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Minutes of the forty-eighth Annual Town Meeting of Knutsford held at 7pm on Tuesday 4th May 2021 online via Zoom

48/001 Attendance

In attendance was the Town Mayor, Cllr Stewart Gardiner, Town Clerk, Adam Keppel-Green and members of the public.

48/002 Welcome from the Mayor of Knutsford

The Mayor welcomed all those in attendance referred to the publication of the Town Council's Annual Report.

48/003 To note the minutes of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting

The minutes of the meeting were noted.

48/004 Claire Sawyer: How We are Knutsford helped the town through a pandemic

Claire Sawyer, Chair of We are Knutsford gave a presentation outlining how over 3000 people from across Knutsford came together to provide practical support to all in need across the Town. It was outlined how the group was formed in March 2020 in response to the first coronavirus lockdown. Claire provided an overview of the group's work over the past 12 months from ensuring the whole town received a leaflet with access to a support line, to providing contact for those isolated and alone during lockdowns.

48/005 Behind the Door Special: Davina Armitage from Cocoranti

Town Centre and Marketing Officer Sandra Curties hosted a special edition of the *behind the door* interviews with Davina Armitage of Cocoranti. Davina outlined how she had to adapt her business to ensure it survived the lockdowns.

48/006 Open Forum

A resident highlighted the lack of reference to cycling in the From Top to Bottom Street report and suggested that the council publish information on the legal obligations on developers for onsite/offsite infrastructure in the major developments.

The Town Mayor outlined where the information on major development can be found and that the From Top to Bottom Street report had focused on vehicular access within the town centre and that the needs of cyclists would be considered as the plan develops.

A resident questioned when the second hourly train would be added to railway schedules, outlining that it was supposed to commence in 2017. The Town Mayor explained some of the challenges that had been encountered by the network operator. Cllr Andrew Malloy encouraged all residents to continue to lobby for improvements to rail services.

A resident encouraged the Town Council to declare a Climate Emergency. The Town Mayor responded that we would bring an item to a future council meeting to consider this.