

Congleton Town Council

Historic market town
Chief Officer: David McGifford

11th October 2018

Dear Councillor,

Town Council Meeting – Thursday 18th October

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council, to be held in the Town Hall, Congleton on **Thursday 18th October 2018** commencing at **7.00pm**

The Public and Press are welcome to attend the meeting. There may be confidential items towards the end of the meeting which the law requires the Council to make a resolution to exclude the public and press.

Yours sincerely,

D McGifford Chief Officer

AGENDA

- 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).
- 2. Minutes (enclosed)

To approve the Minutes of the meeting on 20th September 2018.

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.

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.

6. Mayor's Announcements (enclosed)

To receive any announcements by the Town Mayor and to receive a list of the Mayor's Engagements.

7. Finance & Policy Committee (enclosed)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2018.

8. <u>Planning Committee</u> (enclosed)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2018.

9. Community Environment and Services (enclosed)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd August 2018.

10. New Homes Bonus proposed projects (to follow)

To approve proposals for Congleton Town Council applications for New Homes Bonus Scheme support

11. <u>Urgent Items</u>

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

12. 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.

13. Youth Committee (enclosed)

- a) To receive the minutes of the Youth Committee meeting held on 20th September 2018.
- b) To deal with Questions from Members of the Youth Committee present at the meeting.
- To: All Members of the Town Council,
- CC: Press 2, Burgesses (5), Mayor's Chaplain,
 Members of the Youth Committee
 MP, Cheshire East Councillors (1), Library, Congleton Tourist Information Centre.

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 20th September 2018 Town Hall Congleton

PRESENT: Councillors

Mrs S A Smith (Town Mayor)

Mrs D S Allen

L D Barker

P Bates

C H Booth

R Boston

P Broom

G R Edwards

Mrs S A Holland (Deputy Town Mayor)

Mrs A Martin

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 L Armitt, D T Brown J G Baggott, G P Hayes, Mrs A E Morrison and Mrs J D Parry.

2. Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2018.

CTC/24/1819 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 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.

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

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.

The council received one letter from Mr R Walton who asked

Dear Madam Mayor,

I write regarding the expected continued closure of the Minor Injuries Unit at Congleton War Memorial Hospital at weekends and Bank Holidays.

As reported on the front page of the Congleton Chronicle last week, a report was presented by the East Cheshire NHS Trust at a meeting of Cheshire East Adult Social Care & Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 13/9/2018. Summarizing the report, Kath Senior, Director Of Nursing & Quality at East Cheshire NHS Trust stated 'Continued staffing challenges during weekends at Macclesfield is leading to the closure of the MIU and this is expected to continue throughout the winter period'

In June, I highlighted the serious concerns of the residents of Congleton with this unacceptable situation through a letter to this council. Quoting directly the from the Mayor's reply, she stated

'With the planned development of over 4,000 dwellings in Congleton there is a case to enhance accessible services rather than reduce them, so in answer to your question in my opinion we would be opposed to any further withdrawal of services or its eventual closure.'

Since that meeting, I have written to and visited the NHS Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) where I was referred to the East Cheshire NHS Trust. Further to this, I have organised and submitted a petition to East Cheshire NHS Trust, via the Leader of Cheshire East Council, Cllr Rachel Bailey, signed by 4200 deeply concerned Congleton residents opposed the withdrawal of services at the War Memorial Hospital. Once again, I was promised a meeting with and written response from their Chief Exec, John Wilbraham. Up until last week, nothing had been forthcoming until I raised concerns with Councillor Bates, whose intervention has led to efforts being made to arrange this meeting.

I should further acknowledge, at this point, the support of Cllr Bates and yourself for attending the meeting at Cheshire East where the petition was handed in, and for making both personal and reading prepared statements by several other Councillors.

