



Minutes
of the Annual Town Council meeting held at
Civic Hall
At 7pm 3rd May 2022

Present:

Cllrs; Ken Edwards (KE), Helen Ellwood (HE), James Nicholas (JN), Johanna Maitland (JM), Judy Snowball (JS), John Stewart (JCS), Amanda Stott, (AS), Angela Williams (AW).
Town Clerk; Julie Mason.

The Town Mayor welcomed the dignitaries, the past Mayors and Council members to the Mayor Making Ceremony.

58/22 Election of Town Mayor 2022/23

Proposal by Cllr AW

Cllr AW gave a resume of the reasons she wished Cllr JCS to be the Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Seconded by Cllr KE

Cllr KE seconded the proposal and gave references to Cllr JCS suitability to the role and gave his full support.

Resolved Cllr John Stewart was elected for the ensuing year 2022/23.

Cllr JCS read out his Acceptance of Office and it was signed by himself and the Town Clerk.

The Town Mayor was invested with his Chain of Office by Cllr J Maitland.

Cllr JCS gave thanks for his election into Office

Cllr JCS has strong values, based around the need to 'do the right thing.' He went on to say he was human and like others, makes mistakes, but likes to think that he learns from them. He cares passionately about the environment and want to preserve our great outdoors. He believes that good health, education, and security (at work, at home and in the community) are the fundamental foundations on which a sustainable society is built. He prefers to work in a harmonious environment and will work hard to support his fellow Council Members and the Officers of the Council to deliver our commitments to the Community in the most efficient and effective way, but also in a safe, honest and respectful way.

He wishes the TC 'to serve our Town and be in tune with the needs of our community'. He went on to say that the Council has an important part to play in the community, working with local charities, societies, businesses, and other organisations. The Town Assembly on the 23rd of March saw several presentations from fellow Council Members. They will address the important priorities identified, for example, extend the visibility of the Corporate Plan into a three-year plan, continue the search for additional allotment land, revisit our Neighbourhood Plan, look at practical carbon reduction projects to work towards the 2030 Carbon Zero aspiration, extend Bollington in Bloom, review our assets, and make sure that

we have sufficient funds and resources to manage them sustainably. For the first time, we have presented our budget for 2022/23 in terms of what priorities it will deliver. We are a financially responsible, democratic, open, and collaborative Town Council and will continue to do the right thing for our Town, investing public money wisely.

Declarations of Interest

None declared.

Public Forum

There were thirty members of the public present.

Apologies

Cllr J Nicholas due to holidays, Cllr A Stott due to holidays.

The Mayor of Cheshire East – Cllr S Pochin, the Mayor of Macclesfield, the Mayor of Poynton, the Mayor of Alsager, Mr D Rutley MP and Honorary Alderman Sylvia Roberts.

Time for Reflection provided by Rev Nancy Goodrich

Prayers were received by the Rev Nancy Goodrich.

59/22 Presentation of Collarette and bar to the Retiring Mayor

60/22 A Vote of thanks was given to the retiring Town Mayor Cllr Johanna Maitland

Proposed by Cllr R Edwards

Cllr RE thanked the retiring Mayor for her total commitment to the Town Council and all her hard work steering the members through a difficult and challenging year.

Seconded by Cllr H Ellwood

Cllr HE seconded the gratitude and gave a resume of her year as Town Mayor.

61/22 A response was given by the retiring Town Mayor Cllr Johanna Maitland

Cllr JM thanked all her Councillors and the Town Hall team whilst she served in office. She gave a resume of her year as Mayor to remember her and the Council achievements. There were thanks given the Town Clerk and her new team.

62/22 To Elect the Deputy Town Mayor 2022-2023

Cllr R Edwards proposed Cllr H Ellwood as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year as the **resolution** in February 2022 (31/22)

Cllr M Fearn seconded Cllr H Ellwood as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Resolved Cllr HE would be Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Cllr H Ellwood read out her Acceptance of Office and it was signed by herself and the the Town Clerk.

