

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE HELD ON 15TH SEPTEMBER 2009

PRESENT: Councillors N Bayley (Chairman)
D Murphy
Mrs S A Holland
D Parker
Mrs J Whitehurst

D Brown(Deputy Mayor)

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors D Martin, Mrs L Bossons & P H Mason, E Clarke (Mayor)

2. **MINUTES**

THC/7/0910/Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 28th May 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2A. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs D Murphy, Mrs J Whitehurst and D Parker declared a Personal interest in item 11.

3. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

The outstanding action and the reason for it were noted.

4. **PROJECT PLAN**

The progress on the current Project Plan was noted.

5. **PROGRESS ON CAPITAL WORKS CONTRACTS**

A report by the Architectural consultant on current capital works was noted.

THC/8/0910/Resolved: that the decisions of the Members Capital Works Panel be endorsed.

THC/9/0910/Resolved: that the additional variations to the contract set out in the report be approved.

THC/10/0910/Resolved: that the Architectural Consultant be authorised to seek quotations for an electrical engineer to inspect and report on all fixed electrical installations so that Years 6-10 capital maintenance could be specified.

THC/11/0910/Resolved: that the Architectural Consultant be authorised to obtain a detailed report on the three statues and to obtain an engineers inspection.

6. MARRIAGE/CIVIL PARTNERSHIP CEREMONIES FEES

The increased fees notified by Cheshire East Council were noted.

7. OPEN DAY AND DISPLAY OF TOWN TREASURES

THC/12/0910/Resolved: That the proposed arrangements be noted and that a launch of the interim marketing of civil weddings be integrated which should include all weddings booked on the day to have 50% normal hall hire discount.

8. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

THC/13/0910 Resolved: That the Committee resolve to exclude the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, from the matters set out below on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of private and confidential information or staff matters.

PART TWO –ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

9. REVISED TOWN HALL HIRE CHARGES

THC/14/0910 Resolved: that a 20% “Work in progress” promotion discount be given for all Grand Hall hirings until the end of January 2010.

10. TOWN HALL TRADING ACCOUNT AND REPORT

THC/15/0910 Resolved: That the satisfaction of Committee be expressed to staff at how bookings, income and operations were standing up despite the disruption of the capital works.

11. TENDER FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CONGLETON TOWN HALL

THC/16/0910/Resolved: To award the contract for the next phase of the Capital works to the contractor submitting the lowest price in accordance with the recommendations of the Report.

12. LOAN SANCTION APPROVAL

THC/17/0910/Recommended: It was noted that the capital expenditure to date was in accordance with the programme and recommended that the following approvals be given:

1. To extend the current loan sanctions for the unspent proportion of the £360,000 and £130,000 currently covered by it, beyond 30th September 2009.
2. To apply for a loan sanction for up to an additional £260,000.
3. To apply to the Public Works Loan Board for a loan of up to £390,000.

N J BAYLEY
Chairman