

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday,
4th September 2012 in the Town Hall, Congleton.

PRESENT: Councillors

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

2. **MINUTES**

CTC/35/1213 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd August, 2012 be approved and signed by the Mayor.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are requested 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 matters related to Cheshire East Borough Council.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

None.

5. **NORTHERN LINK ROAD**

Cllr Mason pointed out that Congleton is the “Third” largest town in Cheshire East. Key companies within the town are being constrained by the poor local infrastructure and the lack of availability of land to expand.

The notion of a Northern Link Road is the highest priority scheme for Cheshire East to relieve congestion in the town and improve air quality.

It was also suggested that a range of transport infrastructure solutions should be researched in addition to the local road link.

CTC/36/1213 RESOLVED- That the indicative route for the Northern Link Road be approved and that this be included in the Town Strategy.

6. **PUBLIC REALM STRATEGY**

A report on the priority projects for the Public Realm Strategy was discussed by the Council.

It was noted that the 3 caveats approved in the Town Council meeting dated 8th March 2012 need to be taken into account when determining any of the 12 projects.

CTC/37/1213 RESOLVED- That:-

1. Festival Square be confirmed as Project Number 1.
2. The Town Council provide a contribution of £50,000 towards the cost of the Festival Square project.

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

There was no resolution to exclude the public and press.

Mrs S. A Holland

TOWN MAYOR