

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 23rd July 2020

Conducted via Zoom – Meeting ID 817 8687 2284

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

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

CTC/10/2021 RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Virtual COVID 19 Emergency Powers Committee on 7th May and the minutes of the Virtual Council meeting on the 28th May 2020.

CTC/11/2021 RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the Virtual COVID19 Emergency Powers Committees on 9th of April 2020 and 23rd April 2020.

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 Suzanne Akers Smith, David Brown, George Hayes, and Denis Murphy declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

4. 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.

No Questions were received.

5. Mayors Announcements

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

6. Outstanding Actions

None.

7. Youth Committee

No Questions were received from Member of the Youth Committee present at the meeting.

8. Urgent Items

None

9. Cheshire East Councillors’ Reports

Cllr Suzanne Akers Smith provided an update with regards to the Leisure Centre advising that there would be a review of the refurbishment based upon:

- Expected increase in costs
- Available budget
- Exploration of grant funding to provide an enhanced facility

The Chief Officer to write to the relevant Cheshire East Council officers and portfolio holder to request that the Town Council are involved with the review.

10. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20

CTC/12/2021 RESOLVED to approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2019/20.
CTC/13/2021 RESOLVED to approve the Accounting Statements for 2019/20.

11. Financial Statements 2019/20

CTC/14/2021 RESOLVED to approve the Unaudited Financial Statements 2019/20.

12. Meetings Calendar 20/21 Updated

CTC/15/2021 RESOLVED to approve the updated meeting calendar for 2020/21subject to the Finance and Policy meeting being moved from the 27th January 2021 to the 28th January 2021.

13. Public Toilets

This item was withdrawn from the agenda as new guidelines had been provided about the opening of public toilets.

**Cllr D Murphy
(Deputy Town Mayor)**