

# KNUTSFORD TOWN COUNCIL



## Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 5 September 2011

### **11/0078 PRESENT**

Cllr S A Gardiner (Town Mayor)  
Cllr Mrs V Davies (Deputy Town Mayor)  
Cllr P D Coan  
Cllr A Dean  
Cllr Ms B Emmett  
Cllr N R Forbes  
Cllr J Goodrich  
Cllr S G Hutchence  
Cllr G Lasham  
Cllr A Malloy  
Cllr C Nicholson  
Cllr Mrs J A Nicholson  
Cllr P S Raynes  
*Also in attendance*  
M. Jackson (Town Clerk)

### **11/0079 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr M J Houghton (Business)  
Cllr Ms B H Coan (Personal Business)

### **11/0080 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS**

Cllr P Coan declared a personal interest in the accounts being the recipient of a ticket when Town Mayor.  
Cllr S Gardiner declared a personal interest in the accounts being the recipient of a ticket as Town Mayor  
Cllr Hutchence declared a personal interest in the accounts being the recipient of a ticket as the Town Mayor's Consort.  
Cllr C Nicholson declared a personal interest in the accounts being the recipient of a cheque for Cllr expenses.

Cllr Mrs J Nicholson declared a personal interest in the accounts being the wife of a recipient of a cheque.

Cllr Malloy declared a personal interest in the accounts being the recipient of training.

**11/0081      MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of 4 July be accepted as a true record subject to an amendment to the spelling of the name Mabel Taylor in minute 11/0072.

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of 1 August be accepted as a true record

**11/0082      CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA**

**Resolved** that the Clerk's report be deferred until after item 6

**11/0083      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs Mabel Taylor advised that item 6 on the agenda did not make reference to the closure of the Stanley Centre, but that this was highlighted for closure.

Mrs Peters- Rock indicated that she wished to ask a question, The Town Mayor advised that as she wasn't a resident of the town, did not work in the town nor was she a representative of a resident of the town and as such the Standing Orders did not give her the right of an audience at the Council Meeting.

**11/0084      TATTON WARD AND BEXTON COURT CLOSURES**

The Town Mayor welcomed John Wilbrougham - CE NHS Trust, Lorraine Butcher - CE Director of adult, children and family services, Jacqui Evans - CE Head of local delivery and Independent Living Services, Andy Bacon - NHS Cheshire, Warrington and Wirral, Christina Ellerby - Executive Nurse Lead for Eastern Cheshire, Dr Kearns - Knutsford GP, Dr Mallen - Knutsford GP and Dr Lawn - Knutsford GP.

Andy Bacon advised members that the idea of a new Health and Wellbeing Campus was very much under consideration and highlighted the possible opportunities of bringing services together and that with acute services and community services now being jointly managed, it was possible that beds in Knutsford may become more viable. Mr Bacon identified that personal budgets may decide the flow of funding and advised of a timeframe for identifying a way forward which involved the building up of a business case over the coming months, identifying affordable options in January and deciding what to do in March. Dr Kearns spoke of the frustration of patients making additional journeys, he spoke of his aspiration of having a hospital specialist as part of a single centre. Dr Mallen spoke of the issues associated with the current GP surgeries and the risk of more services leaking out of the town if this opportunity was not grasped.

Lorraine Butcher identified that personal budgets were changing the model of service provision and that the delivery of adult social care need to be linked the health providers.

Jacqui Evans identified that low numbers of actual Knutsford Residents attended the Bexton Court or the Stanley Centre and that discussions as to what Cheshire East needed for rest-bite and day care facilities were under discussion prior to December 2011.

John Wilbrougham advised that the East Cheshire Trust would play their part in determining what services were needed, he explained that the Tatton Ward had been closed on safety grounds as they were unable to staff the facility but that it was felt that the alternative solution in Macclesfield was providing a superior service. JW explained that a Dr had now been recruited but that the ward would not reopen until the trust had identified the best way forward.

Members questioned the guests during which it was clarified that Tatton Ward would remain closed until vision work was carried out in March/ April 2012. It was asked what additional services were planned to come to Knutsford. AB advised that in addition to health it was possible that a job Centre, leisure facilities and a crèche facility could be included but doubted the provision of a maternity facility. When asked about a minor injuries clinic AB advised that this could be considered.

JE advised that Bexton Court had been closed for 9 months And that the building was currently not fit for purpose and that it was not likely to be economically viable.

Dr Mallen advised that x-ray services in the town were poor and that doing nothing this time was not an option.

Cllr Davies asked about the need for an integrated transport system which was noted by Jacqui Evans.

Cllr Malloy advised that there had been sufficient consultation and that the Town Plan group and the Town Council needed to be involved more in the process.

Resolved that a working group be set up consisting of Cllrs Malloy, Houghton, Lasham and C. Nicholson to develop a working group which is to include outside bodies.

#### **11/0085      TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

Items were noted. The Town Mayor thanked the Town Clerk for his contribution to the Town Council and Knutsford.

#### **11/0086      EXTERNAL EVENTS**

Cllr Davies reported on the attendance of herself and Cllr Dean at the latest LAP meeting to discuss 'Embrace the Games'.

#### **11/0087      FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Cllr Forbes updated members on the latest issues dealt with by the Finance and General Purposes Committee bringing to members special attention to need to close budget monitoring over the coming months.

