

## 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

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

**PRESENT:**

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

#### **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.

**13. Vaccination Progress**

**16 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.

**17 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.

**18 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.

**19 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.

**20 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.

## **21 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)**