

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday,
16th April 2015 in the Town Hall, Congleton.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs D S Allen
 L. D. Barker
 P Bates
 G Baxendale
 R I Brightwell
 D T Brown
 J S Crowther
 G R Edwards
 G P Hayes
 Mrs S A Holland
 Mrs A M Martin
 D Murphy (**Town Mayor**)
 D A Parker
 J D Parry
 Mrs 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 Councillor Miss R K Williams.

2. **MINUTES**

CTC/68/1415 RESOLVED- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th March 2015 be approved and signed by the Deputy 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.

Cllrs G. Baxendale and D. T. Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Borough Council.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

None.

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

There were no questions from members of the public.

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.

7. **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

CTC/69/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 19th February and 12th March 2015 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

8. **FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE**

CTC/70/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2015 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

9. **TOWN HALL COMMITTEE**

CTC/71/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2015 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

10. **URGENT ITEMS**

Councillor P Bates congratulated Reliance Medical for winning an order for £35m and Pulse Fitness who gained an order for £45m.

Cllr J S Crowther requested a copy of the Carnival accounts.

Cllrs Mrs D S Allen requested information relating to the timescale of the complaints procedure.

11. **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillor D T Brown expressed his condolences to the Williamson family and mentioned the many good works and projects Margaret Williamson had been involved in for the benefit of the Town.

He also congratulated Pulse Fitness and Reliance Medical for their recent sales successes.

He also mentioned that there would be a celebration of the Galipoli Campaign which would take place at the Cenotaph in Congleton on 25th April 2005.

12. **TOWN HALL COMMITTEE**

CTC/72/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Youth Committee meeting held on 24th March 2015 be received.

13. **DISASTER RECOVERY AND BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN**

The members considered a Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Plan. Cllr G Williams suggested it was worth contacting Zurich Insurance as they have such contingency plans for Town and Parish Councils to use and to also consider inserting a contingency plan for acts of terrorism.

CTC/73/1415 RESOLVED to approve and adopt the Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Plan.

14. **COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2015-2016**

The Committee date calendar for 2015-16 was considered.

CTC/74/1415 RESOLVED to approve the meetings calendar for 2015-16.

15. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

A report on progress on the Neighbourhood Plan was presented to the Town Council.

CTC/75/1415 RESOLVED that:-

1. That the report be received.
2. Expenditure of £5,560 be approved.

16. **LINK ROAD**

Cheshire East Council, who recently carried out a public consultation on the Link Road, contacted the Town Council as a scheme stakeholder to seek our vision and opinion on the proposed route.

CTC/76/1415 RESOLVED that the Town Council support and endorse the Preferred Route of the Link Road, conditional upon there being no negative impact in respect of noise and air pollution had the purple route been selected.

17. **HONORARY BURGESS**

Cllr G R Edwards proposed that Mr D A Parker in recognition of his service to the Town Council be conferred with the title of Honorary Burgess.

CTC/77/1415 RESOLVED that:-

1. The Council approve of conferring the title of Honorary Burgess on Mr D A Parker upon his retirement from the Town Council.
2. To invite Mr D A Parker to become a member of the Town Hall and Assets Committee as a lay member, which confers no voting rights.

Mr D Murphy
TOWN MAYOR