

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday,
22nd September, 2011 in the Town Hall, Congleton.

PRESENT: Councillors D S Martin (Town Mayor)
Mrs D S Allen
L D Barker
G Baxendale
R I Brightwell
M Carey
J S Crowther
G R Edwards
D Fletcher
Mrs S A Holland
M J Hutton
Mrs A M Martin
Mrs J D Parry
N T Price
Mrs E Wardlaw
G S Williams

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: D T Brown, G P Hayes, D A Parker and Miss R K Williams.

2. MINUTES

CTC/20/1112 RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 30th June, 2011, be approved and signed by the Mayor.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded to declare both “personal” and “personal and prejudicial” Interests as early in the meeting as they become aware of it.

Councillor G. Baxendale declared a personal interest in any item related to Cheshire East Borough Council and declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 18.

4. 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.

5. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

There are no outstanding actions.

6. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions received from members of the public.

7. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

There was nothing to report currently.

8. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

CTC/21/1112 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 9th June and 1st September 2011 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

9. AMENITIES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

CTC/22/1112 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 9th June and 1st September 2011 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

10. PLANNING COMMITTEE

CTC/23/1112 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th July, 28th July, 25th August and 8th September 2011 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

11. TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

CTC/24/1112 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th July be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

12. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

CTC/25/1112 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 9th June and 1st September 2011 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

13. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

CTC/26/1112 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2011 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

14. ACCOUNTS

CTC/27/1112 RESOLVED-

- (a) That the Council approve the payment of the accounts listed.
- (b) That the Council approve payment of any expenditure agreed at the meeting.

15. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent matters raised.

16. YOUTH COMMITTEE/JUNIOR COUNCIL

The Youth Committee matters were deferred to the next meeting of the Town Council.

17. COMMITTEE PAPERS VIA EMAIL

The members considered the notion of receiving all notices of Council meetings and accompanying papers by email rather than post.

CTC/28/1112 RESOLVED- That the Clerk will email all members of the Council to ascertain their preference for receiving notices and papers for Council meetings.

18. REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Council considered the notion of providing an allowance to cover the cost of providing refreshments for the Remembrance Day Service to be held on 13th November, 2011. It was noted that the cost is circa £500.

It was noted that Councillor G. Baxendale left the room whilst this item was considered.

CTC/29/1112 RESOLVED- That expenditure of circa £500 be approved to provide refreshments for the Remembrance Day Service.

19. CHANGE TO THE CONSTITUTION

The members considered the notion of opening up membership of Finance and Policy to all Councillors because of previous concern about having sufficient members of the Committee in attendance to be a quorate.

CTC/30/1112 RESOLVED- That the Clerk amend Standing Order 53 to provide the Chairman of Finance & Policy with the discretion to co-opt other members of the Council onto the committee and voting members when it is not quorate.

20. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS (IF NECESSARY)

There was no resolution to exclude the press and public.

D S MARTIN
MAYOR