

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting to the Town Council

Held at the Town Hall, Congleton on 9th May 2013

PRESENT: Councillors D.S Allen
 L.D Barker
 P Bates
 G Baxendale
 R I Brightwell
 D T Brown
 J S Crowther
 G R Edwards
 G Hayes
 Mrs A M Martin
 Mrs S A Holland
 D Murphy
 D A Parker
 J D Parry
 Mrs E Wardlaw

COUNCILLOR Mrs S A HOLLAND (RETIRING MAYOR) IN THE CHAIR

1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

CTC/1/1314 RESOLVED – Unanimously - That Councillor Mr G P Hayes be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year and until the acceptance of office by his successor.

Councillor G P Hayes then subscribed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

COUNCILLOR G P HAYES (TOWN MAYOR) IN THE CHAIR

The Town Mayor addressed the Meeting and gave thanks for his election.

The Town Mayor then invested the Mayor's Consort with the Chain of Office.

2. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

CTC/2/1314 RESOLVED Unanimously - That a vote of thanks be accorded to Councillor Mrs S A Holland for the able manner in which she had undertaken her duties during the year she was in Office.

The Town Mayor thereupon presented Mrs S A Holland with the Former Town Mayor's Medallion, suitably inscribed, to record her term of Office. The retiring Mayor, Councillor Mrs S A Holland, then responded.

3. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms. L Bours, N T Price, G S Williams, Miss R K Williams and G Brittain.

4. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

CTC/3/1314 RESOLVED - That Councillor D Murphy be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year and until the acceptance of Office by his successor.

Councillor D Murphy having received his Chain of Office from the Town Mayor then subscribed the Statutory Declaration of Office.

5. **LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

CTC/4/1314 RESOLVED - That Councillor G R Edwards be elected Leader of the Council and Councillor D T Brown be elected Deputy Leader of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year.

6. **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

CTC/5/1314 RESOLVED - That membership of the Committees and Working Group be as follows:-

Planning Committee – All Members of the Council.

Personnel Committee – Cllrs D T Brown, R I Brightwell, Ms. L Bours, J S Crowther, Mrs S A Holland, Mrs A M Martin, D A Parker, Mrs E Wardlaw, Miss R K Williams and G S Williams.

Finance & Policy Committee – Cllrs P Bates, G Baxendale, G Brittain, D T Brown, R I Brightwell, G R Edwards, Mrs S A Holland, N T Price, D A Parker and Mrs J D Parry.

Community, Environment & Services Committee – Cllrs Mrs D S Allen, P Bates, Ms.L Bours, J S Crowther, D T Brown, Mrs A M Martin, Mrs J D Parry, Miss R K Williams and G S Williams. (Vacancy).

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Cllrs Mrs D S Allen, L D Barker, G Baxendale, G Brittain, J S Crowther, Mrs A M Martin, D A Parker, Mrs J D Parry, N T Price and Mrs E Wardlaw.

Strategy Working Group – All Members of the Council.

NOTE: THE MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND LEADER OF THE COUNCIL ARE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF ALL COMMITTEES.

Youth Liaison Committee – Cllrs L D Barker, G P Hayes, Mrs S A Holland and Mrs E Wardlaw.

7. **CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**

CTC/6/1314 RESOLVED - That the following Members be appointed Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees for the ensuing year:-

Planning	Chairman - Vice Chairman -	Councillor L D Barker Councillor Mrs A Martin
Personnel	Chairman - Vice Chairman -	Councillor D T Brown Councillor Mrs SA Holland
Finance & Policy	Chairman - Vice Chairman -	Councillor G R Edwards Councillor Mrs J D Parry
Community, Environment & Services	Chairman - Vice Chairman -	Councillor G S Williams Councillor P Bates
Congleton Town Hall & Assets	Chairman - Vice Chairman -	Councillor D A Parker Councillor Mrs D S Allen
Strategy Working Group	Chairman - Vice Chairman -	Councillor G R Edwards Councillor D T Brown

8. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO OTHER OFFICES**

CTC/7/1314 RESOLVED- That the following Members be appointed to the offices set out below:

Town Crier	-	Councillor D A Parker
Curator of Town Treasures Assistant Curator	- -	Councillor D A Parker Councillor Mrs E Wardlaw
Lead Members on Quality	-	Councillor Mrs D S Allen Councillor G R Edwards Councillor D T Brown
Macebearer Deputy	- -	Councillor D A Parker Councillor Mrs E Wardlaw

9. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

CTC/8/1314 RESOLVED- That the following Members be appointed as the Council's representatives to serve on the Body stated, for the ensuing Municipal Year, namely:-

(i) Congleton Museum Trust	-	Councillor Mrs D A Allen (Reserve: Councillor Mrs SA Holland)
(ii) Congleton Partnership Executive Group	-	Councillor G R Edwards Councillor J S Crowther
(iii) Hilary Avenue Allotment Association	-	Councillor G S Williams

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| (iv) | Selection Panel | - | Town Mayor
Leader of the Council
Chair of Personnel Committee
Plus 2 Selected Members |
| (v) | Congleton Area LAP | - | Councillor G S Williams
(Reserve: Councillor Mrs A
Martin) |
| (vi) | Astbury Mere Trust | - | Councillor J S Crowther
Councillor G S Williams |
| (vii) | Chalc | - | Councillor Mrs S A Holland
(Reserve: Councillor P Bates) |

10. **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Mayor advised the meeting that Sister Heather Kemball had been appointed as the Mayor's Chaplain for the ensuing year and informed the Council that the Civic Service would be held on Sunday 19th May 2013 at St. Peter's Church, Chapel Street, Congleton at 3.00pm.

G P Hayes

TOWN MAYOR