



Congleton Town Council

Historic market town

Town Clerk: **BRIAN HOGAN**



23rd October 2014

Dear Councillor,

Town Council Meeting – Thursday 30th October, 2014

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council, to be held in the Town Hall, Congleton on **Thursday 30th October, 2014** commencing at **7.00pm**.

The Public and Press are welcome to attend the meeting. There may be confidential items towards the end of the meeting which the law requires the Council to make a resolution to exclude the public and press.

Yours sincerely,

B. Hogan
TOWN CLERK

AGENDA

1. 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).

2. Minutes (enclosed)

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2014.

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.

4. Outstanding Actions

None.



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5. Questions from Members of the Public (enclosed)

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

6 Mayor's Announcements (enclosed)

To receive any announcements by the Town Mayor and to receive a list of the Mayor's Engagements.

7. 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.

8. Planning Committee (enclosed)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd and 25th September 2014.

9. Town Hall Committee (enclosed)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2014.

10. Community Environment and Services Committee (enclosed)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 28th August 2014.

11. Finance and Policy Committee. (enclosed)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 28th August 2014.

12. Urgent Items

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

13. Youth Committee (enclosed)

a. To receive the minutes of the Youth Committee meeting held on held on 21st October 2014.

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

To: Members of the Town Council, Press 3, Burgesses (5), Mayor's Chaplain,
Members of the Youth Committee
MP, Cheshire East Councillors (4), Library, Congleton TIC.

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday,
18th September 2014 in the Town Hall, Congleton.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs D S Allen
 L D Barker
 G Baxendale
 D T Brown
 J S Crowther
 G R Edwards
 G P Hayes
 Mrs S A Holland
 D Murphy (Town Mayor)
 D A Parker
 N T Price
 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 P Bates, Ms L Bours, R I Brightwell, Mrs A M Martin, Mrs J D Parry, Miss R K Williams and Mrs E Wardlaw.

2. **MINUTES**

CTC/23/1415 RESOLVED- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th July 2014 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 Baxendale and D T Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Borough Council.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

None.

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

Question from Member of the Public – Mr G Goodwin

Question to the Town Mayor, Cllr D Murphy

In the response to a question provided at the council meeting of 10th July 2014 it was stated that a meeting between one of my Ward Councillors and the Town Clerk was solely to provide advice to my Ward Councillor on the council complaints procedure. The response actually said that "the Councillor concerned mentioned that he had been in discussion with you (Graham Goodwin) about the complaint you made against the Town Clerk and asked advice on whether he should declare this matter at the Town Council meeting; he was advised that he should and that was the end of the discussion."

If, as stated, that was "the end of the discussion":-

- why, then, did the Town Clerk consider it necessary or proper to immediately ring the council leader?
- why, within minutes, did the council leader arrive at the Town Hall to discuss the complaint with my Ward Councillor in the presence of the Town Clerk?
- and why, some short time later, did the council leader ring my Ward Councillor, an Independent Councillor, at his home to ask him how he intended to vote even though, at that time, the debate over the complaint had yet to take place

Response by the Town Mayor

The response to the first two points that you raise is very simple as far as the Town Clerk is concerned.

He is aware that you manage to misinterpret and misconstrue every action taken by him and the Town Council and as such wanted a witness to any information or advice concerning you Mr Goodwin given to Cllr Crowther.

Insofar as the question that you raise relating to Cllr Edwards is concerned again there is a very simple explanation to this.

Cllr Edwards before meeting with Cllr Crowther and the Town Clerk was concerned to ensure that Cllr Crowther was not in a compromised position before meeting him.

Cllr Edwards then during a brief telephone conversation he had with Cllr Crowther prior to meeting with the Town Clerk, asked him if he had decided how he was going to vote on the matter. Cllr Edwards didn't ask him which way he was going to vote, but, asked him if he had decided how.

This was an important question to ask prior to meeting with Cllr Crowther because if the response was that he had already decided how he was going to vote then Cllr Crowther would have been guilty of pre determination and as a consequence neither Cllr Edwards nor the Town Clerk would have been able to meet him or provide any advice on process and procedure.

Mr G Goodwin asked the following supplementary question

Why would Cllr Edwards ask my Ward Councillor, or any other Councillor for that matter, if they had decided how they were going to vote?

