

# Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday,  
19th April, 2012 in the Town Hall, Congleton.

**PRESENT:** Councillors     D. A. Parker (Town Mayor)  
                                     Mrs D S Allen  
                                     L D Barker  
                                     R I Brightwell  
                                     J S Crowther  
                                     G R Edwards  
                                     D. Fletcher  
                                     G P Hayes  
                                     Mrs S A Holland  
                                     M. J. Hutton  
                                     Mrs A. M. Martin  
                                     D. Murphy  
                                     Mrs J D Parry  
                                     N T Price  
                                     G. S. Williams

## 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Baxendale, D T Brown and Miss R K Williams.

## 2. MINUTES

**CTC/85/1112 RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 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.

There were no declarations of interest.

## 4. MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor drew attention to the various engagements that he had attended.

## 5. THOMAS FATTORINI JUBILEE LINK

The Council considered a report on a proposal to purchase a Jubilee Link for the Mayoral Chain.

**CTC/86/1112 RESOLVED** – That the Jubilee Link not be purchased.

**6. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

There were no outstanding actions.

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

There were no questions received from members of the public.

**8. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

There were no Cheshire East Councillor reports.

**9. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**CTC/87/1112 RESOLVED-** That the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

**11. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**CTC/88/1112 RESOLVED-** That the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

**12. FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE**

**CTC/89/1112 RESOLVED-** That the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February and 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

**13. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**CTC/90/1112 RESOLVED-** That the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

**14. TOWN HALL COMMITTEE**

**CTC/91/1112 RESOLVED-** That the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

**15. ACCOUNTS**

**CTC/92/1112 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.

**16. URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent matters raised

**17. YOUTH COMMITTEE/JUNIOR COUNCIL**

**CTC/93/1112 RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012 be received.

The Chairman of the Youth Council introduced two new members of the Youth Council and also thanked the Vice Chairman, Emma Satchwell who would be leaving the Committee in May.

**18. YOUTH COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION**

**CTC/94/1112 RESOLVED** - That the updated Youth Committee Constitution as recommended at the Youth Committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March be adopted.

**19. NALC – LEGAL TOPIC NOTE**

A Briefing note from NALC which explained the legislative changes introduced by the Localism Act 2011, which replaces the Standards Framework, was considered.

**CTC/95/1112 RESOLVED** – that:-

1. The legal note from NALC be received.
2. That the Clerk contacts Cheshire East Borough Council to request that they proceed with a member code for all Town and Parish Councils.

**20. NORTHERN BY PASS**

A report on the notion of lobbying Cheshire East Borough Council on a Northern By Pass for Congleton was considered.

**CTC/96/1112 RESOLVED** That:-

1. The report be received
2. The Council lobby Cheshire East to include a Northern By Pass as a high priority scheme in the Core Strategy and Local Plan.
3. The Town Council work with other key groups in the Town, including Businesses, the Partnership and other key organisations to support the motion of a Northern By Pass.
4. The Council set up a Working Party to liaise with other groups to move this forward.

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

There was no resolution to exclude the press and public.

D. A. Parker  
Town Mayor