

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall, Assets & Services Committee held on Thursday 4th November 2021

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Agenda & Papers – 4th November 2021](#)

In attendance:

Committee members: Cllrs

Suzy Firkin (Chair)
George Hayes (Vice Chair)
Dawn Allen
Suzanne Akers Smith
Martin Amies
David Brown – Arrived at Item 3
Robert Douglas

Non-Committee members: Cllrs Jean Parry and Margaret Gartside

Also present: Congleton Town Council Officers: David McGifford - Chief Officer
Mark Worthington - Town Hall Manager
Ruth Burgess - Streetscape Development Manager

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Committee Members: Cllrs Russell Chadwick, Robert Hemsley and Duncan Amies

Ex-Officio Member: Cllr Denis Murphy (Town Mayor)

Non-Committee members: Cllrs Sally Ann Holland and Kay Wesley

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

THAS/18/2122 Resolved to approve and sign the [minutes of the meeting of the Town Hall, Assets and Services Committee held on 16th September 2021.](#)

3. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Councillors Brown, Hayes and Akers Smith on all non-pecuniary matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

4. Outstanding Actions

THAS/19/2122 Resolved to receive an update on the following outstanding actions and work in progress.

- 4.1 Town Hall Statues (Chief Officer)
- 4.2 Hybrid Meetings (Town Hall Manager)
- 4.3 Provision of Services at the Town Hall (Town Hall Manager)
- 4.4 Market St Public Toilets (Town Hall Manager)
- 4.5 Inclusive Play Equipment (Streetscape Development Manager)
- 4.6 Tree Planting – Carbon footprint (Streetscape Development Manager)
- 4.7 Vehicles – Electric (Streetscape Development Manager)
- 4.8 Location of memorial plaques (Town Hall Manager)
- 4.9 Re-wilding Congleton Open spaces (Streetscape Development Manager)
- 4.10 Paddling Pool – re land lease (Chief Officer)

5. Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions raised by members of the public.

6. Urgent Items

There were no urgent items raised by Members at the meeting.

7. Town Hall Trading Account

THAS/20/2122 Resolved to accept the Town Hall Trading account to 30th September 2021 and to note the content of the summary report.

8. Streetscape Trading Account

THAS/21/2122 Resolved to accept the Streetscape Trading account to 30th September 2021 and to note the content of the summary report.

9. Carbon Footprint Actions and Objectives

THAS/22/2122 Resolved to receive the report from the Streetscape Development Manager regarding objectives, targets and actions being set for Congleton Town Council's Carbon Footprint.

10. Refurbishment of the Town Hall Cotton Club Area

THAS/23/2122 Resolved to receive the report from the Town Hall Manager on the refurbishment of the Town Hall area formerly used as the Cotton Club.

11. THAS/24/2122 Resolved to exclude members of the press and public from items 12 and 13 due to Commercial Sensitivities.

12. Paddling Pool Operating Costs 2022/23

THAS/25/2122 Resolved to receive the report from the Town Hall Manager on the paddling pool costs for 2021 and approve the operating model – Option 7 – During the operating season the pool will not be open on Mondays and Tuesdays, other days will be reduced by 1 hour and closed for the autumn / winter immediately after schools return in September.

13. Streetscape Contract update with Cheshire East Council

THAS/26/2122 Resolved to receive the report from the Streetscape Development Manager regarding the on-going contract between Congleton Town Council's Streetscape Team and Cheshire East Council, including the Mechanical Sweeper.

**Cllr Suzy Firkin
(Chair)**