I was clearly under the impression that my Ward Councillor was asked how he intended to vote but, even if the question was had my Councillor decided how he was going to vote, it is, largely immaterial.

The complaint had not yet been heard in Council therefore no Councillor could have made their mind up on either question, so what is Councillor Edwards doing by asking any Councillor, particularly an independent Councillor, if they have made up their mind on how they are going to vote? How could they?

6. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

It was also noted that at Visyon's AGM they had thanked Chris Jones and his team for all of the help and support they have received recently.

7. **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

CTC/24/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th June, 17th July and 21st August 2014 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

8. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

CTC/25/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 30TH January 2014 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

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

CTC/26/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2014 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

10. **FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

CTC/27/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th May 2014 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

11. **URGENT ITEMS**

Cllr Mrs S A Holland requested that a different way of dealing with two Committee meetings on the same evening with long agendas be considered.

Cllr D T Brown provided an update on some recent concerns raised relating to highways, footpaths and streetlights.

Footpaths

1. Sandbach Road between Ulswater Road and Heath Avenue.
2. Damaged kerbs Cross Lane and Leek Road.
3. Brook Street to be done will be done by April.

Street Lighting

New LED street lights on Holmes Chapel Road.

Gullies

Remedial work planned for Cross Lane on one gulley, others cleared.

Roads – Work in September

Rejievo Patching

Buttermere Court
St Johns Road
Buxton Old Road
Bailey Crescent
Beatty Drive
Bromley Road
Edinburgh Road

Traditional Patching

Waggs Road
Fol Hollow

Highways Improvement

Wagg Street is on the Highways
Improvement Programme for the future.

Brook Street will be done in September.

12. **YOUTH COMMITTEE**

CTC/28/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Junior Council meeting held 15th July 2014 be received.

The Youth Committee mentioned that their website was now live and requested Councillors assistance in publicising this to other groups and organisations. The Young Persons report 2014 has also been completed.

The Youth Committee is arranging to visit the Houses of Parliament and to meet Fiona Bruce MP, it was also suggested that they should arrange to meet a Junior Minister to discuss funding for Youth Organisations.
Funding for the visit to be referred to the Finance and Policy Committee.

13. **FLY A FLAG FOR THE COMMONWEALTH**

The Council considered correspondence from NALC concerning flying the Commonwealth Flag on 9th March 2015 which is Commonwealth Day.

CTC/29/1415 RESOLVED that:-

1. The Town Council will fly a flag on Commonwealth Day 9th March 2015.
2. The Town Council will purchase a Commonwealth Flag.

14. **PENSIONS DISCRETION POLICY.**

CTC/30/1415 RESOLVED that the amended Pensions Discretion Policy be adopted as a policy document by the Town Council.

15. **ST PETER'S CHURCH**

St Peter's Church have a Town Heritage Committee who are overseeing 3 major projects, the Town Mayor is a member of this Committee.

CTC/31/1415 RESOLVED that Cllrs Mrs D S Allen act as a Deputy to Cllr D. Murphy when he is unable to attend this Committee.

16. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The notion of producing a Neighbourhood Plan for Congleton was considered.

CTC/32/1415 RESOLVED that the Town Council produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

17. **SIGNAGE**

A comprehensive signage policy which states what signage is allowed to be put up in and around the Town and from what source was discussed.

CTC/33/1415 RESOLVED that the Banners, A-Boards and Signage policy be approved and adopted.

D Murphy

TOWN MAYOR



B. Hogan Esq
Town Clerk
Congleton Town Council

Dear Mr Hogan,

Further to my letter and our subsequent telephone conversation, I write to confirm that my question to the Council will be "that they urge Cheshire East DC. to do what is necessary to re-open Nantwich Care Home as soon as possible in the light of the fact that as we are living longer the need for respite care is on the increase."

