

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 17th January 2019 Town Hall Congleton

PRESENT: Councillors

Mrs S Akers Smith (Town Mayor)
Mrs D S Allen
P Bates
R Boston
P Broom
G R Edwards
G P Hayes
Mrs S A Holland (Deputy Town Mayor)
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 L Armitt, J G Baggott, L D Barker, DT Brown, Mrs A M Martin and Mrs A E Morrison

2. **Minutes**

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2018.

CTC/42/1819 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 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, D T Brown, G P Hayes, Mrs E Wardlaw and G S Williams declared a non- pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Cheshire East Council.- specifically item 14

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.

Mr R Walton asked

I'd like to know what help and support CTC can give to rejuvenate Congleton Market. After all, we are described as a Market Town so it's incumbent on our decision makers to ensure Congleton has a vibrant market, and that description couldn't be applied to what we currently have, despite the best efforts of the traders. In the same way you have now as a Council stayed your commitment to the development of our hospital, will you now do likewise with our Market, or we may very well become the only Market Town in England without a market? I believe the people of Congleton want you to act and show leadership on this matter

Mr P Ranson asked –

1. When is Cheshire East expected to sign off the neighbourhood plan?
2. What will be the arrangements for the public to review the plan and finally vote on it?
3. What strategic arrangements are councillors putting into place to monitor its delivery and report back to council?
4. How will the impact of the plan be evaluated? When will this be done and how will the outcome be reported to the public?

The Mayor thanked both Mr Walton and Mr Ranson for their questions and it was agreed that the Chief Officer would supply a response to both questions by 25th January 2019.

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 29th November 2018.

CTC/43/1819 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 2018 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

8. Planning Committee

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2018.

CTC/44/1819 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2018 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

9. Urgent Items

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

There were no urgent items raised.

10. 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.

Updates were received from Cllr Mrs E Wardlaw who provided updates on consultation for the Congleton Leisure Centre and Cllr P Bates who provided updates on the CEC Budget Consultation and advising Cllrs of the forthcoming Town and Parish Council Conference.

11. Youth Committee

- a) To receive the minutes of the Youth Committee meeting held on 6th December 2018.
- b) To deal with Questions from Members of the Youth Committee present at the meeting.

There were no questions from Members of the Youth Committee.

12. Resolution to exclude the Public and Press

To consider passing a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that public and press be excluded from the meeting for the matters Set out below on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of private and Confidential information or staff matters.

CTC/45/1819 RESOLVED to pass the resolution to exclude members of the public and press from the meeting, Cheshire East Councillors P Bates, D T Brown, G P Hayes and G S Williams, Mrs E Wardlaw and left the meeting as Bradshaw House is a Cheshire East Asset.

13. Bradshaw House

To receive an update from the Chief Officer on the potential procurement of Bradshaw House.

CTC/46/1819 RESOLVED to receive the update from the Chief Officer

**Cllr Mrs S Akers Smith
(Town Mayor)**