

## **Congleton Town Council**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 at  
Town Hall Congleton.

### **PRESENT:** Councillors

J G Baggott  
L D Barker  
P Bates  
R Boston  
C H Booth (Deputy Town Mayor)  
D T Brown (Town Mayor)  
G R Edwards  
Mrs S A Holland  
Mrs A M Martin  
Mrs A E Morrison  
Mrs J D Parry  
G S Williams

### **1. APOLOGIES**

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs N Adams, Mrs A L Armitt, G P Hayes and Mrs E Wardlaw.

### **2. MINUTES**

To approve the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**CTC/49/1617 RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 be approved and signed by the Mayor.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSIBLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

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

Cllrs D T Brown, J G Baggott, P Bates and GS Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

Cllr J G Baggott declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 16, Ansa Environmental Services Ltd.

4. **OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

There were no outstanding actions.

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

There were no questions from members of the public.

6 **MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

7. **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**CTC/50/1617 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January and 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

8. **FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE**

**CTC/51/1617 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

9. **COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**CTC/52/1617 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

10. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items.

11 **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Cheshire East Council reports were received from

**Cllrs P Bates** advised

Facilitated a meeting between J Unsworth – Chairman of Neighbourhood Plan Housing Group and Senior Planning Officers at Cheshire East Council (CEC)  
That the Playing Pitch Strategy will be going to Cabinet by the end of March.  
Northern Planning refused the application for Pegasus House.  
This weekend is the Great British Clean Up.

**Cllr Brown** advised

**Scarborough Development Group** are presenting their updated proposals for the Mills to CEC next week and hoping to progress to planning.

**Leisure Centre** refurbishment currently going through procurement – there are 3 shortlisted suppliers, evaluation complete early June and going to cabinet end of July.  
**Public Realm** works on the high street are delayed by 5/6 weeks due to ground works investigations – proposed report back to the Town Council in April.

### **Business Rate changes**

This year rateable values around England and Wales have been reassessed using the rental market value as of 1 April 2015. Previous to this the bills were based on the rental market value in 2008.

Until March 31 2017 Small Business Rate Relief meant that qualifying shops received a 100% relief if their rateable value was £6,000 reducing to 0% relief by a rateable value of £12,000.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 Small Business Rate Relief will give 100% relief for Businesses with rateable values up to £12,000 reducing to 0% relief at £15,000.

This means more independent businesses in Congleton will qualify for relief and will actually pay less in 2017/18. For those not able to claim relief the bills are slightly higher – for example the Town Hall is expecting a £2,500 increase. (Approximately 10%)

## **12. YOUTH COMMITTEE**

- a) **CTC/53/1617 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Youth Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 be received.
- b) To deal with Questions from Members of the Youth Committee present at the meeting.

There were no questions from members of the Youth Committee.

## **13. CCTV AT CONGLETON TOWN HALL**

To receive a proposal from the Chief Officer to improve CCTV at the Town Hall.

**CTC/54/1617 RESOLVED** to approve the installation of a new CCTV system and agreed that this should be supplied by Chubb Fire and Security based on a quotation of £4635.91 plus VAT.

## **14. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDER 48 AND CHANGES TO COMMITTEE SIZE AND QUORUM**

To receive the proposal from the Chief Officer for amendments to standing order 48.

**CTC/55/1617 RESOLVED** to defer the proposal from the Chief Officer.

## **15. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS**

To consider passing a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that public and press be excluded from the meeting for the matters set out below on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of private and confidential information or staff matters.

**CTC/56/1617 Resolved to** exclude members of the public and press from the meeting.

**16. CONTRACT FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY AND HR SERVICE**

To agree to the awarding of the contract for the Health and Safety and HR Service.

**CTC/57/1617 Resolved to** award the contract for the Health and Safety and HR Service to Ansa Environmental Services Ltd.

**D T Brown  
(Town Mayor)**