Sincerely,
Nigel Ashton

TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

2014

20 th September	Centre Stage Youth Theatre
21 st September	Winsford Town Council Civic Service
21 st September	Theatre Production at Railway Station
26 th September	Buglawton Hall School
28 th September	Cheshire East Civic Service
28 th September	RAF Band Concert
4 th October	Church House Fun Day
9 th October	Community Pride Awards
11 th October	Congleton Community Credit Union - Tesco
11 th October	Bear Grills
11 th October	Congleton Players – Vicar of Dibley
12 th October	Harvest Service Astbury Service
13 th October	Havannah School
14 th October	Choral Society Workshop
15 th October	Blackfirs School
16 th October	Mossley School
17 th October	WW1 Play
18 th October	Congleton Community Credit Union Gala Dinner
20 th October	Quinta School
21 st October	Astbury School
22 nd October	Buglawton School
23 rd October	St. Mary's School

DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

28 th September	St. Peter's Church Service
5 th October	Congleton Half Marathon
5 th October	Harvest Service - Tesco
24 th October	North West In Bloom – Southport
25 th October	W I Show – New Life Church

MAYOR'S CADET

20 th September	Centre Stage Youth Theatre
21 st September	Winsford Town Council Civic Service
21 st September	Theatre Production at Railway Station
11 th October	Congleton Players – Vicar of Dibley
18 th October	Congleton Community Credit Union Gala Dinner

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 3rd SEPTEMBER 2014

PRESENT Councillor Mrs. A. M. Martin (Vice Chairman – In the Chair)
P. Bates
G. Baxendale
R. I. Brightwell
D. T. Brown
J. S. Crowther
G. R. Edwards
G. P. Hayes
Mrs. S. A. Holland
Mrs. J. D. Parry
Mrs. E. Wardlaw
G. S. Williams

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Mrs. D. S. Allen, L. D. Barker, Ms. L. Bours, D. Murphy, D. A. Parker, N. T. Price and Miss R .K. Williams.

2. **MINUTES**

PLN/11/1415 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 21st August 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded to declare both “non pecuniary” and “pecuniary” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

4. **OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

There were none.

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

PLN/12/1415 RECOMMENDED: That the following comments be made to Cheshire East Borough Council:

Week ended 22nd August 2014

14/3822C	47 Heath Road, Congleton, CW12 4LF	NO OBJECTION
14/3934T	3 Hillesden Rise, Congleton, CW12 3DR	NO OBJECTION
		Subject to usual conditions
All Councillors declared a “non pecuniary” interest in application 14/3934T as a member of the Town Council lives at the property		
14/3148C	18 Bridge Street, Congleton, CW12 1AS	NO OBJECTION

Week ended 29th August 2014

14/3995T	Mossley House, Biddulph Road, Congleton, CW12 3LQ	NO OBJECTION Subject to usual conditions
14/4061T	32A Park Lane, Congleton, CW12 3DG	NO OBJECTION Subject to usual conditions

6. PLANNING APPEALS

The following appeal decision was reported.

Appeal Ref: APP/R0660/A/14/2212276 – Land Off Newcastle Road, Congleton – The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for the erection of up to 9 residential dwellings. Councillor Baxendale informed the meeting that Cheshire East are considering seeking a judicial review.

7. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

It was reported that there had recently been traffic congestion due to the road works on West Street. Councillor Baxendale gave an update that this was due to utility works in connection with new housing developments and that Cheshire East had provided information prior to the work starting.

Information was provided on the poor state of the footpaths in Congleton. Examples were given of Buxton Road near St. Stephen's Church, the A34 near Tesco and Rope Walk. Councillors were encouraged up use the Cheshire East Automated System for reporting the specific details. It was agreed that it may be appropriate to discuss this item in more detail at a Community Meeting and arrange for a survey to be conducted. The Town Clerk will be consulted in this respect.

It was reported that there were problems with the route along Wagg Street to Fol Hollow. Information was also provided on traffic turning the wrong way at the junction of Wagg Street and Swan Bank. This will be reported to the Cheshire East Highways Officers.

The meeting was informed of problems at The Vale Walkway and that the street light has still not been repaired.

Councillors requested an update regarding the previously discussed item of cyclists using the pedestrian area and confusion with the signage. The Town Clerk and Cheshire East will be contacted for up to date information.

Councillor Brown requested that the Town Clerk copy himself and Councillor Baxendale into his correspondence with Cheshire East Officers.

Mrs. A. M. Martin (Vice Chairman)

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 25th SEPTEMBER 2014

PRESENT Councillor L. Barker (Chairman)
G. Baxendale
D. T. Brown
G. P. Hayes
Mrs. S. A. Holland
Mrs. A. M. Martin
D. Murphy
D. A. Parker
Mrs. J. D. Parry
Mrs. E. Wardlaw

Approximately 10 members of the public attended the meeting

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Mrs. D. S. Allen, P. Bates, Ms. L. Bours, R. I. Brightwell, J. S. Crowther, G. R. Edwards, N. T. Price, G. S. Williams and Miss R. K. Williams.