The Town Mayor invested the Deputy Town Mayor with the Chain of Office.

63/22 The Town Mayor appoints his Chaplain: Rev Nancy Goodrich.

Resolved Rev Nancy Chaplin is appointed as Chaplin for the ensuing year.

64/22 To appoint the Youth Consort for the ensuing year.

Resolved the Youth Consort Mr. Toby Platt was appointed for the ensuing year.

65/22 To review and complete the Register of Interests for Cllrs

The Clerk asked members to review and complete where missing their Register of Interests.

66/22 To receive and resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Meeting on 5th April 2022 (Minute Nos 48/22 – 57/22)

Resolved to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record.

67/22 To receive updates from the minutes

No updates from the minutes.

68/22 To receive the Town Mayor's announcements

Community & Environment Committee	10/05/22	7.00pm
Planning & Town Development Committee	17/05/22	7.00pm
Finance & Audit Committee	23/05/22	2.00pm
Full Council	07/06/22	7.00pm

Resolved the following announcements were accepted.

69/22 To receive a report from Cheshire East Councillors

The Council noted the report.

70/22 To accept the meeting dates for 2022-23.

Resolved to accept the meeting dates for 2022/23.

71/22 To receive the minutes from the Council Committees and accept their recommendations to Resolve their decisions: Full Council to accept the following Resolutions

Community & Environment 12/04/22 (CE 43/22- CE56/22)

Resolved to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record

Planning & Town Committee 19/04/22 (PT 36/22 – 50/22)

Resolved to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record.

Personnel & Assets Committee 07/03/22 (PA 11/22- 18/22)

PA 14/22 To accept a motion on Compassion in Politics

Resolved accepted as a motion

Resolved to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record.

Personnel & Assets Committee 20/04/22 (PA 19/22 – 29/22)

PA 22/22 To agree the maternity cover ruling for BTC employees to enter into the handbook.

Resolved to accept the enhanced Maternity Cover from the Green Book.

PA 21/22 To receive an update on the insurance works at the Civic Hall.

The false ceiling in the foyer had been replaced and the majority of the plaster work completed but there was still a gap in the wall which needed replacing and painting. The sensor to the fire alarm system was not replaceable and the fire alarm company had advised that to upgrade the Protec system it would be £4,500 (the was a verbal cost and not yet received). There had been two other quotes received at:

- £5,121.58 plus VAT – Commercial Fire Systems Ltd
- £6,500 plus VAT

The Clerk updated the Full Council that there had been further progress and the quote had now been reduced to £1,773.5 exc VAT and it had been confirmed the insurance company will contribute to a new updated fire alarm following water damage.

Resolved the Council would accept the quote to upgrade the fire alarm at a cost £1,755.00.

PA28/22 To agree price increase for Civic Hall Hire from 31st May 2022.

Resolved: the price increases were accepted.

Resolved the minutes (PA 19/22 – 29/22) were accepted as a true and accurate record.

72/22 To receive and make comments on the following planning applications which need determination before next Planning and Town Development Committee on 17th May 2022.

22/1460M

NAB FARM, LONG LANE, POTT SHRIGLEY, SK10 5SD

Link extension from existing farm to existing barn and alterations to barn and reconstruction of adjoining stable block.

Resolved No Objection.

73/22 To adopt the circulated Standing Orders

Resolved to defer until June

74/22 To adopt the Financial Regulations

Resolved to accept the circulated Financial Regulations

75/22 To adopt the Publication Scheme

Resolved to accept the circulated Publication Scheme

76/22 To note the balance of accounts on 31.03.22 Co-op Current £10,820.77, Co-op Deposit £20,049.00, Natwest Current £80,235.91 Santander Deposit £70,000.00 = £181,150.71.

To Resolve to approve the Payments £18,377.84 + £904.58 = £19,282.42

To Resolve to approve the Receipts = £128,071.51

77/22 To note the next meeting is on the 23rd May 2022 at 7pm in the Town Hall and is an Extraordinary Council meeting

Meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Signed

Date: