

MIDDLEWICH TOWN COUNCIL
Victoria Building
Lewin Street
Middlewich
CW10 9AS

Minutes of the Four Hundred and Sixteenth Meeting of Middlewich Town Council, held in the Council Chamber at the above address on Monday 18th April 2011, commencing at 7.15pm

Part One

Present

The Mayor, Councillor MJ Parsons, Councillors, KN Bagnall, PJ Edwards, S Edwards, CH Harrison, PJ Hirst, SN McGrory and W White

- 1. The meeting was opened with a prayer read by the Town Clerk**
- 2. To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Eaton, TCJ Eaton and PJ Farrell.

FEEDBACK AND REPORTS

- 3. To receive any announcements to be made by the Mayor**

The Mayor reported that, during his year of office, he had attended over 70 functions.

He further reported that he had received good feedback from attendees at the Town Mayor's Charity Ball on 16th April.

The Mayor also thanked the Town Council Members and Officers for their support over the year and made special mention of the closure of Ideal Standard and wished their former employees every success in future years

Resolved 6763

That the Mayor's announcements be received.

- 4. To note any declarations of Members' Interests on any agenda item**

Councillors PJ Edwards, SN McGrory and MJ Parsons as members of Cheshire East Council each declared a personal interest in any items which related to Cheshire East Council.

5. Rota for the next surgery to be held on 7th May 2011

Resolved 6764: That Councillors KN Bagnall and SN McGrory attend the next surgery instead of Councillors J Eaton (who was standing for election on 5th May) and Councillor MJ Parsons (who was not seeking re-election)

6. To consider any written questions submitted to the Open Forum

No questions had been submitted.

7. To receive and approve the Minutes of the 415th Meeting of Middlewich Town Council held on Monday 21st March 2011

Resolved 6765

That the Minutes be received and approved as a correct record.

8. To consider any written Members' questions on the Minutes

No questions had been submitted.

9. To receive the Minutes of the Employment and Operations Committee held on Wednesday 6th April, 2011

Resolved 6766

That the Minutes be received.

10. HGV Parking in Brooks Lane and Anti-Social Behaviour problems at Southway Car Park

Consideration was given to an email from the Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant in response to the request from the Employment and Operations Committee to ask the Police for follow up information in relation to problems with hgv parking at Brooks Lane and anti-social behaviour in the Tesco car park.

Resolved 6767

That the response from the Police be noted and the Town Clerk be requested to write to Cheshire East Council to inform them of these issues and to ask for their wardens to be available outside of office hours to enforce the parking problems in Brooks Lane.

11. To receive the Clerk's report and any correspondence received for information

The Town Clerk submitted a report on the meetings and events he had attended since the last Town Council meeting.

Resolved 6768

That the report be noted and that the Town Clerk be requested to source evidence in relation to increased profitability of those shops that have been visited by the Shop Doctor.

12. To receive written reports from Cheshire East Councillors

Written reports were submitted by Councillors PJ Edwards, SN McGrory and MJ Parsons.

Resolved 6769

That the reports be received with thanks and that the Town Clerk be requested to write to Cheshire East Council objecting to the proposal to remove all support for transport for pupils to denominational schools and for all 16+ pupils.

13. To receive written reports from Outside Bodies

The following reports from outside bodies were submitted:-

- Middlewich Vision Periodic Report
- Minutes of the meeting of the Community Pride Group held on 8th March 2011

Resolved 6770

That the reports be received.

14. To consider any Members' Items previously submitted

No items had been submitted.

FINANCE

15. To receive and approve the monthly financial and budget monitoring reports

The Town Clerk presented the monthly financial and budget monitoring reports to the Council. He reported that the accounts for 2010/2011 had been successfully closed down with the Internal Auditor and it would be necessary to hold a special meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to approve the accounts.

Resolved 6771

That the reports be received.

16. To receive a Grant Application from Middlewich U3A

Consideration was given to an application for a grant from the new Middlewich U3A towards their start up costs and immediate ongoing costs. The Town Clerk reported that an element of the grant to Middlewich Vision was intended to be to help with the setting up of the U3A.

Resolved 6772

That the Council confirms its support of the Middlewich U3A but suggests in the first instance the organisation applies for a grant from Middlewich Vision for its set-up costs.

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

17. Temporary Road Closures - Consultation

The Town Clerk submitted copies of correspondence from Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester Councils in response to the request of the Town Council for more notice to be given of temporary road closures.

Resolved 6773

That the Town Clerk be requested to write to Cheshire East Council sending them a copy of the response from Cheshire West and Chester Council and asking them, in addition to their usual channels of consultation in respect of road closures, to consult the Town Council via the Town Clerk in respect of all proposed closures in the CW10 postcode area.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION OR DELEGATION

18. Draft Meetings Timetable for 2011/2012

The Assistant Town Clerk submitted the draft meetings timetable for 2011/2012.

Resolved 6774

That the timetable be approved, subject to the inclusion of a note of the start time of the Annual Town Meeting.

19. To consider a request from U Local Ltd to use the Town Council Logo

Consideration was given to a request from U Local Ltd to use the Town Council logo on their website www.u-do.com. Details of the aims of this organisation were noted.

Resolved 6775

That the request be refused.

20. Thanks to the Retiring Mayor

At the conclusion of the meeting, Members thanked Councillor MJ Parsons for all his hard work during his year of office as Town Mayor. Councillor Parsons responded and thanked the Members and officers for their support.

The meeting concluded at 8.20 pm

Councillor MJ Parsons

Town Mayor

Signed.....2011