2. **MINUTES**

PLN/13/1415 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 3rd September 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded to declare both "non pecuniary" and "pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Councillor D. T. Brown declared a "non pecuniary" interest due to his membership of Cheshire East Council and also due to his membership of the Strategic Planning Committee. Councillor Brown did not vote on any items.

Councillor G. Baxendale declared a "non pecuniary" interest due to his membership of Cheshire East Council.

4. **OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

There were none.

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

PLN/14/1415 RECOMMENDED: That the following comments be made to Cheshire East Borough Council:

Week ended 5th September 2014

14/3984C	Hightown Corn Mills, Congleton, CW12 3JT	NO OBJECTION
14/4049C	81 Leek Road, Congleton, CW12 3HX	NO OBJECTION
14/4050C	Dane Lodge, Wards Lane, Congleton, CW12 3LN	NO OBJECTION

14/4055C High Bank, Tommys Lane, Congleton, CW12 3LN
14/4045T 73 Park Lane, Congleton, CW12 3DD

NO OBJECTION
NO OBJECTION
Subject to usual conditions

Week ended 12th September 2014

14/4095C 16 Nelson Street, Congleton, CW12 4BS NO OBJECTION

14/3649C Land West of Padgbury Lane, Congleton, CW12 4LR **REFUSE**

14/3657C Land West of Padgbury Lane, Congleton, CW12 4LR **REFUSE**

Councillor Brown declared a "non pecuniary" interest due to his membership of Cheshire East Council and did not vote on applications 14/3649C and 14/3657C

Representatives from Protect Congleton and the West Heath Action Group and Cheshire East Councillor Domleo spoke in objection to the applications.

REFUSE – DUE TO THE FOLLOWING REASONS -

Planning applications 14/3649C – 120 Dwellings and 14/3657C 150 Dwellings

Saved CBC policies

1. PS8

The site selected is designated in Open Countryside and as such the development fails to comply with this policy and is unacceptable. The applicant also fails to demonstrate clearly that they are exempt from this policy in that this is essential to the local needs and the rural economy

2. H6

The planned site is in Open Countryside as indicated in the Congleton Borough Council Local plan and the proposed development fails to comply with any of the categories within this policy

3. GR 19

The proposal suggests that the infra-structure present is adequate and no additional improvements or expenditure is required in the immediate vicinity. However, this statement is implausible and contrary to GR19 as the egress from Padgbury Lane to Newcastle Road is very difficult, particularly in the rush hour as the additional traffic emanating from the proposed dwellings would add significantly to this problem, and would place an undue burden on the existing infra-structure at this junction.

4. Vehicular Access

The proposal suggests there will be no material traffic impacts associated with the development; however, the Highways Manager stated that by introducing the traffic generation figures from these proposed developments as a cumulative total and by adjusting the distribution pattern to a more realistic level, the highway authority demonstrated that the developments would have a severe impact on a number of junctions along the A34 corridor.

5. Local Plan

The Local Plan has been submitted and is now at the examination stage and as such its contents are relevant

The Local Plan designates housing and employment sites to the north of Back Lane and Radnor Park, Padgbury Lane however, is not identified as a strategic site or location

Week ended 19th September 2014

14/3935C	9 Vale Walk, Congleton, CW12 4AL	NO OBJECTION
14/4179C	111 Longdown Road, Congleton, CW12 4QR	NO OBJECTION
14/4199C	71 Longdown Road, Congleton, CW12 4QH	NO OBJECTION
14/4229C	124 Biddulph Road, Congleton, CW12 3LY	NO OBJECTION
14/4232C	Land adj. 9B Fol Hollow, Congleton, CW12 4HT	NO OBJECTION
14/4236C	Quinta Primary School, Congleton, CW12 4LX	NO OBJECTION
14/4263C	16 Longdown Road, Congleton, CW12 4QJ	NO OBJECTION
14/4329C	1 High Street, Congleton, CW12 1BN	NO OBJECTION
14/4330C	1 High Street, Congleton, CW12 1BN	NO OBJECTION

6. **PLANNING APPEALS**

The following appeal was reported.