However, since that meeting, up until Monday 17th September, we had heard nothing further at all. Had it not been for the Congleton Chronicle contacting me directly, we would have been totally unaware of last Thursday's meeting at Cheshire East, where it was announced that despite the near complete closure of the MIU unit over extended periods last Winter, nothing has changed because of our actions and that the closure of the MIU is expected to continue throughout the winter period.

Much as I understand that responsibility for this matter ultimately lies with East Cheshire NHS Trust, the members of Congleton Town Council are clearly not without influence. As the elected representatives of the people of Congleton, I believe they should be taking every and any opportunity to oppose this reduction is services as it so deeply effects the people of Congleton.

I do not believe the Council can ignore this matter or simply refer it to the East Cheshire NHS Trust, as they are clearly currently ignoring the wishes of over 4000 residents. I was therefore extremely encouraged to see the headlines in this morning's Congleton Chronicle, where Councillor Bates called for a party public demonstration in opposition to this reduction in operating hours at the MIU.

So, to my simple question

'What further actions can Congleton Town Council take to oppose and halt the reduction in operating hours of the Minor Injuries Unit at Congleton War Memorial Hospital?

The Mayor responded

Mr Walton

Thank you for your letter and your ongoing commitment to this issue which is a concern to us all as both residents and as a Council.

As you have alluded to in your letter we have received a belated response from John Wilbraham the Chief Executive Officer of the NHS Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

For the benefit of councillors and residents present Mr Wilbraham wishes to meet with Mr Walton and myself to discuss the provision of services at the War Memorial Hospital as soon as is convenient for us both.

With regards to actions we can take, I am sure we can all agree that this matter is above local politics and I would suggest that following the meeting we have with Mr Wilbraham we meet again to discuss a joint approach on this matter.

6. Mayor's Announcements

The Town Mayor drew attention to the various engagements that she 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 5th July 2018.

CTC/25/1819 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2018 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

8. Planning Committee

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 14th June, 19th July and 9th August 2018.

CTC/26/1819 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 14th June, 19th July and 9th August 2018 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

9. Community, Environment & Services Committee

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 28th June 2018.

CTC/27/1819 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th June 2018 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

10. Urgent Items

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

There were no urgent items.

11. 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.

Cllr Bates advised councillors that -

- ➤ The Town and Parish Conference will be taking place on the 26th September 2018.
- > The new homes bonus scheme has now been launched and that Congleton should start to consider projects that meet the funding criteria.
- ➤ The Local Hero awards will take place in Crewe at the Crewe Hall Hotel, on Thursday, November 9 2018.

Cllr Mrs E Wardlaw advised councillors that-

➤ Cheshire East Council had bid for £500k to help children and families who have been impacted through alcohol and substance misuse.

12. Youth Committee

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

There were no questions from members of the Youth Committee

Cllr Mrs S Akers Smith (Town Mayor)

TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

2018

21st September Medieval Banquet

22nd September Fire Station Open Day

22nd September Rotary Last Night of the Proms – New Life Church

23rd September Middlewich Civic Service

25th September Unveiling of Mayoral Board - Crewe Town Council

2nd October Congleton Mountain Biking Club

3rd October Congleton Players – Daneside Theatre

4th October Knutsford Mayor's Event

6th October Staffordshire Moorlands Civic Ball – Alton Towers Hotel

7th October Congleton Half Marathon

14th October Nantwich Civic Service

DEPUTY MAYOR

7th October Cheshire East Civic Service

COUNCILLOR CHARLES BOOTH

23rd September Farewell Service for Paul Withington at St. Peter's Church

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee Held on Thursday 13th September 2018

PRESENT - Councillors

Committee Members

Mrs D S Allen J G Baggott P Bates R Boston

G R Edwards (Chairman)

Mrs. S A Holland (Deputy Town Mayor)

M A Walker

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Committee members Cllrs S Akers Smith, Mrs E Wardlaw, Mrs J D Parry and Mrs A Morrison and Non-Committee member Cllr Glen Williams

2. Minutes

FAP/23/1819 RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th July 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non-pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Cllrs Baggott and Bates declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

4. Outstanding Actions

There were no outstanding actions.

