

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 13th June 2019 Town Hall Congleton

PRESENT:

Mrs S A Holland (Town Mayor)
Mrs D Allen
D Amies
M Amies
R Douglas
P Duffy
Mrs S Firkin
Mrs M Gartside
G Hayes
R Hemsley
Mrs A Martin
R Moreton
D Murphy
Mrs J D Parry
M Rogan
J Smith
K Wesley

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 Akers Smith, D T Brown and R Chadwick.

2. **Minutes**

To approve the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 23rd May 2019.

CTC/11/1920 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 23rd May 2019 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 G Hayes, S A Holland, R Moreton and D Murphy declared a non- pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

4. **Outstanding Actions**

None.

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

None Received

6. Mayor's Announcements

The Town Mayor drew attention to the various engagements that she had fulfilled since the last Council meeting including her Mayor Making Ceremony, Advanced Motorists Event, Macclesfield Mayor Making, Patchwork & Quilting, High Sherriff Event, Food and Drink Festival and the Teddy Bear's Picnic. The Mayor also thanked all the Councillors who joined her at her Civic Service.

7. Finance & Policy Committee

CTC/12/1920 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2019 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

8. Planning Committee

CTC/13/1920 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th March 2019 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

9. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19

CTC/14/1920 RESOLVED to receive and approve:

(i) The Annual Governance Statement 2018/19

CTC/15/1920 RESOLVED to receive and approve

(ii) The Accounting Statements 2018/19

10. Financial Statements 2018/19

CTC/16/1920 RESOLVED to receive and approve the unaudited financial statements for 2018/19.

11. Proposed Amendments to Financial Regulations

To receive a report from the Support Manager (RFO).

CTC/17/1920 RESOLVED to receive a report from the Support Manager (RFO) with a proposal to amend the Financial Regulations to allow the post of Chief Officer and RFO to be a bank signatory but not to authorise payments.

12. Urgent Items

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

There were no urgent items raised.

13. 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 councillors present provided verbal updates as to their positions of responsibilities at Cheshire East Council.

14. Councillor Attendance

The Chief Office gave an update on the background of this item and there was a lengthy debate.

CTC/18/1920 RESOLVED to keep the method of reporting Councillor attendance at meetings the same as is currently done.

15. Terminology to be used for the position of “Chairman” of Committees and Working Groups

Councillor Wesley outlined her proposal to change the terminology to be used for the position of “Chairman” of Committees and Working group and a lengthy debate followed.

CTC/19/1920 RESOLVED to change the terminology from Chairman to Chair within the Constitution.

16. Youth Committee

Tylor Cartwright welcomed the new Councillors on behalf of the Youth Committee and said he looked forward to working with them in the future.

**Cllr Mrs S A Holland
(Town Mayor)**