest in item 7 of the agenda due to being Chair of Southern Strategic Planning at Cheshire East.

4. Open Forum

No written questions were received in advance and none were raised on the night.

5. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Five Hundred and Tenth Meeting of Middlewich Town Council held on Monday 15th July 2019

Resolved 8228

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th July 2019 be approved as a correct record.

6. To agree and adopt the process to appoint a Community Deputy Mayor

The Member's discussed the process of appointing a Community Mayor for 2019/2020.

Resolved 8229

It was agreed that advertising would be across the board including social media, local paper. Nomination Forms will be placed in Town Council Offices, the Library, No 28, Post Office and various places around the Town. Office to send to all groups.

7. To consider any Member's Items previously submitted in advance

(a) Councillor Russell Watkinson:

Middlewich Town Council shares residents' concerns about the impact on our community of a transient traveller site on Cledford Lane. Cheshire East Council must find a site that's right. We are also deeply concerned about the decision process that the borough council went through, the huge amount of money spent buying the site, and for which they gave themselves planning permission, against the overwhelming wishes of the town. This must not happen again, the town council must be in a position to defend Middlewich; so we resolve that the officers have permission to pursue whatever means necessary to challenge Cheshire East Council, including Judicial Review. We recognise that the process may move quickly and not in synch with the meeting cycle; so we understand that actions can be taken and expenditure can be incited on the basis that retrospective permission is sought at the next full council. However, all efforts must be made to consult councillors.

Resolved 8231

Councillor M Hunter left the meeting due to being Chair of Strategic Planning at Cheshire East. Councillors discussed the upcoming application of a Traveller Transient site at Cledford Hall, Cledford Lane Middlewich. Location of site was discussed as not suitable, next to the Boroughs own waste site, no safe to route to school. Our own traveller community have raised concerns. The residents to be consulted fully and openly. Council discussed using reserves to take legal action and agreed to for it to be discussed at a future Internal Committee Meeting.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Internal Committee – Monday 2nd September 2019 at 7.15pm
- External Committee – Thursday 5th September 2019 at 7.15pm
- Ordinary meeting of the Town Council – Monday 16th September 2019 at 7.15pm

The meeting concluded at 7.45pm.

Councillor R Pendleton

Chairman

Signed.....2019

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