

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 22nd June at Town Hall Congleton.

PRESENT: Councillors

Mrs S Akers Smith (Deputy Town Mayor)
Mrs A L Armit
J G Baggott
L D Barker
P Bates
R Boston
C H Booth (Town Mayor)
D T Brown
G R Edwards
G P Hayes
Mrs S A Holland
Mrs A M Martin
Mrs A E Morrison
Mrs J D Parry
Mrs E Wardlaw
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 and Mrs D S Allen

2. MINUTES

To approve the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th April 2017 and the Annual Council meeting held on 4th May 2017.

CTC/8/1718 RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings held on 13th April 2017 and 4th May 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, P Bates, G P Hayes, Mrs E Wardlaw and GS Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Cheshire East Council
Cllr P Bates, G Hayes, Mrs E Wardlaw, J Baggott and Mrs S A Holland declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6

4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

None.

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

There were no questions from members of the public.

6. **PRESENTATION FROM TMC CREATIVE – HERITAGE TRAIL APP**

To receive a presentation from Tim McLeod Managing Director – TMC Creative.

CTC/9/1718 RESOLVED to form a working group to explore the opportunities that this type of App could bring to Council, Councillors expressing an interest were -

Mrs S Akers Smith (Deputy Town Mayor), J G Baggott, P Bates, C H Booth (Deputy Town Mayor), D T Brown, Mrs S A Holland Mrs A M Martin, Mrs A E Morrison, Mrs J D Parry and G S Williams

7. **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.

8. **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

CTC/10/1718 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held 6th April 2017 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

9. **FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE**

CTC/11/1718 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2017 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

10. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items.

11. **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS (set out in reports below)**

Reports were received from Cllrs P Bates, G Hayes and G S Williams

12. **YOUTH COMMITTEE**

a) **CTC/12/1718 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Youth Committee meeting held on 30th May 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. **CHANGE OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

CTC/13/1718 RESOLVED to receive the updated committee membership.

14. ANNUAL RETURN AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2017

1. To receive and approve the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2017.
2. To receive and approve the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2017.

CTC/14/1718 RESOLVED to receive and approve the Annual Return and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2017.

**C H Booth
Town Mayor**

Cheshire East Council (CEC) Reports

Cllr P Bates

Harry Wheeler 93 old veterans' funeral with no family a social media appeal meant many people from Congleton attended the funeral.

Astbury May Day was celebrated with the leader of Cheshire East and the Mayor.

Fly tipping and littering Fixed Penalty Notices are now in the region of 4000 and one member of the public at court collect a fine in excess of £1000.

Bill board advertising and bus advertising has been taken with the tag line "no rubbish excuses".

Congleton had its 2nd "Staysafe" operation.

Samaritans had its AGM with myself and the mayor.

Looking at possibility of defibrillators in town centres.

No buildings in Cheshire East have the cladding associated with the London fire and we have no high rise buildings over the fire engine pump height of 18m

Cllr G Hayes

Significant investment into emotionally healthy schools, a project was piloted in some Congleton Schools. Additional investment will enable the success of this programme to be transferred across a larger number of schools.

Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Committee demonstrated CEC's important role as Corporate Parents to our looked after children and care leavers which is showing continually improving outcomes.

Cllr G S Williams

There has been over 40 supporters of 3 recent spring cleans.

There will be 2 more, on the 8th July in the Community Garden and on the 10th July in Congleton Park

Cheshire East Council has recently undertaken comprehensive weed spraying of the highway