Application No. 13/3764C - Appeal Ref: APP/R0660/A/14/2214018 –
Land Off Waggs Road, Congleton – Erection of 104 Residential Dwellings

L. D. Barker (Chairman)

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 12TH JUNE 2014

PRESENT: Councillors D A Parker (Chairman in the Chair)
 G R Edwards
 G P Hayes
 Mrs A M Martin
 Mrs J D Parry

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs D S Allen, L D Barker, G Baxendale, G Brittain, J S Crowther N T Price and Mrs E Wardlaw.

Apologies were also received from Councillors P Bates, D T Brown, D Murphy and G S Willaims who are not members of this particular committee.

2. MINUTES

THC/01/1415/RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting held on 13th March 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non-pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

There were no declarations of interest.

4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

There are no outstanding actions

5. LAND AT THE REAR OF THE TOWN HALL

The Town Clerk reported that an agreement had been reached with the landlord of 3 High Street for an Access License.

THC/02/1415/RESOLVED that the Access Licence Agreement be noted and approved for 3 High Street.

6. TOWN HALL ROOF

The tender process and tender submission for the refurbishment of the Grand Hall roof was considered.

THC/03/1415/RESOLVED that the tender be awarded to A D Booth at a cost of £115,000 + VAT.

7. AGREEMENT WITH POSH NOSH PARTIES LTD

The revised Agreement with Posh Nosh Parties Ltd to provide catering in the Town Hall was considered by the Committee.

THC/04/1415/RESOLVED that the Agreement to provide catering services at the Town Hall be approved.

8. CARBON FOOTPRINT

The results of a Self Assessed Carbon Footprint for the Town Hall and Streetscape operations were discussed by the members.

THC/05/1415/RESOLVED that:-

1. The report be received and noted.
2. Calculation on fuel and vehicle usage to be produced per employee in future.

9. TOWN HALL TRADING ACCOUNT

THC/06/1415/RESOLVED that the Town Hall Trading Account for April 2014 be received.

D A PARKER
(CHAIRMAN IN THE CHAIR)

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH AUGUST 2014

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs D S Allen
 G S Williams (Chairman in the Chair)
 P Bates (Vice Chairman)
 G Baxendale
 D T Brown
 J S Crowther
 G R Edwards
 G P Hayes
 Mrs A M Martin
 D Murphy (Town Mayor)
 D A Parker
 Mrs J D Parry
 N T Price

1. APOLOGIES.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ms L Bours.

Apologies were also received from Cllr Mrs E Wardlaw who is an ex-officio member of this particular Committee.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

CES/15/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th June 2014 to be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non-pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Cllrs G Baxendale and D T Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Borough Council.

Cllr N T Price declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9.

Cllr D Murphy declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 16.

4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

None

5. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR WORKING GROUP MINTUES

CES/16/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th July 2014 to be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP MINUTES

CES/17/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th June, 16th July and 28th July 2014 be received and signed by the Chairman.

7. DISABILITY PARKING ON SWAN BANK

The issue of disability parking on Swan Bank was considered with some concern being expressed over the possible confusion of signage.

CES/18/1415 RESOLVED that Cheshire East Borough Council be requested to put "H" marking on dropped kerbs in the area of Swan Bank.

8. PARKING ALONG BUXTON OLD ROAD

Correspondence from St John's Church, Buglawton was considered concerning the proposed introduction of limited vehicle parking in the area. It was noted however, that Cheshire East Borough Council was still in the process of undertaking consultation to the original proposal.

CES/19/1415 RESOLVED that the correspondence be received.

9. CONGLETON FOOTBALL CLUB

A lengthy discussion took place on the need for Congleton Football Club to build a new stadium in the area.

CES/20/1415 RESOLVED that:-

1. The committee support the notion of Congleton Football Club moving to new premises.
2. The Committee would welcome an update from the Club as plans develop.

10. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Correspondence from the Police and Crime Commissioner on the roll out of digital tablets was considered.

CES/21/1415 RESOLVED that the Police and Crime commissioner be requested to roll out the use of digital tablets to the Police Force based in Congleton now.

11. CHESHIRE EAST ANNUAL GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION SHUTDOWN

Information from Cheshire East Borough Council concerning the shutdown of green garden waste collections was noted.

