

# Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday  
16<sup>th</sup> June 2016 in the Town Hall Congleton

**Present:** Councillors

Mr N Adams  
Mrs A L Armitt  
Mrs S Akers Smith  
J G Baggott  
L D Barker  
P Bates  
C Booth (Deputy Mayor)  
R Boston  
D T Brown (Mayor)  
G R Edwards  
Mrs A M Martin  
Mrs J D Parry  
G S Williams

## 1. **Apologies**

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 Allen, P Broom, Mrs S A Holland, Mrs A Morrison and Mrs E Wardlaw.

## 2. **Minutes**

**CTC /9/1617 RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and the Annual Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 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 JG Baggott, P Bates, DT Brown, GP Hayes, and GS 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**

There were no questions from members of the public

## 6 **Mayor’s Announcements**

The Town Mayor drew attention to the various engagements that he and the Deputy Major attended and thanked Cllr Elizabeth Wardlaw who undertook the Civic visit to Holland.

7. **Planning Committee**

**CTC /10/1617 RESOLVED** To receive the minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

8. **Finance and Policy Committee**

**CTC /11/1617 RESOLVED**

- I. To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016.
- II. To approve the recommendation from the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016 for financial support for the Tour of Britain Cycle Race.

9. **Community Environment and Services Committee**

**CTC /12/1617 RESOLVED** to note the draft minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

10. **Town Hall Committee**

**CTC /13 /1617 RESOLVED** to note the draft minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

11. **Personnel Committee**

**CTC /14/1617 RESOLVED** to note the draft minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016.

12. **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

13. **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** advised on the following:-

- a) Bossons Mill would regrettably have to be demolished due to its current dangerous condition and potential risk to residents. In answer to a question with regards to costs Cllr Bates advised that Cheshire East would initially be funding the works but would seek to recover the costs from the owners of the Mill.
- b) Cheshire East Council had approved the Playing Pitch Assessment Strategy
- c) The Congleton Link Road Budget, the Compulsory Purchase Order budget and the planning application have all been approved
- d) Cllr Liz Wardlaw is now deputy cabinet member for Communities and Health
- e) Cllr Glenn Williams is now deputy cabinet member for highways
- f) Cllr George Hayes is Chairman Skills and Growth Co Ltd
- g) Developed a Fly Tipping enforcement strategy

**Cllr GS Williams** advised that the list of schemes of road resurfacing work for Congleton are:

- Back Lane
- Holmes Chapel Road (Somerford)
- Townsend Road
- Barton Road
- Hancock Road
- Congleton Railway Station bridge (waterproofing and resurfacing)

**14. Youth Committee** (Minutes presented at the Council meeting)

- a) **CTC /15/1617 RESOLVED to** receive the minutes of the Youth Committee meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016.
- b) To deal with Questions from Members of the Youth Committee present at the meeting.

There were no questions from the members of the Youth Committee.

**15. Annual Return, Annual Governance Statement, Internal Audit report and Annual Accounts 2015-16** (enclosed)

**CTC /16/1617 RESOLVED that** the Council receive and approve :-

- I. The Annual Governance statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.
- II. The Annual Accounts for 2015-16.
- III. The Internal Audit report 2015-16 – Final Update

**16. WYG Cheshire Retail Study May 2016**

Was withdrawn from the agenda.

D T Brown  
TOWN MAYOR