5. Questions from members of the Public

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

There were no questions from members of the public.

6. Grant Approvals and Commitments 2018-19

To receive a statement showing the current position.

FAP/24/1819 RESOLVED that the grant summary be received.

7. New Applications for Financial Assistance

FAP/25/1819 RESOLVED that the following grants be awarded:-

- GR05/ 1819 King Edward Musical Society of Macclesfield deferred awaiting further information
- GR06/ 1819 Congleton Community Credit Union £45 for membership of CVSCE
- GR07/ 1819 Visyon £250 approved subject to confirmation that:
 - 1. the booklet will include CTC logo
 - 2. the frequency of publication per annum and that the CTC logo will be included in each edition
- GR08/ 1819 Congleton Jazz & Blues Festival £500 in support of the Festival

8. New Grant Activities Monitoring Forms

FAP/26/1819 RESOLVED to receive the following Grant Activities Monitoring Forms:

- Congleton Building Preservation Trust Original Grant Ref GR17/1718
- St Peter's Church Original Grant Ref GR26/1617

9. Management Accounts

FAP/27/1819 RESOLVED to receive and consider the Management Accounts to 31st July 2018.

10. Bank Reconciliation

FAP/28/1819 RESOLVED to receive and consider the Bank Reconciliation as at 31st July 2018.

11. Savings Account Balances

FAP/29/1819 RESOLVED to receive and consider the Savings Account Balances as at 31st July 2018.

12. List of Payments

FAP/30/1819 RESOLVED to receive and consider the Payments List between 1st June and 31st July 2018.

13. Rotary Bonfire

To receive a request from the Rotary Club of Congleton to underwrite the Rotary Bonfire for the sum of £5,000. The event will take place on 3rd November 2018

FAP/31/1819 RESOLVED to underwrite the Rotary Bonfire in the event of a loss up to £5,000 from the EMR set aside for this.

Clir G R Edwards (Chairman)

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 6th SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESENT

Councillor L. D. Barker - Chairman

Mrs S Akers Smith

Mrs D. Allen

Mrs A L Armitt

P Bates

J G Baggott

R Boston

G R Edwards

G P Hayes

Mrs S A Holland

Mrs J D Parry

M A Walker

G S Williams

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors A. M. Martin and Mrs A. E. Morrison

2. MINUTES

PLN/7/1819 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 9th August 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded to declare both "non pecuniary" and "pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Councillors Bates, Baggott, Hayes and Williams declared a "non pecuniary" interest due to their membership of Cheshire East Council.

4. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

No outstanding actions

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the public.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

PLN/8/1819 RESOLVED: That the following comments be made to Cheshire East Borough Council:

Weekly List 30th July 2018

18/3951D	Former Sutherland Works, Bromley Road, Congleton	NO OBJECTION		
18/3758C	Portree Service Station, Padgbury Lane, Congleton	NO OBJECTION		
Subject to the Cheshire East Tree Preservation Officer reviewing the application in				
respect of Tree Preservation Orders				
All Councillors declared a "non pecuniary" interest in application 18/3758C as the Town Council				
purchases fuel from Portree Service Station				
18/3886C	Land Off Meadow Avenue, Congleton, CW12	NO OBJECTION		
18/3695C	50 Park Lane, Congleton, CW12 3DD	NO OBJECTION		
18/3835C	50 Parson Street, Congleton, CW12 4ED	DEFER TO		
CHESHIRE East – due to lack of detailed plans and quality of information				

