

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting to the Town Council

Held at the Town Hall, Congleton on 12th May 2016

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs E Wardlaw
 Mrs S Akers Smith
 Mrs A L Armitt
 P Bates
 C Booth
 P Broom
 G R Edwards
 G P Hayes
 Mrs S A Holland
 Mrs A M Martin
 Mrs A E Morrison
 J D Parry
 G S Williams

1. **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR**

CTC/1/1617 RESOLVED – Unanimously - That Councillor D T Brown be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year and until the acceptance of office by his successor.

Councillor D T Brown then subscribed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

COUNCILLOR D T Brown (TOWN MAYOR) IN THE CHAIR

The Town Mayor addressed the Meeting and gave thanks for his election.

The Town Mayor then invested the Mayoress Jane Brown with the Chain of Office.

2. **VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR**

CTC/2/1617 RESOLVED Unanimously - That a vote of thanks be accorded to Mrs E Wardlaw for the able manner in which she had undertaken her duties during the year she was in Office.

The Town Mayor thereupon presented Mrs E Wardlaw with the Former Town Mayor's Medallion, suitably inscribed, to record her term of Office. The retiring Mayor, Mrs E Wardlaw, then responded.

3. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs D S Allen, J G Baggott, R Boston and H Richards.

4. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

CTC/3/1617 RESOLVED - That Councillor Mr C Booth be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year and until the acceptance of Office by his successor.

5. **LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

CTC/4/1617 RESOLVED - That Councillor G R Edwards be elected Leader of the Council and Councillor D T Brown be elected Deputy Leader of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year.

6. **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

CTC/5/1617 RESOLVED - That membership of the Committees and Working Group be as follows:-

Planning Committee

All Members of the Council.

Personnel Committee

Cllrs D T Brown, L Barker, P Bates, Mrs S Ackers Smith, C Booth
J G Baggott, Mrs A M Martin, Mrs J Parry, H Richards and G S Williams.

Finance & Policy Committee

Cllrs P Bates, J G Baggott, G R Edwards, Mrs S A Holland, N Adams, Mrs D S Allen,
R Boston, Mrs J D Parry and Mrs S Ackers Smith. Mrs E Wardlaw

Community, Environment & Services Committee (CE&S)

Cllrs Mrs S A Holland, P Broom, G P Hayes, Mrs A L Armitt, R Boston, C Booth,
Mrs A M Martin, Mrs J D Parry, Mrs A E Morrison and G S Williams.

Congleton Town Hall & Assets

Cllrs Mrs D S Allen, Mrs A L Armitt, L Barker, P Broom, G P Hayes,
Mrs S A Holland, Mrs A E Morrison, Mrs E Wardlaw, N Adams and H Richards

Strategy Working Group

All Members of the Council.

Health and Wellbeing Working Group - Reporting (CE&S)

Cllrs E Wardlaw, Mrs A L Armitt, P Broom, Mrs A M Martin, Mrs A E Morrison, C Booth and
Mrs S Ackers Smith,

Anti Social Behaviour Working Group - Reporting to (CE&S)

Cllrs Mrs S A Holland, Mrs J D Parry, P Bates, G Williams Mrs A Martin

In Bloom Working Group Reporting to (CE&S)

Cllrs: D T Brown, G R Edwards, Mrs A M Martin, G Williams, Mrs A E Morrison

Officers: J MacArthur, R Burgess, M Hayes

Volunteers: Mrs P Pinto, Mrs M Gartside, S Foster, P Aston

NOTE: THE MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND LEADER OF THE COUNCIL ARE
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF ALL COMMITTEES.

7. **CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**

CTC/6/1617 RESOLVED - That the following Members be appointed Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees for the ensuing year:-

Planning	Chairman - Vice Chairman -	Councillor L D Barker Councillor Mrs A Martin
Personnel	Chairman - Vice Chairman -	Councillor D T Brown Councillor P Bates
Finance & Policy	Chairman - Vice Chairman -	Councillor G R Edwards Councillor Mrs J D Parry
Community, Environment & Services	Chairman - Vice Chairman -	Councillor Mrs S A Holland Councillor C Booth
Congleton Town Hall & Assets	Chairman - Vice Chairman -	Councillor G P Hayes Councillor Mrs A E Morrison
Strategy Working Group	Chairman - Vice Chairman -	Councillor G R Edwards Councillor D T Brown
Health & Wellbeing Working Group	Chairman - Vice Chairman -	Councillor Mrs S Akers Smith Councillor Mrs E Wardlaw
Anti Social Behaviour Working Group	Chairman	Councillor Mrs S A Holland
In Bloom Working Group	Chairman	Councillor D T Brown

8. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO OTHER OFFICES**

CTC/7/1617 RESOLVED- That the following Members be appointed to the offices set out below:

Town Crier	-	Mr D A Parker
Curator of Town Treasures	-	Mr D A Parker
Assistant Curator	-	Councillor D T Brown
Lead Members on Quality	-	Councillor D T Brown Councillor G R Edwards Councillor C Booth
Macebearer	-	Councillor D A Parker
Deputy	-	Councillor P Bates
Youth Committee Link	-	Councillor L Barker Councillor G P Hayes Councillor Mrs S A Holland Councillor Mrs E Wardlaw Reserve Cllr C Booth

Selection Panel for co-option - of a Councillor		Town Mayor Leader of the Council Chair of Personnel Committee Plus 2 Selected Members
Complaints Panel	-	Town Mayor Leader of the Council Plus 1 selected member
Neighbourhood Planning	-	Councillor G R Edwards Councillor L Barker Councillor Mrs A M Martin Councillor P Bates
Replacement Cheque Signatories 2 from 6		Councillor P Bates Councillor J G Baggott Councillor G R Edwards Councillor D T Brown Councillor Mrs J D Parry Councillor G Hayes

9. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

CTC/8/1617 RESOLVED- That the following Members be appointed as the Council's representatives to serve on the Body stated, for the ensuing Municipal Year, namely:-

(i)	Congleton Museum Trust	-	Councillor Mrs A E Morrison Reserves: Councillors Mrs E Wardlaw, Mrs S Akers Smith
(ii)	Congleton Partnership Executive Group	-	Councillor G R Edwards Councillor Mrs A E Morrison
(iii)	Hilary Avenue Allotment Association	-	Councillor G S Williams
(iv)	Astbury Mere Trust	-	Councillor Mrs E Wardlaw
(v)	Chalc	-	Councillor Mrs S A Holland Councillor Mrs A M Martin
viii)	Police Liaison	-	Councillor P Bates Councillor H Richards
ix)	Cheshire East Liaison	-	Relevant CEC Councillor

10. **JEANNE WHITEHURST FELLOWSHIP**

Julie Teagle was presented with the Jeanne Whitehurst Fellowship Award by Matthew Jones, Chairman of the Youth Committee.

11. **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Mayor advised the meeting that Paul Withington had been appointed as the Mayor's Chaplain for the ensuing year and informed the Council that the Civic Service would be held on Sunday 19th June 2016 at St. Peter's Church, Chapel Street, Congleton at 3.00pm.

D T Brown
TOWN MAYOR