

Congleton Town Council

Minutes the meeting of the COVID 19 Emergency Powers Committee

Conducted via Zoom at 5.00pm on **Thursday 7th May 2020**

Meeting ID: 997 6746 4933

PRESENT: Sally Ann Holland (Town Mayor)
Denis Murphy (Deputy Mayor)
David Brown
Robert Douglas
Paul Duffy
George Hayes
Kay Wesley
David McGifford (Chief Officer)
Jackie Potts (Responsible Financial Officer)

1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Council on 23rd April 2020.

CTC/79/1920 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23rd April 2020 were approved.

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.

Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs Sally Ann Holland, Denis Murphy, David Brown and George Hayes on matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

4. 20 MPH speed limit aligned to relaxing of Town Centre Trading

It was proposed that the introduction of a 20mph temporary speed limit in the town centre be adopted by Congleton Town Council, due to the increased risk of accidents involving pedestrians inadvertently stepping off the pavement due to social distancing measures.

This may only be signage saying advisory speed reduction due to the Covid 19 emergency, as Cheshire East Council may not have the powers to enforce due to planning law.

CTC/80/1920 Resolved that Officers approach Cheshire East Council Highways to establish the following -

- 4.1 If they have plans to introduce 20 mph speed restrictions in town centres across Cheshire East Towns, if so advise on what they are.
- 4.2 What the process would be in terms of selection of areas where the restrictions will apply – i.e. would this be done in consultation with the Town Council?
- 4.3 Should they not choose implement a scheme could an individual town introduce it on an advisory basis – if so what would the process be.
- 4.4 Could they advise on the procurement of advisory signs?

The roads considered by the committee included - Mill Street, Swan Bank, West Street to the junction of Antrobus Street, Market Street, Lawton Street Albert Place, Chapel Street, Canal Street and Cherry Tree Way .

5. Proposed return to Council and Committee meetings

To approve a proposed meeting schedule to return to Committee and Council meetings.

CTC /81/1920 Resolved to approve the initial meeting schedule to return to Committee and Council meetings.

6 Increase of pay for completed Apprenticeship Course

To approve the increase in pay and relevant back pay for Streetscape Operative J Appleton following the completion of his Apprenticeship.

CTC/82/1920 Resolved to approve the proposed increase in pay and relevant back pay for Streetscape Operative J Appleton.

7 Creating an E-learning toolkit to encourage Sustainable Living in Congleton

To approve a request from the Town Council's Green Working Group for funding to develop a suite of e-learning materials based on the Sustainable Living in Congleton course. This is aimed at helping deliver the Council's Climate Change Emergency pledge.

CTC /83/1920 Resolved to approve the request for 50% funding (£2,500) for the E Learning Toolkit on the proviso that this is match funded by the Congleton Partnership.

8. To receive the updated COVID19 Report 3.5.20

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CTC /84/1920 Resolved to receive the updated COVID 19 Report.

**Sally Ann Holland
Town Mayor**