

## Congleton Town Council

### Minutes of the Council Meeting held at Congleton Town Hall on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Meeting Agenda of the Council 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021](#)

#### **Present:**

#### **Councillors:**

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

#### **Congleton Town Council Officer/s:**

David McGifford (Chief Officer)  
Serena Van Schepdael (RFO)

### Minutes

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Suzie Akers Smith, Russell Chadwick, Paul Duffy, George Hayes, Mark Rogan, James Smith.

#### **2. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**CTC/42/2122 RESOLVED** to approve and sign the [Minutes of the Emergency Council meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021](#). Noting that Cllr Robert Douglas was in attendance at that meeting.

### **3. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest**

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

Denis Murphy (Mayor) declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 15.

### **4. Questions from Members of the Public**

There were no questions from members of the public.

### **5. Urgent Items**

- Cllr Robert Douglas provided an update relating to the Congleton Waste Disposal.
- Cllr Duncan Amies raised concerns about the number of accidents at the Viking Way / Link Road roundabout.

### **6. Town Mayor's Announcements**

The Town Mayor drew attention to the various engagements that he had fulfilled.

### **7. Outstanding Actions**

There were no outstanding actions from previous meetings.

### **8. Youth Committee**

There were no members of the Youth Committee present at the meeting.

### **9. Community and Environment Committee**

**CTC/43/2122 RESOLVED** that the [minutes of the Community and Environment Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021](#) be received, and the recommendations therein be adopted.

### **10. Finance and Policy Committee**

**CTC/43/2122 RESOLVED** that the [minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021](#) be received, and the recommendations therein be adopted.

### **11. Personnel Committee**

**CTC/44/2122 RESOLVED** that the [minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021](#) be received, and the recommendations therein be adopted.

## **12. Planning Committee**

**CTC/45/2122 RESOLVED** that the [Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 9th September and 14th October 2021](#) be received, and the recommendations therein be adopted.

## **13. Town Hall Assets and Services Committee**

**CTC/46/2122 RESOLVED** that the [minutes of the Town Hall Assets and Services Committee meeting held on 16th September 2021](#) be received, and the recommendations therein be adopted.

## **14. Cheshire East Councillors' Reports**

To Suspend Standing Orders to allow Councillors from the principal authority to report on matters relating to or impacting on Congleton.

## **15. Rotary Expenditure**

For Councillors to note a payment exceeding £10,000 - Rotary Club.

**CTC/47/2122 RESOLVED to** note the payment in excess of £10,000 to Congleton Rotary Charity Account.

## **16. Review and Amendments to the Financial Regulations**

To approve the updates to the Financial Regulations as recommended by the Finance and Policy Committee on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and for inclusion in the Council's constitution.

**CTC/48/2122 RESOLVED to** approve the proposed updates to the Financial Regulations for inclusion in the Council's constitution.

## **17. Budget and Precept 2022-23**

**CTC/49/2122 RESOLVED to:**

- 1: Approve the Draft budget and the 2.07% increase per Band D household for 2022/23
- 2: Approve the Ear Marked Reserve Movements and proposed spends for 2022/23
- 3: Approve the Precept requirement of £996,333 for 2022/23.

**18. Planning Committee Chair and Vice Chair**

To agree the Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning Committee through to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**CTC/50/2122 RESOLVED to** appoint Cllr Amanda Martin as Chair and Councillor Robert Helmsley as Vice Chair for the remainder of the Civic Year.

**Denis Murphy**

**(Town Mayor)**