**11/0088 PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Cllr Raynes advised that two meetings had taken place and that the Committee was also formulating a response to the LDF consultation document

**11/0089 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Cllr J Nicholson advised that she had nothing to add to the details circulated in the minutes.

**11/0090 COUNCILLOR SURGERY**

It was reported that no public attended the Surgery in August. The September Surgery was attended by 5 members of the public and Cllrs Hutchence and C Nicholson reported that the main concerns related to the non compliance with building consent conditions relating to Egerton Boys Club.

**11/0091 BUY LOCAL**

The Town Clerk and Cllr Malloy reported on their findings since the last meeting. **Resolved** my majority vote that the Financial Regulations of the Town Council reflect a principle of favouring local suppliers when all other conditions of the Financial Regulations have been met and when allowed under the EU Public Procurement Directive 2011. In favour Cllrs PC,PR,TD,SH,AM,VD and JG, against Cllrs BE,GL and CN, abstain Cllrs SG,JN and NF

**11/0092 TRANSFER OF ASSETS / SERVICES**

Cllr Raynes reported that Cheshire East Council Cabinet approved the transfers at its meeting and that the next meeting of the working group was planned for 12<sup>th</sup> September.

**11/0093 TRENSEFER OF CONTINGENCY FUNDING FOR WALLWOOD**

**Resolved** that £648 be transferred from 'Contingency' to 'Tree Works' budget to allow for emergency works in Wallwood.

**11/0094 FAIRTRADE**

**Resolved** that this matter be referred to the Environment Committee for consideration.

**11/0095 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Cllr Raynes reported on the imminent arrival of silver recycle bins

**KNUTSFORD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ORDER FOR PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**  
**Local Government Act 1972 Section**  
**150(5)**

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>PURPORT</u>	<u>CHEQUE</u>	<u>AMOUNT £</u>
To Report			
M. Jackson	July Salary	DD	1771.75
V.G-Jones	July Salary	DD	542.85
HMRC	July Salary	DD	666.66
Cheshire Pension Fund	July Salary	DD	711.88
M. Jackson	August Salary	DD	1742.74
V.G-Jones	August Salary	DD	573.06
HMRC	August Salary	DD	637.9
Cheshire Pension Fund	August Salary	DD	705.78
BNP Paribas	Photocopier rental 19/8 - 18/11	DD	528.84
BT	Broadband May - July inc	DD	90.00
BT	Line Rental May - July inc	DD	75.97
			8047.43
Royal Mail	Stamps	2780	147.00
Northwich Town Council	Proms tickets	2781	10.00
Knutsford Squadron Air Cadets	Mayoral Tickets	2782	56.00
R Sexton	Civic Sunday Catering Deposit	2792	125.00
R Sexton	Civic Sunday Catering	2793	1178.75
ADM Computing	ICT Call out re: Phone System	2794	84.00
George Bell Funeral Services	Civic Service Order of Service	2795	75.00
Technotype	Stationery	2796	18.20
Knutsford Rugby Club	2 Tickets rugby Club May Ball - PC Mayor	2797	99.00
The Cairngorn Reindeer Centre	Friday 2nd Dec	2802	2275.00
Maintenance River Lily	April, May and June	2799	756.00
Community Spirit	Donation	2803	400.00
The Tatton Singers	Donation	2804	100.00
Cheshire East Citizens Advice North	Donation	2805	250.00
Cheshire Association of Local Councils	Training / Sub	2806	43.50
Society of Local Council Clerks	Clerk advert	2807	90.00
Cheshire Association of Local Councils	Training	2808	120.00
Techno Type	Stationery	2809	49.95
Claymore Business Machines	Useage (photocopier)	2810	86.58
ADM Computing Ltd	computer solutions	2811	105.00
C. Nicholson	Travel Expenses	2812	33.30
M. Jackson	Expenses	2813	52.89

Printmeit	Surgery banner (2010/11 invoice)	2720	141.00
M.T.Jackson	Mayoral Board Lettering	2814	44.00
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**11/0097      MAYORAL EVENTS**

Cllr Davies (Deputy Mayor) deputised for the Town Mayor at the following events:

- 24 July Northwich Civic Sunday
- 15<sup>th</sup> August Knutsford District Scouts Explorers send off at Manchester Airport
- 28<sup>th</sup> August the Open Studio Event

The Town Mayor reported on attendance at:

- 01 July Air Training Corps Dinner at Cottons Hotel
- 04 July Judging the 'Knutsford in Bloom'
- 05 July Opening of Brook Street Chapel Heritage Site
- 06 July Toft Taverners Send Off and Dinner
- 09 July Brook Street Chapel Induction Service rev Bradley
- 10 July Congleton Mayor's Civic Sunday
- 12 July Knutsford High School's Production of 'Back to the 80's'
- 13 July Manor Park School 'Got the Talent Factor'
- 14 July Abbeyfield House Knutsford Summer Party
- 16 July Reopening of the Knutsford Leisure Centre
- 16 July Open Day at the Orange Orchard
- 16 July League of Friends of Knutsford Hospital – Afternoon tea fundraiser
- 16 July Closing Ceremony Over-Ward Fun Day
- 17 July Mayor of Poynton with Worth's Civic Sunday
- 17 July Own Civic Sunday
- 22 July Japanese Ambassadors's Garden Centenary Drinks Reception at Tatton
- 30 July St Cross Family Fun Day
- 03 August National Play Day Event on the Moor



CHAIRMAN .....