12. ALTERNATIVE SERVICE DELIVERY OF CEBC FUNDED SERVICES

Correspondence from Cheshire East Borough Council relating to the alternative funded service and details and contact numbers were noted.

13. CONSULTATION ON THE HARMONISATION OF TAXI FARES

Consultation proposals emanating from Cheshire East Borough Council concerning the harmonisation of taxi fares across the Borough was discussed.

CES/22/1415 RESOLVED that:-

1. The Chairman set up a small working group with delegated power to make proposals to CEBC.
2. The Working Group to contact a number of taxi companies to gain a cross section of their views on this subject.

14. UNAUTHORISED TRAVELLER ENCAMPMENTS

Considerable concern was expressed at the chaos caused by travellers occupying unauthorised sites in and around the town.

CES/23/1415 RESOLVED that:-

1. Cheshire East Borough Council be requested to introduce a suitable bye law to speed up the removal of unauthorised encampments.
2. Request information from Cheshire East Borough Council on the provision of authorised sites.
3. Request Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable of Cheshire Police to restore the position of having a dedicated officer looking after such problems.
4. Cheshire East Borough Council to be requested to look at proactive solutions to keep out unlawful encampments.

15. ANIMAL BOARDING LICENCE

A resident provided a short statement concerning problems being experienced with her next door neighbour who had been granted an animal boarding licence in a residential home.

CES/24/1415 RESOLVED that the Committee support the resident in trying to resolve the dispute and suggest that she contact Fiona Bruce MP as well as the Ombudsman in her quest to have the matter resolved.

16. CONGLETON CREDIT UNION

CES/25/1415 RESOLVED that Congleton Credit Union be allowed to use the Town Council logos on its publicity banner.

G Williams
Chairman (In the Chair)

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 28th August 2014

PRESENT

Councillors

P Bates
G Baxendale
R I Brightwell
D T Brown
J S Crowther
G R Edwards (Chairman)
Mrs. S A Holland
D Murphy (Town Mayor)
D A Parker
Mrs J D Parry (Vice Chairman)
N T Price
G S Williams

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ms. L Bours and Mrs E Wardlaw who are not members of this particular Committee.

2. MINUTES

FAP/07/1415 RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 29th May 2014 be agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non-pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Cllrs G Baxendale and D T Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Cheshire East Borough Council.

Cllr P Bates declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6 (v).

Cllr D Murphy declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 14.

4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

There are no outstanding actions.

5. GRANT APPROVALS AND COMMITMENTS 2014-2015

A summary of grant approvals and commitments was considered by the Committee and it was noted that £15,644 is available for grants in 2014-15.

FAP/08/1415 RESOLVED that the grant summary be received.

6. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FAP/09/1415 RESOLVED that:-

i. GR 7/1415 – Congleton Learning Partnership Community Interest Company

To liaise with Congleton Community Partnerships to determine what funding they are providing in the first instance.

ii. GR 8/1415 – Congleton Musical Theatre

A grant of £500 be approved.

iii. GR 9/1415 – An individual – Miss Aysha Epcim

That this matter be referred to Team Congleton, if Team Congleton request grant support that may be favourably considered.

iv. GR 10/1415 – Open Space

A grant of £250 be approved.

v. GR 11/1415 – Tornadoes Basketball Club

A grant of £250 be approved.

vi. GR 12/1415 – Congleton WW1 Awareness and Engagement Group

A grant of £300 be approved.

7. NEW GRANT ACTIVITIES MONITORING FORMS

There are no new Grant Activities Monitoring forms.

8. LETTER OF THANKS

A letter of thanks was received from the World Scout Jamboree and Congleton Jazz and Blues Festival.

9. STRATEGY WORKING GROUP MEETING

FAP/10/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Strategy Working group meeting held on 4th December 2013 be received.

10. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR APRIL 2013-JULY 2014

FAP/11/1415 RESOLVED that the Management Accounts for July 2014 be received.

11. BANK RECONCILIATION

FAP/12/1415 RESOLVED that the bank reconciliation for July 2014 be approved.

12. LIST OF PAYMENTS

FAP/13/1415 RESOLVED that the Payments List between 1st April 2014 to 31st July 2014.

13. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

FAP/14/1415 RESOLVED that the Internal Audit Report for 2013-14 (Final) be approved, it was noted that there were no recommended actions required.