Weekly List 6th August 2018

18/4035C	Unit 2 rear of Clark Cable, Varey Road, Congleton	NO OBJECTION		
18/4066C	McDonalds Restaurants, Clayton Bypass, Congletor			
subject to concerns being noted regarding light pollution from the signage				
18/4067C	McDonalds Restaurants, Clayton Bypass, Congletor			
subject to co	ncerns being noted regarding light pollution from	the signage		
18/4014T	12 Worsley Drive, Congleton, CW12 3TT	NO OBJECTION		
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18/4018T	75 Park Lane, Congleton, CW12 3DD	NO OBJECTION		
	:	Subject to usual conditions		
Councillor Edwards declared a "non pecuniary" interest in application 18/4018T				
18/3955C	Land Adj. to Oak Lea, Crouch Lane, Congleton CW1	12 REFER BACK TO		
CHESHIRE EAST for determination in line with development in the green belt policy and				
concerns regarding design, visual appearance and materials				
Councillors Williams declared a "non pecuniary" interest in application 18/3955C				
18/3987C	Land Off Manchester Road & Biggs Way, Congleton			
18/3990C	Land Off Manchester Road, Congleton	NO OBJECTION		
18/3996T	15 Forge Lane, Congleton, CW12 4HF	NO OBJECTION		
18/4068C	McDonalds Restaurants, Clayton Bypass, Congletor	NO OBJECTION		
subject to concerns being noted regarding light pollution from the signage				
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Weekly List 13th August 2018

18/4070C	162 Biddulph Road, Congleton, CW12 3LS	NO OBJECTION		
18/4168C	Land South of Padgbury Lane, Congleton	NO OBJECTION		
18/4182C	130 Holmes Chapel Road, Congleton, CW12 4NY	NO OBJECTION		
18/4127C	43 Cross Lane, Congleton, CW12 3JX	REFER BACK TO		
CHESHIRE EAST FOR DETERMINATION				

All Councillors with the exception of Akers Smith, Armitt, Baggott and Parry declared a "non pecuniary" interest in application 18/4127C as the applicant is known to them

Weekly List 20th August 2018

18/4205C	24 Westholme Close, Congleton, CW12 4FZ	NO OBJECTION
18/4206D	48 Bromley Road, Congleton, CW12 1PT	NO OBJECTION
18/4264C	1 Astbury Marsh, Newcastle Road, Congleton	NO OBJECTION
18/4303C	The Orchard Padgbury Lane, Congleton, CW12 4HX	NO OBJECTION
18/4278C	Swallow Eaves 214 Padgbury Lane, Congleton	NO OBJECTION
18/4268T	Betula House 20 Howey Lane, Congleton, CW12 4AE	NO OBJECTION
	Cub	icat to usual conditions

Subject to usual conditions

Councillor Edwards declared a "non pecuniary" interest in application 18/4268T

Weekly List 27th August 2018

18/4223C 71 Manchester Road, Congleton, CW12 2HT NO OBJECTION Councillors Bates, Hayes and Holland declared a "non pecuniary" interest in application

18/4223C

18/4359C 19 Park Lane, Congleton, CW12 3DG

NO OBJECTION

7. PLANNING APPEALS

None received from Cheshire East.

Councillor L. D. Barker - Chairman

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd August 2018

PRESENT:

Committee members

Mrs A L Armitt

C H Booth (Vice Chairman)

Mrs A M Martin Mrs J D Parry G S Williams

Non- Committee members DT Brown, GR Edwards and MA Walker

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Committee Members Cllrs D S Allen, R Boston, G P Hayes and Mrs S A Holland.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

CES/10/1819 Resolved to receive the amended minutes from the meeting held on 28th June 2018 as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr Glen Williams (Cheshire East Council).

4. Outstanding Actions

The Street Naming Group has still to meet.

5. Questions from members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

6. Cheshire Police

A report was given by PC Helen Hood – summary attached as Appendix 1.

7. Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group

CES/11/1819 Resolved to receive the minutes from the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group held 16th May 2018.

8. Licensing Hours

To discuss the extension of licensing hours and any impact on the Town.

CES/12/1819 Resolved to write to the Police to seek clarification on the approach and wording that the Police use when responding to requests for later licences.

