

Knutsford Town Council

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held 16th July 2018 In the Lower Council Chamber of the Town Council Offices

18/038 Present

Cllrs Coan, Malloy, Beswick, Forbes, Gray, Mrs Gray, Hutchence and Power.

In attendance: A Keppel-Green (*Town Clerk*)

18/039 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Farber, Goodrich, Wells-Bradshaw, Mrs Wells-Bradshaw (business) Nicholson (health) Gardiner and Dean (personal business)

18/040 To receive declarations of members' interests

Cllr Malloy declared a non-pecuniary interest in 18/048 on the grounds of being known to the organisers. Cllr Coan declared a pecuniary interest in 18/030 on the grounds of owning property adjacent to the area.

18/041 Public Participation

A resident sought an update on the application to register the land at Longridge/Higher Downs as an Asset of Community Value and suggested that a future council meeting should brief all members on the emerging Neighbourhood Plan policies.

18/042 To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held 29th May 2018

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes subject to amending 18/023 to state that Community Spirit had been mothballed and that the decision would be reviewed in twelve months, a spelling correction to 18/023 and specifying the location of the Mayor Making attended on 23rd May in Annex A.

18/043 To note the minutes of committees which have been published since the previous meeting

The minutes were noted.

18/044 To receive reports from members

Cllr Forbes reported attendance at two meetings of the Longridge and Shaw Heath Community Partnership and filming for the promotional video of the Old School project supported by the council.

Cllr Beswick provided an update on the work of the Dementia Friendly Town working group, outlining that a survey was being prepared to inform their work.

Cllr Power highlighted the music festival and the council thanked all those involved in its organisation and those supporting the events.

Cllr Forbes reported that footfall at the Makers Market was low but that they had promoted the Neighbourhood Plan and Community Governance Review petition.

Cllr Forbes provided an update from the Council Offices Sub-Committee stating that the output of the two workshops had been circulated and any members not in attendance were encouraged to provide input. Cllr Forbes further reported that the transfer was progressing slowly with Cheshire East Council.

Cllr Malloy reported that he was working with the Welcome to gather concerns about the cuts to bus services and to promote bus use.

18/045 To receive reports from and raise questions to Cheshire East Councillors

In the absence of Cheshire East Councillors this item was deferred.

18/046 To consider matters related to the potential sale of Open Space land at Longridge/Higher Downs by Cheshire East Council

The Town Clerk reported that:

- the target date for a decision on the Asset of Community Value decision had been pushed back due to Cheshire East Council's Assets Department requiring time to submit a response as owner and that the decision was expected in July.
- he had spoken with a surveyor acting for Manchester City Council in connection with the covenant and that he hoped he had sufficiently expressed the outcome the council sought.
- Cheshire East Council had advised that a report on the outcome of their investigation into the covenant and public open space disposal consultation would be published shortly.

It was **RESOLVED**¹ to write to the developers of the Local Plan site to offer the council's assistance in discharging the covenant.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting to allow a resident to speak. The resident stated they had third party confirmation that it was not public knowledge at the time of the Local Plan Inspection that a covenant existed on the land. The Mayor reconvened the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED**¹ to enquire with Cheshire East Council when they will be providing feedback to the respondents to the public open space disposal notice.

18/047 To consider matters related to the Community Governance Review petition

The Mayor encouraged all members to gather further signatures, noting that the council was close to achieving the required number.

¹ Cllr Coan abstained from voting.

18/048 To consider a donation request from the Knutsford Promenades

It was **RESOLVED** to make a donation of £200.

18/049 To receive a report of Mayoral Duties

The Mayor reported on attendance as detailed in Annex A.

18/050 To note payments

The payments were noted.

18/051 Member questions to the Town Clerk

The Town Clerk responded to a question stating that no actions were outstanding on the council actions log.

18/052 Public Participation

No members of the public wished to address the council.

18/053 To note date of next meeting

The date was noted.

F E M I N A L

ANNEX A: MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

29 May 2018 to 08 July 2018

Date	Event	Attended By
03/06/2018	Civic Service for Mobberley Parish Council	Town Mayor
05/06/2018	50th Anniversary Party and launch of new office for Julius Baer International	Town Mayor
06/06/2018	Celebration of Queens Award for Volunteering for Knutsford Heritage Centre	Town Mayor
09/06/2018	Book Launch for "Hope in the Main Street" for Revd Rob Cotton at Heritage Centre	Deputy Mayor
17/06/2018	Celebrating Cheshire's Young Musicians event for Middlewich Town Council	Town Mayor
17/06/2018	Civic Sunday for Sandbach Town Council	Deputy Mayor
17/06/2018	Civic Sunday for Congleton Town Council	Town Mayor
20/06/2018	Royal Cheshire County Show hospitality invite from Manchester Airport Group	Town Mayor
23/06/2018	Fire Station Open Day	Deputy Mayor
24/06/2018	Old School Great Get Together	Cllr Forbes
25/06/2018	VIP 80th Birthday Celebration at Manchester Airport	Town Mayor
30/06/2018	Afternoon Tea and Fete for the High Sheriff of Cheshire	Town Mayor
01/07/2018	Civic Sunday for Alderley Edge Parish Council	Town Mayor
01/07/2018	Gymfinity Gymnastics competition presentation of certificates	Town Mayor
01/07/2018	Civic Service for Northwich Town Council	Town Mayor
01/07/2018	Civic Service for Alsager Town Council	Deputy Mayor
04/07/2018	Charity Coach Trip Send Off for Toft Taveners	Deputy Mayor
04/07/2018	Launch of Field to Fork at Tatton Park Home Farm	Deputy Mayor
06/07/2018	Mayor's Fundraising Summer BBQ Event	Town Mayor
07/07/2018	Manor Park Primary School Summer Fair	Town Mayor
07/07/2018	Egerton Primary School 125th Anniversary Celebrations	Town Mayor
08/07/2018	Knutsford Civic Service	Town Mayor
08/07/2018	Annual Civic Service for Macclesfield Town Council	Town Mayor