14. CENOTAPH AND COMMUNITY GARDEN RESTORATION PROJECT

The Committee considered a report on the proposed refurbishment of the Cenotaph and Community Garden to be funded primarily by a grant request to the heritage Lottery Fund, but this requires at least 5% of match funding.

FAP/15/1415 RESOLVED that a grant of £10,000 be approved as part of the match funding requirement to refurbish the Cenotaph and Community Garden.

15. STREETSCAPE AND HANDYMAN SERVICE

A report was considered proposing the combining of the Streetscape and Handyman budgets. Additionally the notion of the grant provided to St Peter's Church to maintain the church yard to be vired to streetscape.

FAP/16/1415 RESOLVED that:

1. Combining Streetscape and Handyman budgets be approved.
2. Virement of the £3,000 grant previously provided to St Peter's Church to Streetscape be approved.

16. DIGITAL DISPLAY UNIT

A detailed report on the status of the company providing the Digital Display Unit was discussed and it was noted that it appeared that the company had ceased trading.

FAP/17/1415 RESOLVED that:

1. The report be received.
2. The Town Clerk to identify the actual status of the Company involved and take appropriate action.

Mr. G.R. Edwards
Chairman

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Tuesday 21st October 2014 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Joseph Hearson (Chairman)

Jamie Bernardi

Matthew Jones

Tom Heyes

Sophie Hammond

Arabella Holland

Bella Statham

Propective Member Zac Roberts

Councillor Sally Ann Holland

Councillor George Hayes

Linda Minshull

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Thomas Minshull and Councillors Larry Barker and Liz Wardlaw.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 15th September 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The Committee welcomed prospective new member Zac Roberts. A discussion took place about the recruitment of new members, in particular students at Eaton Bank which is currently under represented on the Committee. Zac stated that he would like to join and as he is Head Boy at Eaton Bank would encourage other students to join. Linda gave Zac his form for completion and when this is returned Zac could be formally co-opted at the next meeting.

RESOLVED: As discussed at the previous meeting Sophie Hammond was Co-opted on the Committee.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

A discussion took place regarding the position of Chairman and Vice Chairman for the following year. Joseph Hearson stated that he would like to continue as Chairman and no other nominations were received. It was

RESOLVED – (i) That Joseph Hearson be elected as Chairman of the Youth Committee for the forthcoming year.

There was a tied vote for the position of Vice Chairman and it was

RESOLVED – (ii) That Matthew Jones and Bella Statham be elected as Joint Vice Chairmen of the Youth Committee for the forthcoming year. It was decided that they could both support the Chairman and each will take responsibility for specific tasks.

5. YOUNG PERSONS REPORT 2014

A discussion took place regarding actions and promotion of the report. Linda gave an update of conversations she had with Harriett about arrangements to present the report to Fiona Bruce M.P. in Parliament. The proposed date is Tuesday 18th November 2014. Further information will be provided in due course.

6. YOUTH COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERING WEBSITE

Joe gave an update on a Youth Forum Meeting he attended where the Website was discussed. He provided information on subsequent conversations with Nathan regarding a few technical issues. These are all resolved and organisations are being encouraged to post information to the site. Members will promote the site in their schools.

7. YOUTH COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT

It was reported that the balance is £673.92.

As agreed a cheque for £50 has been sent to Nathan but has not been presented for payment.

RESOLVED: To authorise the withdrawal of £15 per Youth Committee member towards expenses incurred on the visit to London in November 2014.

8. YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS

Congleton Partnership

It was agreed that Mathew Jones would be the additional Youth Member on the Congleton Partnership in addition to Joseph Hearson who is already a member.

Drugs Intervention Day

Linda updated on discussions with Harriett regarding another Drugs Intervention Day in the Schools. George and Zac agreed to speak to representatives at Eaton Bank regarding the organisation of the event.

Social Event

Tom suggested a social event. A date was agreed on Sunday 7th December 2014 – more information in due course.

Hustings Event

Linda stated that she had not received any information from Jon Foster regarding the organisation of a husting event. Linda will contact Jon for an update.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 30th October – 6 p.m. prior to Town Council Meeting to update on information in respect of visit to London.

Tuesday 11th November – 7 p.m.

Joseph Hearson (Chairman)