

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday,
4th July 2013 in the Town Hall, Congleton.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs D.S Allen
 L.D Barker
 P Bates
 L. Bours
 R I Brightwell
 G R Edwards
 G Hayes
 Mrs A M Martin
 Mrs S A Holland
 D Murphy
 D A Parker
 J. D Parry
 N T Price
 E Wardlaw
 G S Williams
 Miss R. K Williams
 P. Mason (Cheshire East Borough Council)

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, D.T Brown and J.S Crowther.

2. **MINUTES**

CTC/14/1314 RESOLVED- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th May 2013 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.

There were none.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

None.

5. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Bill Keeling, a member of the public, commented about the adverse publicity concerning the dress code of Councillors attending Council meetings which did not cause him concern, what is more important, he state is the decisions made by Councillors rather than what they wear and the Council has made some good decisions recently.

6. **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 pointed out that he had recently attended a meeting with 12 other Town Mayor's where concern was expressed at speculative Planning Applications, the meeting was attended by Fiona Brice MP who is taking the issue up on behalf of the constituency.

7. **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Peter Mason CEBC provided a report on Cheshire East Borough Council's activities. He pointed out that Cabinet had considered a Viability Position statement for the Link Road which was approved.

Cheshire East have also removed access to payday loan companies' web sites from any of their pcs located in public places.

The Cabinet have also endorsed the notion of having a minimum price for the sale of alcohol in order to reduce drink related problems, they set the price at 45p per unit.

The Final Financial Outturn for 2012-13 was better than first thought with finances improving and reserves despite the cuts in government grants.

It was pointed out that £701k was spent on the Lyme Green Project, but, much of this has been recovered as the site has been prepared for another company to take over.

Cllr Robbie Brightwell supported by other councillors expressed concern at the lack of response from Senior Cheshire East personnel to important matters raised by local councillors.

It was agreed that Cllr Peter Mason and the Town Clerk would take this matter up with the Borough.

8. **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

CTC/15/1314 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May and 13th June 2013 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

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

CTC/16/1314 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2013 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

10. **TOWN HALL COMMITTEE**

CTC/17/1314 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2013 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

11. **FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE**

CTC/18/1314 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 30th May 2013 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

12. **ACCOUNTS**

CTC/19/1314 RESOLVED-

- a) To approve the payment of the accounts listed.
- b) To approve the payment of any expenditure agreed at this meeting.

13. **URGENT ITEMS**

Cllr Mrs L. Bours requested that the Council consider the manner in which minutes are recorded at the next Council meeting.

14. **YOUTH COMMITTEE**

This item was deferred to the next Council meeting.

15. **POLICE LIAISON COMMITTEE**

CTC/20/1314 RESOLVED- that Cllrs P. Bates and D.S Allen be appointed to represent the council on the Police Liaison Committee or any other appropriate body that Cheshire Police recommend.

16. **NALC MEETING WITH DCLG**

The correspondence provided by NALC on a recent meeting that had taken place with the DCLG were noted.

17. **FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL**

A report on the Food and Drink Festival produced by the Town Centre Manager and a letter from Fiona Bruce MP congratulating the organisers of the Festival were considered.

CTC/21/1314 RESOLVED that a letter of thanks be sent to Jo Money, Congleton Community Projects, on behalf of the Town Council.

G P Hayes

TOWN MAYOR