

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting

Virtual Meeting held Via Zoom on 6th May 2021

PRESENT: Councillors

S A Holland
D Murphy
D Amies
M Amies
D T Brown
R Chadwick
R Douglas
P Duffy
S Firkin
M Gartside
G Hayes
R Helmsley
A Martin
R Moreton
S Akers Smith
J Smith
K Wesley

1. Election of the Town Mayor for the Ensuing Year

CTC/01/2122 RESOLVED that Councillor Denis Murphy be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year and until the acceptance of office by his successor.

Councillor Denis Murphy then subscribed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

COUNCILLOR Denis Murphy (TOWN MAYOR) IN THE CHAIR

The Town Mayor addressed the meeting and gave thanks for his election.

The Town Mayor confirmed that his Consort Mrs Joan Myatt had received the Consort's Chain of Office.

2. Vote of Thanks for the Retiring Mayor

CTC/02/2122 RESOLVED that a vote of thanks be accorded to Councillor Sally Ann Holland for the able way she had undertaken her duties during her time in Office.

2.1 Presentation of the Former Town Mayor's Medallion

The Town Mayor confirmed that Councillor Sally Ann Holland had received the former Town Mayor's Medallion, suitably inscribed to record her Term of Office.

2.2 Presentation of the retiring Town Mayor's Cadet Medallion

Councillor Sally Ann Holland then responded giving thanks to the retiring Town Mayor's Cadet Eloise Williams and confirmed that she had received their Medallion. The retiring Town Mayor's Cadet gave thanks for the opportunity afforded to her in the role.

2.3 Town Mayor's Cadet Scheme & Appointment of the Town Mayor's Cadet

The Town Mayor then gave details of the Town Mayor's Cadet Scheme and invested the next Town Mayor's Cadet, Tom Gilman with his badge of office.

3. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jean Parry.

4. Election of Deputy Mayor

CTC/03/2122 RESOLVED that Councillor Margaret Gartside be appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year and until the Acceptance of Office by her successor.

5. Council Committees

CTC/04/2122 RESOLVED that membership of the Committees be as follows: -

Committee	Members	Councillors
Finance and Policy	10	Duncan Amies, David Brown, Russell Chadwick, Robert Douglas, Paul Duffy, George Hayes, Rob Moreton, Jean Parry, Suzie Akers Smith, James Smith
Personnel	10	David Brown, Dawn Allen, Martin Amies, Russell Chadwick, Robert Hemsley, Amanda Martin, Sally Ann Holland, Robert Douglas, James Smith, Kay Wesley
Town Hall, Assets and Services	10	Duncan Amies, Martin Amies, Suzie Akers Smith, George Hayes, Dawn Allen, David Brown, Suzy Firkin, Robert Hemsley, Robert Douglas, Russell Chadwick
Planning	10	Duncan Amies, Robert Douglas, Paul Duffy, Suzy Firkin, Robert Hemsley, Amanda Martin, Jean Parry, Mark Rogan, James Smith, Kay Wesley
Community and Environment	10	Rob Moreton, Dawn Allen, Jean Parry, Amanda Martin, Suzy Firkin, Robert Hemsley, Paul Duffy, Sally Ann Holland, Mark Rogan, Kay Wesley
Council	20	All Councillors
Strategy Working Group	20	All Councillors

6. Chair & Vice Chair of Committees

CTC/05/2122 RESOLVED that the following Members be appointed as Chair and Vice-Chair of Committees for the ensuing year: -

Committee	Chair	Vice Chair
Finance and Policy	Cllr Robert Douglas	Cllr Russell Chadwick
Community Environment and Services	Cllr Kay Wesley	Cllr Sally Ann Holland
Town Hall, Assets and Services	Cllr Suzy Firkin	Cllr George Hayes
Personnel	Cllr David Brown	Cllr James Smith
Planning	Cllr Paul Duffy	Cllr Amanda Martin
Strategy Working Group	Mayor	Deputy Mayor

