

## **Congleton Town Council**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Conducted via Zoom – Meeting ID: 870 2262 7335**

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

**PRESENT:**

Sally Ann Holland (Mayor)  
Suzanne Akers Smith  
Dawn Allen  
David Brown  
Duncan Amies  
Russell Chadwick  
Robert Douglas  
Paul Duffy  
Suzy Firkin  
Margaret Gartside  
Robert Hemsley  
Amanda Martin  
Rob Moreton (  
Denis Murphy (Deputy Mayor)  
Jean Parry  
Kay Wesley

Also present: 3 Congleton Town Council Officers, 2 Members of the Press, 1 Youth Committee member

#### **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 Martin Amies, G Hayes

#### **2. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**CTC/33/2021 RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 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, Suzie Akers Smith, Rob Moreton and Denis Murphy 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 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**10. Planning Committee**

**CTC/35/2021 RESOLVED to** receive the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> November and 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

**11. Finance & Policy Committee**

**CTC/36/2021 RESOLVED to** receive the minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**12. Cheshire East Councillors' Reports**

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

Cllrs Suzie Akers Smith and Cllr David Brown provided updates on Highways related matters.

### **13. Vaccination progress**

The Chief Officer advised that over 6,500 residents have received their first COVID vaccinations and the NHS was delighted with the support provided by the Town Council and local volunteers.

### **14 Tour of Britain 2021**

**CTC/37/2021 resolved to** earmark £30,000 for Congleton to host the start of a Tour of Britain Cycle race stage on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021, subject to relevant conditions being met and Council approval of the contract.

### **15 Resolution to exclude members of the press and public from items 16 and 17 due to Commercial Sensitivities**

**CTC/38/2021 resolved to** exclude members of the press and public due to commercial sensitivities on items 16 and 17

### **16. Visitor Information Centre**

**CTC/39/2021 resolved to** “agree in principle” to the transfer of the Visitor Information Centre from Cheshire East Council to Congleton Town Council based upon the information provided within the report.

**Action** – Chief Officer to progress arrangements and report to Council for final approval.

### **17. Commercial Partner Contract**

**CTC/40/2021 resolved to** note the report from the Chief officer

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