

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday,
21st June 2012 in the Town Hall, Congleton.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs S A Holland (Mayor)
 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
 M J Hutton
 Mrs A M Martin
 D Murphy
 D A Parker
 Mrs J D Parry
 N T Price
 G Williams
 Miss R K 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 Mrs E Wardlaw.

2. **MINUTES**

CTC/13/1213 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 31st May, 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.

Councillors D Brown and G Baxendale declared a personal 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 had attended.

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**

Councillor Price requested the Cheshire East Councillors for assistance in carrying out repairs to the poor state of the highways and footpaths in Congleton particularly around Holmes Chapel Road and West Road.

Councillor Brown pointed out that such problems can be reported to Cheshire East Borough Council via the website.

Councillor G Williams offered to co-ordinate such complaints by liaising with John Tickle of Cheshire East Borough Council.

Also noted that the planning application for the Grove Inn has gone to appeal and the Town Council will write to confirm its objections to the planning application.

8. **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

CTC/14/1213 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May, 24th May and 14th June, 2012 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

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

CTC/15/1213 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2012 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

10. **FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

CTC/16/1213 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 31st May, 2012 be received and the recommendations therein by adopted.

11. **TOWN HALL COMMITTEE**

CTC/17/1213 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 9th May, 2012 be received and the recommendations therein by adopted.

12. **ACCOUNTS**

CTC/18/1213 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.

13. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent matters raised.

14. **YOUTH COMMITTEE/JUNIOR COUNCIL**

CTC/19/1213 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meetings held on the 1st May and 29th May be received.

It was also noted that the Young Persons Report 2012 has been finalised and will be circulated to Councillors in the next few days.

15. **RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR**

The resignation of Councillor D Fletcher was confirmed to the Town Council. A discussion then took place on how to advertise the casual vacancy arising from this resignation.

CTC/20/1213 RESOLVED That:-

1. The resignation of Councillor D Fletcher be accepted.
2. The casual vacancy to be declared on the 25th June, 2012 and advertised in the Chronicle as well as the Town Council noticeboards and the website.

16. **HONORARY BURGESS**

A report from Councillor R Edwards recommending that Mr E Clarke be appointed a Burgess was considered.

CTC/21/1213 RESOLVED That:-

1. To invite Mr E Clarke to become an Honorary Burgess of Congleton Town Council.
2. To invite Mr E Clarke to become a lay member of the Community, Environment & Services Committee and Floral Arrangement Sub-Working Group.

17. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Town Clerk provided an update on the latest advice received from Cheshire East Borough Council concerning the adoption of the new Code of Conduct.

CTC/22/1213 RESOLVED- That with the date of coming into force of Section 27 of the Localism Act 2011, the Council resolved that the Code of Conduct adopted by Cheshire East Borough Council be adopted as this Councils Code of Conduct.

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

There was no resolution to exclude the Public and Press.

Mrs S A Holland

TOWN MAYOR