

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday,
12th January, 2012 in the Town Hall, Congleton.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs D S Allen
 L D Barker
 G Baxendale
 R I Brightwell
 D T Brown
 J S Crowther
 G R Edwards
 D Fletcher
 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 M J Hutton and Miss R K Williams.

2. MINUTES

CTC/58/1112 RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th December, 2011, be approved and signed by the Deputy 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 D Brown and G Baxendale declared a personal interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Borough Council.

4. MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deputy Town Mayor drew attention to the various engagements that she and the Mayor had fulfilled since the last Council meeting and commented that the Carol Service held before Christmas was very well attended and the Town Mayor Councillor David Martin was present.

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

Cllr D. Brown stated that the Neighbourhood Plan for Congleton had been viewed by DCLG on Monday 9th January and had been very well received.

8. PLANNING COMMITTEE

CTC/59/1112 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2012 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

9. FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

CTC/60/1112 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2012 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

10. ACCOUNTS

CTC/61/1112 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.

11. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent matters raised

12. YOUTH COMMITTEE/JUNIOR COUNCIL

CTC/62/1112 RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meetings held on the 20th December, 2011 be received.

13. CASUAL VACANCY – WEST WARD

The Town Clerk outlined the procedure to follow when declaring a casual vacancy for the Town Council.

CTC/63/1112 RESOLVED - That the notice of the casual vacancy for a Town Councillor in West Ward would be posted on Friday 13th January.

14. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

Nominations were requested for the position of Town Mayor for the remainder of the Civic Year.

CTC/64/1112 RESOLVED - That Councillor D. A. Parker be elected Town Mayor for the remaining part of the Municipal Year and until the acceptance of Office by his successor.

Councillor D A Parker then subscribed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

COUNCILLOR D A PARKER (TOWN MAYOR) IN THE CHAIR

The Town Mayor addressed the Meeting and gave thanks for his election.

15. **BUDGET AND 2011-12**

The Council considered the following powers needed to approve expenditure in the 2012-13 budget.

Budget Expenditure Powers 2012-13

Expenditure	Power	£
Police Community Support Officers	S 31	47200
Other grants and donations	S 137	25763
Citizens Advice Bureau	S 142	15000
Christmas Lights	S 144	9000
Carnival Committee	S 144	3750
Congleton Community Projects	S 145	16000
Church clock maintenance	S 2	3000
Museum grant	S 144	4500

CTC/65/1112 RESOLVED- That the expenditure powers required for the 2012-13 budget be approved.

16. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Town Clerk provided a summary of the main features of the Neighbourhood Plan and pointed out that over 20 people had been involved in producing the plan drawn from various sections of the community.

CTC/66/1112 RESOLVED - That the Neighbourhood Plan be approved.

It was noted that Councillor D Brown did not vote on this issue.

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

There was no resolution to exclude the press and public.