

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Emergency Council Meeting held at Congleton Town Hall on Thursday 25th November 2021

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Agenda of the Emergency Council Meeting on 25th November 2021](#)

Present:

Councillors:

Denis Murphy (Town Mayor)
Margaret Gartside (Deputy Mayor)
David Brown
Suzy Firkin
Robert Douglas
Sally Ann Holland
Amanda Martin
Rob Moreton
Jean Parry
Mark Rogan
Kay Wesley

Congleton Town Council Officers:

David McGifford (Chief Officer)
Jackie MacArthur (Communities and Marketing Manager and Deputy Chief Officer)

Members of the Press: (1) Members of the Public: (1)

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Duncan Amies, Russell Chadwick, Paul Duffy, George Hayes, Robert Helmsley and James Smith

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

CTC/39/2122 RESOLVED to approve and sign the [Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 21st October 2021](#).

3. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

Councillors Denis Murphy (Mayor), David Brown, Sally Ann Holland and Rob Moreton declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

4. Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions raised by Members of the Public.

5. Urgent Items

There were no urgent items raised at the meeting.

6. Cheshire East Council - Community Governance Review Consultation

CTC/40/2122 RESOLVED to respond as follows:

Question 4. How strongly do you agree or disagree that the recommended governance arrangements as proposed by Cheshire East for the area you are answering for would...?

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| a) Reflect local identities and interests | Answer Tend to agree |
| b) Provide an effective and convenient local government | Answer Strongly agree |

Question 5. How strongly do you agree or disagree overall with the recommendation as proposed by Cheshire East for the area you are answering for? **Answer** Tend to agree

The Council (CEC) also requests comments on whether the new parish should have the style of 'parish' or one of the alternative styles that the Council may recommend where a new parish is being created: 'community', 'neighbourhood' or 'village'.

CTC/41/2122 RESOLVED to delegate the responsibility to the Chief Officer to pass comment which would cover the following points:

- The Town Centre is seen as the local service centre for the town and parish areas providing health, education, retail and leisure facilities.
- Lobbying would be stronger and consistent.
- Increase in town precept would provide additional income to potentially improve facilities.
- Recognising the need to review and support current aspirations of the parishes – green gaps etc.
- Wider environmental protection plans could be developed – green gaps etc.

**Denis Murphy
(Town Mayor)**