

# Congleton Town Council

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting to the Town Council

### Held at the Town Hall, Congleton on 21st May 2015

**PRESENT:** Councillors      Mrs E Wardlaw  
   Mrs S Ackers Smith  
   Mrs D S Allen  
   Mrs A L Armitt  
   P Bates  
   N Adams  
   J G Baggott  
   C Booth  
   P Broom  
   G R Edwards  
   G P Hayes  
   Mrs S A Holland  
   Mrs A M Martin  
   Mrs A E Morrison  
   J D Parry  
   H Richards  
   G S Williams

MR D Murphy (RETIRING MAYOR) IN THE CHAIR

1.      **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR**

**CTC/1/1516 RESOLVED** – Unanimously - That Councillor Mrs E Wardlaw be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year and until the acceptance of office by his successor.

Councillor Mrs E Wardlaw then subscribed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

COUNCILLOR E. WARDLAW (TOWN MAYOR) IN THE CHAIR

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

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

2.      **VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR**

**CTC/2/1516 RESOLVED** Unanimously - That a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr D Murphy for the able manner in which he had undertaken his duties during the year he was in Office.

The Town Mayor thereupon presented Mr D Murphy with the Former Town Mayor's Medallion, suitably inscribed, to record his term of Office. The retiring Mayor, Mr D Murphy, then responded.

3.      **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mr. L Barker, D.T. Brown and Mr R Boston.

4. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

**CTC/3/1516 RESOLVED** - That Councillor Mr D.T. Brown be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year and until the acceptance of Office by his successor.

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

**CTC/4/1516 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/5/1516 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, L Barker, P Bates, P Broom, Mrs S Ackers Smith, J G Baggott, Mrs A M Martin, Mrs J Parry, H Richards and G S Williams.

Finance & Policy Committee

Cllrs P Bates, J G Baggott, G R Edwards, Mrs S A Holland, N Adams, Mrs D S Allen, C Booth, R Boston, Mrs J D Parry and Mrs S Ackers Smith.

Community, Environment & Services Committee

Cllrs Mrs S A Holland, P Broom, G P Hayes, Mrs A L Armitt, N Adams, C Booth, Mrs A M Martin, Mrs J D Parry, Mrs A E Morrison and G S Williams.

Congleton Town Hall

Cllrs Mrs D S Allen, Mrs A L Armitt, L Barker, P Broom, R Boston G P Hayes, Mrs S A Holland, Mrs A E Morrison Mrs A M Martin, and H Richards

Strategy Working Group

All Members of the Council.

Health and Wellbeing Working Group

Cllrs E Wardlaw, Mrs A L Armitt, P Broom, C Booth, Mrs A M Martin, Mrs A E Morrison, and Mrs S Ackers Smith,

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

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

**CTC/6/1516 RESOLVED** - That the following Members be appointed Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees for the ensuing year:-

Planning	Chairman	-	Councillor L D Barker
	Vice Chairman	-	Councillor Mrs A Martin

Personnel	Chairman - Vice Chairman -	Councillor D T Brown Councillor P Bates
Finance & Policy	Chairman - Vice Chairman -	Councillor G R Edwards Councillor Mrs J D Parry
Community, Environment & Services	Chairman - Vice Chairman -	Councillor Mrs S A Holland Councillor P Broom
Congleton Town Hall & Assets	Chairman - Vice Chairman -	Councillor G P Hayes Councillor Mrs A E Morrison
Strategy Working Group	Chairman - Vice Chairman -	Councillor G R Edwards Councillor D T Brown
Health & Wellbeing Working Group	Chairman - Vice Chairman -	Councillor E Wardlaw Councillor A E Morrison

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

**CTC/7/1516 RESOLVED-** That the following Members be appointed to the offices set out below:

Town Crier	-	Councillor D A Parker
Curator of Town Treasures	-	Councillor D A Parker
Assistant Curator	-	Councillor D T Brown
Lead Members on Quality	-	Councillor D T Brown Councillor G R Edwards Councillor C Booth
Macebearer	-	Councillor D A Parker
Deputy	-	Councillor P Bates
Youth Committee Link	-	Councillor L Barker Councillor G P Hayes Councillor Mrs S A Holland Councillor Mrs E Wardlaw
Selection Panel for co-option - of a Councillor	-	Town Mayor Leader of the Council Chair of Personnel Committee Plus 2 Selected Members
Complaints Panel	-	Town Mayor Leader of the Council Deputy Leader of the Council
Neighbourhood Planning	-	Councillor G R Edwards Councillor L Barker Councillor Mrs A M Martin
Replacement Cheque Signatories	-	Councillor P Bates Councillor J G Baggott

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

**CTC/8/1516 RESOLVED-** That the following Members be appointed as the Council's representatives to serve on the Body stated, for the ensuing Municipal Year, namely:-

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| (i)   | Congleton Museum Trust                | - | Councillor Mrs A E Morrison<br>(Reserve: Councillor Mrs D A Allen) |
| (ii)  | Congleton Partnership Executive Group | - | Councillor G R Edwards<br>Councillor Mrs A E Morrison              |
| (iii) | Hilary Avenue Allotment Association   | - | Councillor G S Williams  |
| (iv)  | Astbury Mere Trust                    | - | Councillor Mrs E Wardlaw   |
| (v)   | Chalc                                 | - | Councillor Mrs S A Holland<br>Councillor Mrs A M Martin            |
| viii) | Police Liaison                        | - | Councillor P Bates<br>Councillor H Richards                        |
| ix)   | Cheshire East Liaison                 | - | Councillor D T Brown   |

10. **JEANNE WHITEHURST FELLOWSHIP**

Evie Foster was presented with the Jeanne Whitehurst Fellowship

11. **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Mayor advised the meeting that Steve Hodgkinson 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 7th June 2015 at St. Peter's Church, Chapel Street, Congleton at 3.00pm.

12. **HONORARY BURGESS**

Mr D Parker was presented with a certificate conforming him as an Honorary Burgess of the Town Council

E WARDLAW  
TOWN MAYOR