

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall, Assets & Services Committee held on Thursday 15th October 2020

Conducted via Zoom – Meeting ID: 890 5069 5769

In attendance:

Committee members:

Suzy Firkin (Chair)
George Hayes (Vice Chair)
Duncan Amies
David Brown
Robert Douglas
Robert Hemsley
Rob Moreton
Denis Murphy (Deputy Mayor)

Ex Officio: Sally Ann Holland (Mayor)

Non-Committee members: Amanda Martin

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence (Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apology for absence in advance and to give a reason for non-attendance).

Apologies for absence were received from Committee member Councillor Robert Moreton and Non-Committee members Councillors Kay Wesley and Margaret Gartside.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

THAS/21/2021 Resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the Town Hall, Assets & Services Committee held on 6th August 2020.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both “pecuniary” and “non-pecuniary” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Declarations of interest were received from Councillors David Brown, George Hayes, Denis Murphy and Sally Ann Holland (Mayor), all non-pecuniary on matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

4. Outstanding actions

None.

5. 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.

There were no questions from members of the public.

6. Town Hall Trading Account

THAS/22/2021 Resolved to accept the Town Hall Trading Account to 31st August 2020 and to note the content of the summary report.

7. Streetscape Trading Account

THAS/23/2021 Resolved to accept the Streetscape Trading Account to 31st August 2020 and to note the content of the summary report

8. Minutes of the Town Hall Development Working Group

THAS/24/2021 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Town Hall Development Working Group held on 10th September 2020.

9. Minutes of the Streetscape Development Working Group

THAS/25/2021 Resolved to note the draft minutes of the Streetscape Development Working Group held on 17th September 2020.

10. Minutes of the Business Support Working Group

THAS/26/2021 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Business Support Working Group held on 1st October 2020.

11. Link Road Roundabouts Update with Parish Councils

THAS/27/2021 Resolved to receive the progress report on the Link road Roundabouts.

12. Streetscape – Environmental Changes

THAS/28/2021 Resolved to receive the progress report on the Streetscape – Environmental Changes.

13. Update on the Town Hall Statues Refurbishment/ Replacement

THAS/29/2021 Resolved to receive the update on the Town Hall Statues Refurbishment/ Replacement and based on the quotations received to date take it back to the Working Group for further discussion.

14. Town Hall Foyer Lighting

THAS/30/2021 Resolved to receive report on the Town Hall Foyer Lighting and to review this project when the future use and developments of the Town hall have been established.

15. Town Council Hybrid Meetings

THAS/31/2021 Resolved to receive the report on Town Council Hybrid Meetings and request that officers further investigate option 3 when time allows.

16. Update on Congleton Cenotaph

THAS/32/2021 Resolved to receive the verbal report on the Congleton Cenotaph that advised that completion was hoped to be on 30th October 2020 and that construction was still operating within budget.

17. Town Hall Christmas Lights

THAS/33/2021 Resolved to seek further quotations for adding Christmas Lights to the Town Hall taking into consideration:

1. The appearance of the Town Hall when lights are not switched on.
2. The possibility of using coloured lights.
3. That the Cheshire East Council (CEC) Conservation officer was satisfied with the method of attaching the lights to the Town Hall.

18. Resolution to exclude members of the press and public from item 19 due to Commercial Sensitivities

THAS/34/2021 Resolved to exclude members of the press and public from item 19 due to Commercial Sensitivities.

19. Update on the Future use of the Town Hall

THAS/35/2021 Resolved to:

18.1 the changing of the Terms of Reference Of the Market Working Group as proposed.

18.2 seek legal guidance on State Aid, following this take through to the relevant committee.

18.3 receive the update from the Chief Officer.

**Clr Suzy Firkin
(Chair)**