CES/13/1819 Resolved to include licensing requests on the Planning Agenda so that members have an opportunity to consider consultations. The Chief Officer to advise on whether the Planning committee terms of reference allows for this addition or whether changes would need to be made.

9. Floral Arrangement Working Group

To receive the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group held on 5th July 2018.

CES/14/1819 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group held on 5th July 2018.

10. Congleton in Bloom Update

To receive an update on the Congleton in Bloom progress 2018.

CES/15/1819 resolved to thank all the community groups, neighbourhoods, businesses, organisations, individuals, councillors and members of the Town Council staff, especially the Streetscape and marketing teams for the continued efforts that they have made throughout the year to make the In Bloom efforts such a success.

11. Implications of the United Utilities Hose Pipe Ban on Council Services

To provide an update relating to the impact of the hose pipe ban on:-

- > The Paddling Pool
- > Floral Arrangements
- Street Cleaning

CES/16/1819 resolved that no action was necessary as Congleton Town Council had received notification from United Utilities that the proposed hosepipe ban had been lifted.

C H Booth Vice Chairman

Appendix 1 Cheshire Police Report

Report from Congleton Police to CES Committee, 2nd August 2018

- 1. **DRUGS** No warrants executed this month but plain clothed operations still ongoing in various areas around Congleton.
- 2. **BURGULARIES /VEHICLE CRIME** No notable increase in reports and no crime patterns noticed since the previous meeting.
- 3. **Anti-Social Behaviour** Aware youths have been gathering in market area, visible patrolling continues and PSPO (Public Space Protection Orders) will be applied as/when persons caught.
- 4. TRAFFIC Operation Connected ran on 23rd and 24th July covering all areas of Congleton numerous tickets issued for speeding, no seat belts, mobile phones. Some vehicles seized. Overall a very successful operation which was welcomed with positive reports from the general public, one the Police would look to repeat in the future. A more detailed breakdown of the operation was circulated to Councillors on 31st July 2018.

5. STAFFING -

PCSO Georgia Creed has joined full time as the Congleton Town Council funded officer and will be placed in the Buglawton and Park areas.

PC Ian Bell will be joining the beat team in September 2018 full time and will be used to target the town and park areas.

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Thursday 20th September 2018 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Arabella Holland - Vice Chairman

Laetitia Eichinger Diyana Nikolova Tyler Cartwright

Jamie Bernardi

Councillor Sally Holland Charles Booth Councillor Suzie Akers Smith Councillor Paul Bates Councillor Bob Edwards Councillor Maurice Walker Councillor Elizabeth Wardlaw

Councillor Glen Williams

David McGifford Linda Minshull

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors George Hayes and David Brown

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 25th June 2018 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **MEMBERSHIP**

Linda updated that she had received correspondence from Aaron who has confirmed that he wishes to leave as a member of the Committee. He is studying and working at Sandbach and sends his thanks and best wishes to the Council.

A discussion took place regarding membership and it was agreed that members, Councillors and Officers would continue to promote the Committee.

4. YOUTH COMMITTEE PROJECTS

Members gave updates to Councillors on the two projects they would like to deliver –

Band Night and a Cinema evening

They explained the problems they had encountered regarding finance, suitable venue, promotion and support.

David McGifford offered to help with project plans and officer support. Further meetings will be arranged to discuss the delivery of the projects but in general terms the Councillors were supportive of the ideas and offered support.

5. YOUTH COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT

It was reported that the balance is £548.92.

There was a discussion regarding funding available for Youth Initiatives and Linda agreed to discuss budgets with Jackie Potts and report back to the Committee.

6. YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS

Outdoor Table Tennis

Tyler gave an update on his ideas for outdoor table tennis tables to be provided in a public area. Councillors were interested in the information and Glen offered to discuss the idea in more detail with Tyler.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed

Arabella Holland - Vice Chairman