

# **Congleton Town Council**

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting to the Town Council

Held at the Town Hall, Congleton on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### **PRESENT:** Councillors

Mrs S Akers Smith  
P Bates  
C H Booth  
P Broom  
G R Edwards  
G P Hayes  
Mrs S A Holland  
Mrs A M Martin  
H Richards  
M A Walker  
Mrs E Wardlaw  
G S Williams

### **1. Election of the Town Mayor for the Ensuing Year**

**CTC/1/1819 RESOLVED** –That Councillor Mrs S Akers Smith be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year and until the acceptance of office by her successor.

Councillor Mrs S Akers Smith then subscribed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

COUNCILLOR Mrs S Akers Smith (TOWN MAYOR) IN THE CHAIR

The Town Mayor addressed the meeting and gave thanks for her election.

The Town Mayor then invested her Consort Mr Peter Akers Smith with the Chain of Office.

### **2. Vote of Thanks for the Retiring Mayor**

**CTC/2/1819 RESOLVED** That a vote of thanks be accorded to Cllr C H Booth for the able manner in which he had undertaken his duties during the year he was in Office.

#### **2.1 Presentation of the Former Town Mayor's Medallion**

The Town Mayor thereupon presented Cllr C H Booth with the Former Town Mayor's Medallion, suitably inscribed, to record his Term of Office.

## **2.2 Presentation of the retiring Town Mayor's Cadet Medallion**

Cllr C H Booth, then responded and presented the retiring Town Mayor's Cadet Joesph Crinks with a medallion.

## **2.3 Town Mayor's Cadet Scheme & Appointment of the Town Mayor's Cadet**

The Town Mayor then gave details of the Town Mayor's Cadet Scheme and invested the next Town Mayor's Cadet, Clara Jackson with her badge of office.

## **3. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs D S Allen, Mrs A L Armitt, J G Baggott, L D Barker, R Boston, D T Brown, Mrs A E Morrison and Mrs J Parry.

## **4. Election of Deputy Mayor**

**CTC/3/1819 RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs S A Holland be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year and until the acceptance of Office by her successor. David Holland to be appointed as the Deputy Mayor's Consort for the ensuing Municipal Year.

## **5. Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council**

**CTC/4/1819 RESOLVED** that Councillor G R Edwards be elected Leader of the Council and Councillor D T Brown be elected Deputy Leader of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year.

## **6. Council Committees**

**CTC/5/1819 RESOLVED** - That membership of the Committees be as follows:-

### **6.1 Planning Committee**

All Members of the Council.

### **6.2 Personnel Committee – 10 Members**

**Councillors** DT Brown, P Bates, G R Edwards, Mrs S A Smith, JG Baggott, L D Barker, C H Booth, Mrs A M Martin, H Richards and G S Williams.

### **6.3 Finance & Policy Committee – 10 Members**

**Councillors** G R Edwards, Mrs J D Parry, Mrs D S Allen, Mrs S A Smith, J G Baggott, P Bates, R Boston, Mrs S A Holland, M A Walker and Mrs E Wardlaw.

### **6.4 Community, Environment & Services Committee (C,E&S) – 10 Members**

**Councillors** Mrs S A Holland, C H Booth, Mrs D S Allen, Mrs A L Armitt, R Boston, P Broom, G P Hayes, Mrs A M Martin, Mrs J D Parry and G S Williams.

## **6.5 Congleton Town Hall & Assets – 10 Members**

**Councillors** G P Hayes, Mrs A E Morrison, Mrs S Akers Smith, Mrs A L Armitt, L D Barker, P Broom, D T Brown, H Richards, M A Walker and Mrs E Wardlaw.

## **6.6 Strategy Working Group**

All Members of the Council.

## **7 Chairman & Vice Chairman of Committees**

**CTC/6/1819 RESOLVED** that the following Members be appointed Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Committees for the ensuing year:-

	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
7.1	Personnel	D T Brown (Deputy Leader)	P Bates
7.2	Finance and Policy	G R Edwards (Leader)	Mrs J D Parry
7.3	Community Environment and Services	Mrs S A Holland	C H Booth
7.4	Congleton Town Hall and Assets	G P Hayes	Mrs A E Morrison
7.5	Planning	L D Barker	Mrs A M Martin
7.6	Strategy	Leader	Deputy Leader

## **8. Appointment of Members to Other Offices**

**CTC/7/1819 RESOLVED-** That the following Members be appointed to the offices set out below:

	<b>Office</b>	<b>Name</b>
8.1	Town Crier	Mr D Parker
	Deputy Town Crier	Cllr C H Booth
8.2	Curator of Town Treasures	Mr D Parker
	Assistant Curator of Town Treasures	Cllr D T Brown
8.3	Lead Members on quality	Councillors C H Booth, D T Brown & G R Edwards
8.4	Macebearer	Mr D Parker
	Deputy Macebearer	Cllr P Bates
8.5	Youth Committee Link Councillors 4 from	Mrs A L Armitt, L D Barker, C H Booth, D T Brown, G P Hayes, Mrs S A Holland, Mrs J D Parry, and Mrs E Wardlaw
8.6	Selection Panel for Co-option (5)	Town Mayor, Leader, Chair of Personnel Committee plus 2 other Councillors
8.7	Complaints Panel (quorum 4)	Town Mayor, Leader, Chair of Personnel Committee Plus 3 from Committee Chairman
8.8	Cheque signatories - 2 from 6	<b>Councillors</b> J G Baggott, D T Brown, G R Edwards, Mrs S A Holland, Mrs A M Martin and Mrs J D Parry

## 9. Appointments to Outside Bodies

**CTC/8/1819 RESOLVED-** That the following Members be appointed to the outside bodies set out below:

	<b>Outside Bodies</b>	<b>Number</b>	
9.1	Congleton Museum Trust	1+ Res	<b>Councillors</b> Mrs A E Morrison & Mrs A M Martin
9.2	Congleton Partnership Executive Group	2	<b>Councillors</b> G R Edwards & Mrs A E Morrison
9.3	Hilary Avenue allotment Association	1	Cllr G S Williams
9.4	Astbury Mere Trust	1	Cllr Mrs E Wardlaw
9.5	ChAlc	1	Cllr Mrs S A Holland +any other interested members
9.6	Cheshire East Liaison		Relevant CEC Councillor
9.7	Local Police Liaison	1+ Res	<b>Councillors</b> P Bates & H Richards

## 10. MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Town Mayor advised the meeting that Steve Hodgkinson from New Life Church had been appointed as the Mayor's Chaplain for the ensuing year.

## 11. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor advised the meeting that the Civic Service would be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at Congleton Town Hall, High Street, Congleton at 3.00pm.

Mrs S Akers Smith  
**TOWN MAYOR**