

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday,
18th April 2013 in the Town Hall, Congleton.

PRESENT: Councillors L.D Barker
 P Bates
 G. Baxendale
 L. Bours
 R I Brightwell
 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 D.S Allen, D.T Brown and R.K Williams.

2. **MINUTES**

CTC/85/1213 RESOLVED- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th March 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.

Councillor G.Baxendale declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Borough Council.

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 raised from members of the Public at the meeting or notified in advance in writing.

7. **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr G.Baxendale commented that Cheshire East were in the process of appointing a new Chief executive. It was also noted that the Borough had lost the Loachbrook Farm appeal.

Cllr. Mrs Bours requested information on the new Chief Executive's salary.

8. **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

CTC/86/1213 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March and 4th April 2013 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

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

CTC/87/1213 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2013 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

10. **FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

CTC/88/1213 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 28th March 2013 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

11. **TOWN HALL COMMITTEE**

CTC/89/1213 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2013 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

12. **ACCOUNTS**

CTC/90/1213 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**

There were no urgent matters raised.

14. **YOUTH COMMITTEE/JUNIOR COUNCIL**

CTC/91/1213 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2013 be received.

The Youth Council provided an update on the pre-launch website they were producing and thanked the Town Council for its support with the project.

15. **CONGLETON LINK ROAD**

Correspondence from Fiona Bruce MP, together with a copy of Hansard illustrating the case the MP made to Parliament for support for the Link Road in Congleton was considered by members.

CTC/92/1213 RESOLVED- That the Town Council would like to record its congratulations and thanks to Fiona Bruce MP for the splendid speech she made in Parliament making the case for the Link Road in Congleton.

16. **MERCIAN REGIMENT HOMECOMING PARADE**

Arrangements for the Mercian Regiment Parade taking place in Congleton on the 14th June were considered. It was noted that Cheshire East would host a VIP reception in the town Hall at 10.30am and a reception for the troops at lunchtime.

CTC/93/1213 RESOLVED that the correspondence be received and noted.

17. **MOUNTVIEW CARE HOME**

Members expressed concern at the current consultation exercise being conducted by Cheshire East Borough Council and the fact that Mountview might be closed. It was considered that with the potential for an increase in population in the next few years, coupled with an ageing demographic in the Town there was a need to retain this local facility.

CTC/94/1213 RECOMMENDED that:-

1. Cllrs should complete a response to the consultation individually.
2. The Town Clerk to demand responses to the questions raised with Cllr J. Clowes, Portfolio Holder Health & Adult Social Care.
3. To confirm the Town Council's total opposition to any potential closure of the facility.

18. **MEETING DATE 2013-14**

CTC/95/1213 RESOLVED that the meeting calendar for Town Council and Committee meetings for 2013-14 be approved.

Mrs S A Holland

TOWN MAYOR