

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 20th February 2020 Town Hall Congleton

PRESENT: Sally Ann Holland (Town Mayor)
Dawn Allen
Duncan Amies
Martin Amies
David Brown
Russell Chadwick
Robert Douglas
Suzy Firkin
George Hayes
Robert Hemsley
Amanda Martin
Rob Moreton
Denis Murphy (Deputy Mayor)
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, Paul Duffy and Margaret Gartside.

2. **Minutes**

To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23rd January 2020.

CTC/59/1920 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23rd January 2020 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 David Brown, Sally Ann Holland, George Hayes, Rob Moreton and Denis 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

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

1. Question from Mr Maurice Walker - Cutbacks by Cheshire East Council

See Appendix A for full question and response.

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.

There were no questions or updates from the Youth Committee

8. Finance & Policy Committee

CTC/60/1920 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2020 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

9. Planning Committee

CTC/61/1920 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2020 be received, and the recommendations therein be adopted.

10. Council and Committee Meeting Dates 2020/21

To approve the proposed calendar of Council and Committee meeting dates for 2020/21.

CTC/62/1920 RESOLVED to approve the proposed calendar of meetings for 2020/21

11. Plastic Free Congleton

To give formal support to Plastic Free Congleton.

CTC/63/1920 RESOLVED to give formal support for the Plastic Free Congleton initiative.

12. Constitutional Change – Standing Orders 7 and 8 Voting

To approve a proposal to change Standing Orders 7 and 8 – Voting.

CTC/64/1920 RESOLVED to approve the proposed changes to standing Order 7 and 8.

13. Urgent Items

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

There were no urgent items raised

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.

Verbal updates were provided by the Town Mayor, Sally Ann Holland, and Ward Members George Hayes and Rob Moreton.

**Cllr Mrs Sally Ann Holland
(Town Mayor)**

Appendix A

Questions from Members of the Public

1. Question from Mr Maurice Walker - Cutbacks by Cheshire East Council

What is the Council's intention to the action being taken by Cheshire East council to withdraw gritting operations to certain roads in the Congleton area? I am sure it is not in the best interests of residents of our town to be subjected to untreated roads, children being put at risk and cycling and pedestrians left wanting. Why should the residents of Congleton be subjected to these cuts in areas that have significant vehicle usage at peak times and not treated, will result in major incidents occurring?

Response from the Mayor

Dear Mr Walker

We have been advised that due to pressure from Councils like ourselves, Cheshire East Council is reviewing its decision with regards to the gritting routes.