7. Appointment of Members to Single Focus Committees and Working Groups

CTC/06/2122 RESOLVED that the following Members be appointed to the offices set out below:

Working Group	Members
Congleton Green	Margaret Gartside (Chair) , Amanda Martin, Martin Amies, Suzy Firkin, Mark Rogan, Kay Wesley
Integrated Transport	Suzie Akers Smith (Chair) , Suzy Firkin, Margaret Gartside, Amanda Martin, Kay Wesley, David Brown, Duncan Amies
White Ribbon	Kay Wesley (Chair) , Robert Douglas, Robert Hemsley, Mark Rogan, Dawn Allen (Chair), David Brown, Suzy Firkin, Margaret Gartside, Mark Rogan, Kay Wesley
Health and Wellbeing	David Brown (Chair) , Robert Douglas, Martin Amies, Amanda Martin, Russell Chadwick (Chair), Robert Douglas (Vice Chair), David Brown, Suzy Firkin, Rob Moreton, Kay Wesley
Congleton Market	Russell Chadwick (Chair) , Robert Douglas (Vice Chair), David Brown, Suzy Firkin, Rob Moreton, Kay Wesley
Regeneration	Suzy Firkin (Chair) , Margaret Gartside (Vice Chair), David Brown, Russell Chadwick, Robert Douglas, Robert Hemsley,
Town Hall Development	David Brown (Joint Chair) , Margaret Gartside (Joint Chair), Duncan Amies, Martin Amies, Robert Douglas, Amanda Martin
Streetscape Development	Paul Duffy, Amanda Martin, Duncan Amies, David Brown Kay Wesley,
Planning Development including Neighbourhood Plan	Kay Wesley (Chair) , Dawn Allen, Amanda Martin, Rob Moreton, Denis Murphy,
Anti-Social Behaviour	David Brown (Chair) , Margaret Gartside
Congleton in Bloom	Robert Douglas, Denis Murphy, James Smith
Cenotaph (Congleton Partnership)	David Brown (Chair) Suzie Akers Smith, Suzy Firkin, Margaret Gartside, Rob Moreton, Kay Wesley
750 Year Charter	

8. Appointments to Panels and Cheque Signatories

CTC/07/2122 RESOLVED that the requisite number of Councillors be appointed to serve on the following panels and specific Councillors become cheque signatories:

Panel	Members	Councillors
Complaints Panel	5	Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 1 Councillor selected from each group - i.e. Liberals, Conservatives and Independent/ WEP
Selection panel for co-option of a councillor	5	Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 1 Councillor selected from each group i.e. Liberals, Conservatives and Independent/ WEP
Cheque signatories – any 2 from 6	6	David Brown, Russell Chadwick, Robert Douglas, Amanda Martin, Denis Murphy, Jean Parry

9. Appointments to Other Offices

CTC/08/2122 RESOLVED that the following Members be appointed to the outside bodies set out below:

Organisation	Members	Councillors
Congleton Museum Trust	1 + Reserve	Kay Wesley and Suzy Firkin
Congleton Partnership Executive	2	Amanda Martin and Kay Wesley (Reserve)
Hilary Avenue Allotments	1	Rob Moreton
Astbury Mere Trust	1+ Reserve	Margaret Gartside and Martin Amies (Reserve)
Chalc	1+ Reserve	Amanda Martin and Mayor (Reserve)
Cheshire East Liaison	-	Relevant Ward Councillors

10. Appointments to Other Offices

CTC/09/2122 RESOLVED that the following Members be appointed to the offices set out below:

Office	Councillor
Town Crier	Rob Moreton
Deputy Town Crier	Paul Duffy
Macebearer	Rob Moreton
Deputy Macebearer	Paul Duffy

11. Appointment of Mayor's Chaplain

The Mayor advised the meeting that Rev Father William Kilkenny had been appointed as the Mayor's Chaplain for the ensuing year.

12. Civic Service and Sunday Parade

The Mayor advised the meeting that the date for the Civic Service would be confirmed as soon as possible.

**Denis Murphy
(TOWN MAYOR)**