

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday,
3rd November, 2011 in the Town Hall, Congleton.

PRESENT: Councillors D S Martin (Town Mayor)
Mrs D S Allen
L D Barker
M Carey
J S Crowther
G R Edwards
G P Hayes
Mrs S A Holland
Mrs A M Martin
D A Parker
Mrs J D Parry
N T Price
Mrs E Wardlaw
G S Williams

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: G Baxendale, R I Brightwell, D Fletcher, M J Hutton and Miss R K Williams.

2. MINUTES

CTC/31/1112 RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September, 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 D. Brown declared a personal interest in any items related to Cheshire East Borough Council.

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.

The Mayor also thanked and congratulated the Town Hall staff, CEBC staff and all the volunteers involved in achieving the gold award from North West in Bloom.

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 were no items to report.

8. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

CTC/32/1112 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2011 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

9. AMENITIES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

CTC/33/1112 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2011 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

10. PLANNING COMMITTEE

CTC/34/1112 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 29th September and 20th October 2011 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

11. TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

CTC/35/1112 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 29th September be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

12. FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

CTC/36/1112 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2011 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

13. ACCOUNTS

CTC/37/1112 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.

14. URGENT ITEMS

Councillors were reminded of the Remembrance Day Service which is taking place on Sunday, 13th November, 2011.

Councillor Mrs S A Holland expressed concern at the level of drug abuse in Congleton and stated that the Council should be concerned at this problem.

Councillor G Hayes stated that he was very disappointed at the response from CEBC concerning school transport to Congleton High School and Eaton Bank noting that the service had been cut since half term.

15. YOUTH COMMITTEE/JUNIOR COUNCIL

CTC/38/1112 RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meetings held on 6th July, 13th September and 12th October and notes of the meeting held on the 8th August, 2011 be received.

The dates of future Youth Council meetings will be circulated to all Councillors.

16. JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Mrs Margaret Williamson, Deputy Lord Lieutenant on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire provided an update on plans for the Jubilee celebrations in June 2012.

1. A 'Big Lunch', street parties are proposed to take place on Sunday, 3rd June throughout Cheshire.
2. A Service of Thanksgiving for The Ecumenical Churches in Congleton.
3. 212 beacons are to be lit in the UK and it is proposed that a beacon should be placed on top of The Cloud. The cost of the beacon is £350 and CEBC will liaise with the National Trust to get permission for that to happen.
4. Mrs Williamson requested that the Council form a Jubilee Committee consisting of 2 Councillors and a Youth Councillor.

CTC/39/1112 RESOLVED – That the report be received.

17. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTED MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Cheshire East Borough Council has reviewed its representation to outside bodies and as a consequence will no longer send a representative to the Congleton Drill Hall Trust, but suggested Town and Parish Councils could elect a representative locally.

CTC/40/1112 RESOLVED- That Councillor D Parker be elected as a representative of the Town Council to the Drill Hall Trust.

18. POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATION REVIEW

CEBC have carried out a review of polling district, polling places and polling stations to ensure that all electors in the constituency have reasonable accessible facilities for voting.

CTC/41/1112 RESOLVED That:-

1. The report be received.
2. The Clerk to contact CEBC to express concern at moving some electors of Mossley Village Hall Polling Station to Wellspring Methodist Church.

19. NORTH WEST IN BLOOM AWARD

A letter from Fiona Bruce MP congratulating the Town Council on receiving a gold award from North West in Bloom was considered.

CTC/42/1112 RESOLVED – That the letter be received and Fiona Bruce's kind comments was noted.

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

There was no resolution to exclude the press and public.

MAYOR