

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at Congleton Town Hall on Thursday 10th February 2022

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Meeting Agenda of the Council 10th February 2022](#)

Present:

Councillors:

Denis Murphy (Town Mayor)
Margaret Gartside (Deputy Mayor)
Suzie Akers Smith
Martin Amies
Duncan Amies
David Brown
Russell Chadwick
Robert Douglas
Paul Duffy
Suzy Firkin
George Hayes
Robert Hemsley
Amanda Martin
Rob Moreton
Jean Parry
James Smith
Kay Wesley

Congleton Town Council Officer:

David McGifford (Chief Officer)

1 Members of the Press
15 Members of the Public

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Sally Ann Holland.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

CTC/53/2122 RESOLVED to approve and sign the [Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 9th December 2021 and the Emergency Council Meeting on 6th January 2022.](#)

Noting that Cllr Jean Parry was in attendance at the meeting on the 6th January 2022.

3. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

Councillors David Brown, Suzanne Akers Smith, George Hayes, Rob Moreton and Denis Murphy (Mayor), all declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

Prior to agenda item 4, the Mayor proposed that Item 17 (Cheshire East Council Tranche 1 Active Travel Measure Review), be debated after Item 4 (Questions from Members of the public).

CTC/54/2122 RESOLVED that item 17 be debated following statements made by members of the public.

4. Questions from Members of the Public

Various statements were read out by members of the public relating to Item 17 Cheshire East Council Tranche 1 Active Travel Measure Review.

17. Cheshire East Council Tranche 1 Active Travel Measure Review

To establish Congleton Town Council's position on areas related to this review.

CTC/55/2122 RESOLVED to maintain cycling access on Bridge Street with no restrictions.

5. Urgent Items

Cllr Kay Wesley raised the need to assess the suitability of future acts that are performing at the Town Hall.

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/56/2122 RESOLVED that the [minutes of the Community and Environment Committee meeting held on 11th November 2021](#) be received, and the recommendations therein be adopted.

10. Finance and Policy Committee

CTC/57/2122 RESOLVED that the [minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 25th November 2021](#) be received, and the recommendations therein be adopted.

11. Planning Committee

CTC/56/2122 RESOLVED that the [Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 18th November and 14th December 2021](#) be received, and the recommendations therein be adopted.

12. Town Hall, Assets and Services Committee

CTC/57/2122 RESOLVED that the [minutes of the Town Hall Assets and Services Committee meeting held on 4th November 2021](#) be received, and the recommendations therein be adopted.

13. 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.

Reports were received from – Cllrs Suzanne Akers Smith, David Brown and George Hayes.

14. Replacement Ride on Mowers for the Streetscape Service

CTC/58/2122 RESOLVED to approve the procurement of replacement ride on mowers as recommended by the Town Hall Assets and Services Committee 13th January 2022, reference THAS/36/2122.

15. Annual Review of the Investment Strategy and Investment Policy 2022/23

CTC/59/2122 RESOLVED to approve the updated Investment Policy and the latest Investment Strategy as approved by the Finance and Policy Committee on 27th January 2022, reference FAP/58/2122.

16. Creating a Site-Specific Biodiversity Plan for Congleton

CTC/60/2122 RESOLVED to procure resource to develop a Site-Specific Biodiversity Plan for Congleton, as proposed by the Community and Environment Committee on 3rd February 2022, reference CE/48/2122.

**Denis Murphy
(Town Mayor)**