

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday,
1st November 2012 in the Town Hall, Congleton.

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

2. **MINUTES**

CTC/44/1213 RESOLVED- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th September, 2012 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.

Councillor G.Hayes declared a pecuniary interest in item 17.

4. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

5. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

None.

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 reports from Cheshire East Councillors.

8. **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

CTC/45/1213 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2012 and 18th October 2012 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

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

CTC/46/1213 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2012 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

10. **FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE**

CTC/47/1213 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2012 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

11. **TOWN HALL COMMITTEE**

CTC/48/1213 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2012 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

12. **ACCOUNTS**

CTC/49/1213 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.

13. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent matters raised.

14. **YOUTH COMMITTEE/JUNIOR COUNCIL**

CTC/50/1213 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meetings held on the 4th September 2012, 13th September 2012 and 9th October 2012 be received.

15. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Council considered the notion of introducing a 10 minute public question time at all meetings of the Town Council.

CTC/51/1213 RESOLVED that:-

- i. A 10 minute Public Question Time facility be introduced at all Town Council meetings.
- ii. The Town Clerk to produce a protocol for Public Question Time.
- iii. Public Question Time will be advertised on the Town Council website.

16. **QUALITY TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL ACCREDITATION**

CTC/52/1213 RESOLVED – That the Town Council’s re accreditation to the Quality Town Parish Council scheme be welcomed and received.

17. **MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYORS’ ALLOWANCES**

The Council considered the allowances paid to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor during their year of office.

CTC/53/1213 RESOLVED that:-

- i. The Mayor’s allowance will be increased to £3,000.
- ii. No allowance will be paid to the deputy mayor in future, but, he/she will be entitled to claim expenses.

18. **CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESHIRE LOCAL PLAN**

CTC/54/1213 RESOLVED – That correspondence concerning the consultation period for the Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan be noted.

19. **BOUNDARY COMMISSION**

The Council considered the report from the Boundary Commission on its revised proposals for Parliamentary Constituencies in England. It was noted that there were no proposed changes to boundaries in Congleton.

CTC/55/1213 RESOLVED – That the report be received.

20. **FIONA BRUCE MP**

CTC/56/1213 RESOLVED – That the letter of congratulations from Fiona Bruce MP to the Council on winning the Best Market Town in Cheshire Award at the Community Pride competition be received.

21. **RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUNLIC AND PRESS (IF NECESSARY)**

There was no resolution to exclude the public and press.

Mrs S A Holland

TOWN MAYOR