

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 12th April 2018 Town Hall Congleton

PRESENT: Councillors

Mrs S A Smith (Deputy Mayor)
Mrs D S Allen
Mrs A L Armitt
J G Baggott
L D Barker
P Bates
R Boston
C H Booth (Town Mayor)
P Broom
D T Brown
G R Edwards
G P Hayes
Mrs S A Holland
Mrs A Morrison
Mrs J D Parry
M A Walker
Mrs E Wardlaw
G S Williams

1. **Apologies** for absence. (Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apologies for absence in advance and to give a reason for non attendance).

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs A M Martin and H Richards.

2. **Minutes**

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2018.

CTC/42/1718 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2018 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.

Cllrs, P Bates, D T Brown Mrs E Wardlaw and G S Williams declared a non- pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

Cllr J G Baggott declared a non- pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Cheshire East Council and Ansa.

4. **Outstanding Actions**

None.

5. **Questions from Members of the Public**

To receive any questions from Members of the Public including those received in writing 7 days prior to the meeting.

Question from Suzy Ferkin re Mountview Closure

Many of the Congleton Town Councillors were sufficiently interested in the future closure of Mountview to attend an informal, open meeting with concerned parties back in November 2017. At this meeting they assured us that they understood our concerns and were on our side. Now that Cheshire East Council (CEC) have confirmed that Mountview will close later this year, what specific actions are our Congleton Town Councillors planning to take to ensure that the residents of their wards in Congleton continue to have access to professionally staffed day care in Congleton? What is their response to the potential loss of this valuable community asset?

Response:

Thank you for raising your concerns with regards to the proposed closure of the Mountview care facility

We share your concern about the potential loss of this service for Congleton and have had initial discussions with relevant Cheshire East Councillors.

- We are aware that the Councils Adult Social Care commissioning team are currently engaged in a review of these services to establish exactly what will be needed in the Congleton area.
- We have been advised that there are currently 1 to 1 meetings with all current Mountview service users, their carers and families, whose input and views are helping to inform and co-design future services.
- Cheshire East Council confirmed that there will need to be suitable, alternative services identified and commissioned before the current provision ceases.

From a Town Councils' perspective we have requested that we are part of this process to ensure that all viable local options are investigated to try and minimise the impact for both current and future users and their families.

The Town Mayor reaffirmed the commitment from the Town Council that every effort would be made to retain this support in Congleton.

6. **Mayor's Announcements**

The Town Mayor drew attention to the various engagements that he and the Deputy Town Mayor had fulfilled since the last Council meeting.

7. **Finance & Policy Committee**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2018

CTC/43/1718 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th February 2018 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

8. **Community Environment and Services**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2018.

CTC/44/1718 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2018 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

9. **Personnel Committee**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2018.

CTC/45/1718 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2018 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

10. **Planning Committee**

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 8th February and 8th March 2018.

CTC/46/1718 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 8th February and 8th March 2018 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

11. **Town Hall Committee**

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 28th September 2017.

CTC/47/1718 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 2017 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

12. **Method of Recording Councillor Attendance Figures**

To review the method of recording the meeting attendance figures for councillors.

CTC/48/1718 RESOLVED to reject the proposed change in the method of recording Councillors attendance levels, ie against their individual profiles on the website rather than the current method of being recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

The voting was as follows

For the proposed change – Cllrs R Boston, J G Baggott

Against change Mrs S A Smith (Deputy Mayor) Mrs D S Allen, Mrs A L Armit L D Barker P Bates C H Booth (Town Mayor) P Broom, D T Brown, G R Edwards, G Hayes, Mrs S A Holland, Mrs A Morrison, Mrs J D Parry, M A Walker, Mrs E Wardlaw G S Williams
Against the proposed change

13. **Calendar of meeting dates for 2018/9**

To approve the proposed calendar of meeting dates for 2018/19.

CTC/49/1718 RESOLVED to approve the calendar of meeting dates for 2018/19.

14 Urgent Items

Members may raise urgent items but no discussion or decisions may be taken at the meeting.

Cllrs reported and reflected on the passing away of Marie Johnson who was a key community leader and volunteer over many decades. The Chief Officer was asked to explore options to commemorate her service to Congleton.

15. Cheshire East Councillors' Reports

To suspend Standing Orders to allow Councillors from the principal authority to report on relevant issues and to receive questions from members.

Cheshire East Council updates were received from Councillor P Bates and G Hayes

16. Youth Committee

a) To receive the minutes of the Youth Committee meeting held on 19th February 2018.

CTC/50/1718 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2018 be received.

b) To deal with Questions from Members of the Youth Committee present at the meeting.

Michael Howell, Chairman of the Youth Committee thanked the six Town Councillors who attended their meeting on Monday (9th April). He confirmed that a meeting had been arranged for 1st May where representatives of the School Councils of Eaton Bank and Congleton High had been invited. The aim is to discuss concerns about safety, anti-social behaviour and activities for young people particularly in the summer holidays. Michael asked the Town Councillors for their support.

The Town Councillors voted to support the Youth Committee in their proposed activities.

**Cllr C H Booth
(Town Mayor)**