

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 10th December 2020

Conducted via Zoom – Meeting ID: 868 3252 3926

****Please note – These are draft, minutes and will not be ratified until the next meeting of the Council.**

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the Meeting [Agenda of the Council held on 10th December 2020](#)

PRESENT:

Sally Ann Holland (Mayor)
Suzanne Akers Smith (Items 12-14)
David Brown
Duncan Amies
Martin Amies
Russell Chadwick
Robert Douglas
Paul Duffy
Suzy Firkin
Margaret Gartside
George Hayes
Robert Hemsley
Amanda Martin
Rob Moreton (Items 1- 14)
Denis Murphy (Deputy Mayor)
Jean Parry
Kay Wesley

Also present: 3 Congleton Town Council Officers, 2 Members of the Press

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 for absence were received from Councillors M Rogan, J Smith

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

CTC/33/2021 RESOLVED to approve and sign the [minutes of the Council meeting held on 1st October 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 Sally Ann Holland (Mayor), David Brown, Rob Moreton, Denis Murphy and George Hayes declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

4. Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

5. Urgent Items

There were no urgent items raised.

6. Town Mayor’s Announcements

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

7. Outstanding Actions

There were no outstanding actions.

8. Youth Committee

There were no questions received from Members of the Youth Committee present at the meeting.

9. Community & Environment Committee

CTC/34/2021 RESOLVED to receive the [minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 24th September 2020.](#)

10. Planning Committee

CTC/35/2021 RESOLVED to receive the [minutes of the Planning Committee held on 17th September](#) and [22nd October 2020.](#)

11. Finance & Policy Committee

CTC/36/2021 RESOLVED to receive the [minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on 10th September 2020.](#)

12. Town Hall, Assets and Services Committee

CTC/37/2021 RESOLVED to receive the [minutes of the Town Hall Assets and Services Committee held on 6th August](#) and 15th October 2020.

13. Congleton recycling Centre

To comment on Cheshire East Council's proposals on not providing a Household Recycling Site in or near Congleton.

CTC/38/2021 RESOLVED to approve the report and the proposals stated within it

14. Councillors' Reports

To suspend Standing Orders to allow Councillors from the principal authority to report on matters relating or impacting on Congleton.

15. Budget and Precept for 2021/22

CTC/39/2021 RESOLVED to approve the Budget and Precept for 2021-22 as recommended by the Finance and Policy committee on 26th November 2020.

FAP/31/2021 RESOLVED to receive and approve the 2021/22 budget and precept of **£954,146** for recommendation to Council.

16 External Auditor Report and Certificate

CTC/40/2021 RESOLVED to receive the External Auditor Report and Certificate for 2019/20 and to note any comments.

17 Support for Congleton School Pupils - Meals in School Holidays (Enclosed)

To agree on the Council's support for the provision of school meals in school holidays.

CTC/41/2021 RESOLVED to provide support for the provision of school meals in school holidays based on the proposal within the report.

18 Resolution to exclude members of the press and public from items 20, 21, 22 and 23 due to Commercial Sensitivities

CTC/42/2021 RESOLVED to exclude members of the press and public from items 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 due to Commercial Sensitivities.

19 Town Centre Regeneration

To receive a report about key sites in the Town Centre

CTC/43/2021 RESOLVED to approve the proposed actions as stated within the report.

20 Visitor Information Centre

To receive a proposal from the Chief Officer relating to the Visitor Information Centre.

CTC/44/2021 RESOLVED to approve the proposal within the report.

21 Future Use of the Town Hall

To receive an update from the Chief Officer relating to the future use of the Town Hall and to agree any actions associated with this item.

CTC/45/2021 RESOLVED to receive the update from the Chief Officer.

22 Tour of Britain Cycle Race 2021

To receive a verbal update relating to the possibility of hosting the start of a stage of the Tour of Britain Cycle Race in September 2021.

CTC/46/2021 RESOLVED to receive the verbal update from the Chief Officer.

23 Block Bookings at the Town Hall – Grand Hall and Bridestones Suite

To approve the proposal for the Chief Officer to be given delegated authority to negotiate the block booking rates stated within the report.

CTC/47/2021 RESOLVED to approve the proposal

1. for the Chief Officer to be given delegated authority to negotiate the block booking rates stated within the report.
2. Provide proposed amendments to the Town Hall Booking Policy to encompass guidelines for future block bookings.

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

