

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting 22nd April 2021

Conducted via Zoom – Meeting ID : 847 4993 5538

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PRESENT: Councillors

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

Also present: 4 Congleton Town Council Officers, 2 Press and 7 members of the public

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr G Hayes

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings. (Enclosed)

To approve and sign the

CTC/51/2021 Resolved to approve minutes of the Council meeting held on the 11th Feb, 11th March and 1st April 2021 subject to the inclusion of “the previous Mayors and interested councilors / future Mayors” within the minute of item 6 on the 1st April 2021

3. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

Councillors S Akers Smith, D Brown, G Hayes, S A Holland, R Moreton and D Murphy declared a non-pecuniary interest on 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

None

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 items.

8. Youth Committee

There was no representation from the Youth Committee

9. Community and Environment Committee

CTC/52/ 2021 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on 21st January 2021

10. Planning Committee

CTC/53/2021 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Planning Committees held on 14th January, 18th February and the 18th March 2021

11. Finance and Policy Committee

CTC/54/2021 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee held on 28th January 2021.

12. Town Hall Assets and Services Committee (Enclosed)

CTC/55/2021 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Town Hall Assets and Services Committee held on 3rd December 2020

13. Cheshire East Councillors' Reports

Brief reports / updates were provided on the following subjects

- CEC reviewing the traffic order on Bridge Street
- The ongoing issue with Congleton's waste disposal site
- School solar panel scheme

14. Elizabeth Wolstenholme Elmy statue

CTC/56/ 2021 Resolved to request officers a criteria for the location of the statue to enable an independent review of any proposed sites.

This resolution was agreed following a named vote which is recorded as follows-

In favour of the proposed resolution	Cllrs- Brown, Chadwick, Douglas, Duffy, Gartside, Martin. Parry and Smith (8)
Against the proposed resolution	Cllrs-Akers Smith D Amies, M Amies, S Firkin, Hemsley, Moreton, Wesley (7)
Abstentions	Cllrs Holland, Murphy (2)– due To CEC planning committees
Not in attendance	Cllrs Allen, Hayes, Rogan (3)

15. 2021/22 Meeting Calendar

Councillors were requested to forward any comments to the Chief Officer by the 26th April 2021

16. Christmas lights installation contract (Enclosed)

CTC/57/ 2021 Resolved to award the contract for the installation of Christmas lights to Company C PME Maintenance

17. Resolution to Exclude the Public and Press from Item 18

CTC/58/2021 Resolved to pass a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that public and press be excluded from the meeting due to confidentiality clause within the contract

18. Tour of Britain 2021

CTC/59/2021 Resolved that the Chief Officer advises the Tour of Britain race organisers, Sweetspot, that the council is unable to sign the proposed current contract based upon the financial risks associated with the event not taking place, or covid restrictions impacting on residents being able to attend the event.