

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday,
30th June 2011 in the Town Hall, Congleton.

PRESENT: Councillors D S Martin (Town Mayor)
Mrs D S Allen
L D Barker
G Baxendale
R I Brightwell
M Carey
J S Crowther
G R Edwards
G P Hayes
M J Hutton
Mrs A M Martin
D A Parker
Mrs J D Parry
N T Price
Mrs E Wardlaw
G S Williams

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: D T Brown, Mrs S A Holland, D Fletcher and Miss R K Williams.

2. MINUTES

CTC/11/1112 RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th May, 2011, be approved and signed by the Mayor.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded to declare both “personal” and “personal and prejudicial” Interests as early in the meeting as they become aware of it.

Councillor G. Baxendale declared a personal interest in any item related to Cheshire East Borough Council.

Councillor N Price declared a personal interest in item 15.

4. MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor drew attention to the various engagements that he and the Deputy Mayor had fulfilled since the last Council meeting.

5. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

CTC/98/1011:- That the change to the Constitution relating to membership of the Finance and Policy Committee be deferred for consideration by the new Council which is elected in May.

6. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions received from members of the public.

7. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

It was noted that Cheshire East Borough Council now has a full complement of 82 Councillors.

It was reported that Cheshire East Borough Council have awarded the Highways Contract to Ringway Jacobs, effective from October 2011. Ringway Jacobs will be operating out of Brunswick Wharf with about 50 personnel operating from the site.

The Cheshire East Cabinet will review the decision to end the provision of allowances for school transport and is expected to confirm that those children who currently enjoy the provision of the allowance will continue to do so whilst at school. But, new pupils starting from September 2011 will not be given the allowance.

8. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

CTC/12/1112 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 26th May 2011 be adopted.

9. PLANNING COMMITTEE

CTC/13/1112 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 26th May, 2nd June and 16th June 2011 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

10. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

CTC/14/1112 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2011 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

11. ACCOUNTS

CTC/15/1112 RESOLVED-

- (a) That the Council approve the payment of the accounts listed.
- (b) That the Council approve payment of any expenditure agreed at the meeting.

12. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent matters raised.

13. YOUTH COMMITTEE/JUNIOR COUNCIL

The Youth Council welcomed on the Council the 12 new members of Congleton Town Council.

CTC/16/1112 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meetings held on the 19th May and 7th June 2011 be received.

14. EMPLOYMENT LAND REVIEW – AMENDED BY EMAIL

The Employment Land Review Reports stage 1 and 2 were considered by the Council. The Town clerk pointed out the amendments to the original document

CTC/17/1112 RESOLVED- That the Employment Land Review Reports and accompanying recommendations be approved and adopted.

15. CONGLETON PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE GROUP MEMBERSHIP

The Council reconsidered its recommendation on the number of Councillors who would represent the Council on the Partnership Executive, accepting the notion that it should be 2 members only.

CTC/18/1112 RESOLVED That:-

1. Councillor G R Edwards be elected to the Partnership Executive Group.
2. The remaining 3 Councillors will draw lots for the final place.

16. CHAMPIONS

Councillor G R Edwards suggested that the Council should create Councillor Champions to deal with issues raised by the members of the public.

CTC/19/1112 RESOLVED That:-

1. That a scheme be initiated for nominating Councillors to champion issues raised by members of the public.
2. Terms of reference for the scheme are attached.

17. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS (IF NECESSARY)

There was no resolution to exclude the press and public.

D S MARTIN
MAYOR