

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the
7th July 2016 in the Town Hall Congleton

Present: Councillors

N Adams
Mrs S Akers Smith
Mrs A L Armit
P Bates
C Booth (Deputy Town Mayor)
P Broom
D T Brown (Town Mayor)
G R Edwards
G P Hayes
Mrs S A Holland
Mrs A E Morrison
Mrs J D Parry
G S Williams

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs D S Allen, J G Baggott, R Boston Mrs A M Martin, Mrs E Wardlaw.

2. **Minutes**

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th June 2016.

CTC/17/1617 Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th June 2016 be approved but noted that Cllr G P Hayes was not in attendance as recorded.

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 P Bates, D T Brown, G P Hayes, G S Williams declared a non – pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

4. **Outstanding Actions**

None.

5. **Questions from Members of the Public**

To receive any questions from Members of the Public at the meeting and, notified in advance in writing.

There were no questions from members of the public.

6 **Presentation**

Standing orders were suspended to receive a presentation on –

The Tour of Britain Stage 3 Start: Congleton 6th September 2016.

From Peter Hodges of Sweetspot (the Tour of Britain race organisers), Cllr Mrs S Akers Smith and the Chief Officer.

Peter Hodges outlined the benefits and opportunities associated with hosting a stage start of the Tour of Britain Cycle Race which included –

- Access to elite sportsman for visitors and supporters
- More than 1.2 million live spectators across an eight day event
- Worldwide television coverage
- Average of 150,000 spectators per Stage
- 37% of spectators were from outside the local area
- 67% of spectators were inspired to cycle more often

Cllr Mrs S Akers Smith and the Chief Officer outlined the pre-race promotion plans and business sponsorship packages and advised that the next focus would be on developing activity for the day.

7 **Mayor's Announcements**

The Town Mayor drew attention to the various engagements as listed and thanked the Deputy Mayor for his support.

8. **Planning Committee**

CTC/18/1617 Resolved to receive the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2016 and the recommendations therein be adopted.

9. **Finance and Policy Committee**

CTC/19/1617 Resolved to receive the minutes of the meeting held on 24th March 2016 and the recommendations therein be adopted.

10 **Community Environment and Services Committee**

CTC/20/1617 Resolved to receive the minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2016 and the recommendations therein be adopted.

- The Town Mayor wished to note the support and input from the Police at the Community Environment and Services Committee meetings.

11 Town Hall Committee

CTC /21/1617 Resolved to receive the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2016 and the recommendations therein be adopted.

12 Personnel Committee

CTC/22/1617 Resolved to receive the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2016 and the recommendations therein be adopted.

13. Urgent Items

Members may raise urgent items but no discussion or decisions may be taken at the meeting.

There were no urgent items raised by members.

14. Cheshire East Councillors' Reports

To suspend Standing Orders to allow Councillors from the principal authority to report on relevant issues and to receive questions from members.

Cllr P Bates Reported

The Schools sports day at Congleton Town FC was a great success and well attended.

The owners of Bossons Mill had been advised on the methodology of demolition and that CEC (Cheshire East Council) would be seeking to recover costs from them. Materials from the demolition of the Mill being stored by CEC are the property of the owners and are being held for them to dispose of.

Cllr P Bates reminded Councillors that the following week will be the first anniversary of the Bosley disaster.

15. Youth Committee

To deal with Questions from Members of the Youth Committee present at the meeting.

There were no questions from members of the Youth Committee, The Town Mayor encouraged that this opportunity should be taken.

16. WYG Cheshire Retail Study May 2016

Councillors received a verbal summary of the White Young Green Retail Study from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager who outlined the key issues as:-

- Poor methodology in terms of data collection and consultation
- In conflict with the emerging Congleton Neighbourhood Plan
- Appears to be no recognition of the future housing growth of the town
- Potential negative impact on future development.

CTC/23/1617 Resolved to formally write to both Cheshire East Council and the Local Plan Inspector outlining the above concerns.