

THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TOWN OF HEDNESFORD

will be held in

**Meeting Room 1, Pye Green Community Centre,
Bradbury Lane, Hednesford**

at 7:00 P.M. on TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2019

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Welcome by the Chairman
3. To approve the minutes of the Town Assembly held on 17 April 2018
4. To receive reports from Town Organisations including the Town Council
5. To receive any reports from Town organisations
6. Open Discussion Forum

Cllr A Pearson
Chairman
4 April 2019



All electors for Hednesford are cordially invited to attend the meeting
which is the opportunity to raise any matters relating to the town

HEDNESFORD TOWN
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HELD AT 7:00 PM ON TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2018
AT THE PYE GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE, HEDNESFORD

PRESENT: Cllr A Pearson (Chairman of the Town Council)
Mr P Harrison (Town Council Manager/Clerk)
Members of the Town Council and District Council and 8 Electors of the Parish

1. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and received apologies for absence from County Cllr P Hewitt, Town Cllr B Gamble and Staffordshire Police

2. CITIZEN AWARD

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairman of the Town Council presented a Citizen Award to Ms J Turner to recognise her community spirit and commitment to the care of the local environment

Nominations for awards could be made at any time to the Town Council

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting held on 18 April 2017 were approved

4. REPORTS OF TOWN ORGANISATIONS

Reports were received in respect of the Heart of Hednesford and Hednesford in Partnerships. The Chairman expressed appreciation to everyone involved in various projects to improve and promote the town

5. HEDNESFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Cllr A Pearson reported on the activities of the Town Council over the last year and indicated the plans that the Council had for the future

6. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY HEDNESFORD

Lynn Evans reported on the ongoing initiatives to raise awareness of dementia and support that was being given to families living with dementia

The meeting expressed appreciation to Lynn for all the work that she did regarding this matter and also what she was doing to promote the park

7. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

a) Police

It was reported that there was to be another review of the way that Police services were provided and that Cannock would become one of 3 "hubs" in Staffordshire. It was anticipated that there would be a return to a more neighbourhood style of policing with additional PCSO's being appointed

- b) Station Bridge
All agreed that the art project on the bridge had been a success
- c) Speeding
It was noted that the North Staffordshire Speedwatch was now operational. It was also reported that Police had also been seen monitoring traffic in Bradbury Lane
- d) 5's Parking
It was reported that the County Council had refused to contribute to the cost of providing additional car parking on the site of the 5's in the future. However, Cannock Chase Council would now be funding the project. In the meantime it was reported that the Police and 5's employees were taking action to discourage inconsiderate parking
- e) Craft Market
It was reported that these would be held on the 3rd Saturday of each month during the summer/autumn in Anglesey Crescent only, thereby allowing Market Street to be open for traffic
- f) Town Centre Flags
These would be flown again with flags of local organisations alongside the union and St. George's flags
- g) Town Lottery
A request was made for sponsors to fund the cost of printing lottery tickets. So far around £500 had been raised for the community from the sale of tickets
- h) Best Kept Urban Village Competition
Voluntary groups would be carrying out a number of practical projects in support of the entry to the Competition. However, it was noted that there was a need to raise awareness of the competition and promote pride in the town

The meeting ended at 8:05 pm