

Congleton Town Council

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

PRESENT: Sally Ann Holland (Town Mayor)
Dawn Allen
Duncan Amies
Russell Chadwick
Robert Douglas
Suzy Firkin
Robert Hemsley
Amanda Martin
Jean Parry
Mark Rogan
James Smith
Kay 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, Suzanne Akers Smith, Martin Amies, David Brown, Paul Duffy, Margaret Gartside, George Hayes, Rob Moreton and Denis Murphy.

2. **Minutes**

To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th September 2019 and the Emergency meeting of the Council 3rd October 2019.

CTC/39/1920 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th September 2019 and the Emergency meeting of the Council 3rd October 2019 be approved and signed by the Town 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 Sally Ann Holland declared a non- pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

4. **Outstanding Actions**

None.

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

There were no questions from members of the Public.

6. Mayor's Announcements

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

7. Youth Committee

To receive questions and updates from members of the Youth Committee present at the meeting.

The Youth Committee representatives informed Council that it was developing a new plan and a review of their Constitution and will be holding some informal meetings with its members to discuss this.

8. Community, Environment & Services Committee

CTC/40/1920 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st August 2019 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

9. Finance & Policy Committee

CTC/41/1920 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2019 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

10. Planning Committee

CTC/42/1920 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2019 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

11. Standing Order 31 amendment / removal

To agree the amendment or removal of Standing Order 31.

CTC/43/1920 RESOLVED to amend Standing Order 31 from "A member or officer shall stand when speaking unless permitted by the Chairman to sit on account of infirmity"

To - Traditionally Councillors and Officers have stood when speaking in Council meetings, however they may remain seated, unchallenged, if they choose to do so"

12. Congleton Park Play Area Upgrade

To receive a proposal for investment into the Congleton park play area.

Item withdrawn

13. Urgent Items

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

14. 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 Mrs Sally Ann Holland
(Town Mayor)**