

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday,
3rd March 2016 in the Town Hall, Congleton.

PRESENT: Councillors

Mrs S Akers Smith
Mrs D Allen
L D Barker
R Boston
D T Brown
G R Edwards
G P Hayes
Mrs SA Holland
Mrs A M Martin
Mrs J D Parry
Mrs E Wardlaw (Town Mayor)
G S Williams

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence. (Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apology for absence in advance and to give a reason for non-attendance).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N Adams, Mrs A L Armitt, J G Baggott, P Bates, P Broom, Mrs A E Morrison, H Richards.

2. **MINUTES**

CTC/59/1516 RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st January 2016 be approved and signed by the Mayor.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Members are requested to declare both “non pecuniary” and “pecuniary” interests as early in the meeting as they become aware of it.

Cllrs G P Hayes, Mrs E Wardlaw, D T Brown and G S Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Council.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

None.

5. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from the members of the public

6. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

7. **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

CTC/60/1516 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on the 7th and 28th January 2016 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

8. **FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE**

CTC/61/1516 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th January 2016 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

9. **COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

CTC/62/1516 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2015 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

10. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent matters raised.

11. **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Councillor DT Brown advised the following

- The Local Plan would be going out to consultation between 4th March and the 19th April 2016.
- CEC budget has been passed with an increase of 3.75% on Council Tax.
- CEC have now formally appointed Rachel Bailey as their Leader.
- CEC advising that 95% of children are attending their first choice secondary school.
- CEC Highways are reviewing the shared space element on Canal Street (related to the Goldfinch Close planning application).

12. **YOUTH COMMITTEE**

CTC/63/1516 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Youth Committee meeting held on the 22nd February 2016 be received.

13. **PROPOSED COMMITTEE MEETING DATES 2016/17**

A proposal for meeting dates was received.

CTC/64/1516 RESOLVED that:-

1. The Annual Town Meeting on the 12th May 2016 should read as Annual Council Meeting 2016
2. All other dates of meetings were approved

14. **TOUR OF BRITAIN CYCLE RACE 2016**

CTC/65/1516 RESOLVED to receive the update outlining that Congleton would be hosting the start of stage 3 of the Tour of Britain Cycle Race 2016 on September 6th 2016.

15. **RESPONSE TO CHESHIRE EAST LOCAL PLAN**

CTC/66/1516 RESOLVED that

1. The Strategy Group would review the Local Plan and provide a recommendation to Council for the meeting on the 14th April 2016.

16. **PUBLIC REALM SCHEME UPDATE**

CTC/67/1516 RESOLVED to receive the update for the Public Realm Scheme.

Mrs E Wardlaw
TOWN MAYOR