

# Congleton Town Council

## Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting/Mayor Making Ceremony held at Congleton Town Hall on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Meeting Agenda of the Annual Council Meeting/Mayor Making Ceremony 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022](#)

### **PRESENT:** Councillors

Duncan Amies  
Martin Amies  
David Brown  
Russell Chadwick  
Robert Douglas  
Paul Duffy  
Suzie Firkin  
Margaret Gartside  
Sally Ann Holland  
George Hayes  
Robert Hemsley  
Amanda Martin  
Denis Murphy  
Rob Moreton  
Mark Rogan  
James Smith  
Kay Wesley

### **1. Election of the Town Mayor for the Ensuing Year**

**CTC/01/2223 RESOLVED** that Councillor Margaret Gartside be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year and until the acceptance of office by her successor.

Councillor Margaret Gartside then subscribed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Margaret Gartside (Town Mayor) IN THE CHAIR

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

### **2. Vote of Thanks for the Retiring Mayor**

**CTC/02/2223 RESOLVED that** a vote of thanks be accorded to Councillor Denis Murphy for the able way he had undertaken his duties during his time in Office.

#### **2.1 Presentation of the Former Town Mayor's Medallion**

The Town Mayor presented Councillor Denis Murphy with the former Town Mayor's Medallion, suitably inscribed to record his Term of Office.

## **2.2 Presentation of the Retiring Town Mayor's Cadet Medallion**

Councillor Denis Murphy then responded giving thanks to the retiring Town Mayor's Cadet Tom Gilman and presented him with his Medallion. The retiring Town Mayor's Cadet gave thanks for the opportunity afforded to his 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, Katie-Leigh Newson with her badge of office.

## **3. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Suzie Akers Smith and Jean Parry.

## **4. Election of Deputy Mayor**

**CTC/03/2223 RESOLVED that** Councillor Rob Moreton be appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year and until the Acceptance of Office by his successor.

## **5. Council Committees**

**CTC/04/2223 RESOLVED that** membership of the Committees be as follows: -

| <b>Committee</b>                          | <b>Members</b> | <b>Councillors</b>   |
|---|----------------|--|
| <b>5.1 Community and Environment</b>      | 10             | Dawn Allen, Paul Duffy, Suzy Firkin, Robert Hemsley, Sally Ann Holland, Amanda Martin, Denis Murphy, Jean Parry, Mark Rogan, Kay Wesley  |
| <b>5.2 Finance and Policy</b>             | 10             | Suzie Akers Smith, Duncan Amies, David Brown, Russell Chadwick, Robert Douglas, Paul Duffy, George Hayes, Denis Murphy, Jean Parry, James Smith                                |
| <b>5.3 Personnel</b>                      | 10             | Suzie Akers Smith, Martin Amies, Dawn Allen, David Brown, Russell Chadwick, Amanda Martin, Sally Ann Holland, Robert Douglas, James Smith, Kay Wesley                          |
| <b>5.4 Planning</b>                       | 12             | Duncan Amies, Martin Amies, David Brown, Robert Douglas, Paul Duffy, Suzy Firkin, Robert Hemsley, Amanda Martin, Denis Murphy, Jean Parry, Mark Rogan, James Smith, Kay Wesley |
| <b>5.5 Town Hall, Assets and Services</b> | 10             | Suzie Akers Smith, Dawn Allen, Duncan Amies, Martin Amies, David Brown, Russell Chadwick, Robert Douglas, Suzy Firkin, George Hayes, Robert Hemsley                            |
| <b>5.6 Council</b>                        | 20             | All Councillors  |
| <b>5.7 Strategy Working Group</b>         | 20             | All Councillors  |

## 6. Chair & Vice Chair of Committees

**CTC/05/2223 RESOLVED** that the following Members be appointed as Chair and Vice-Chair of Committees for the ensuing year:

| Committee                                     | Chair               | Vice Chair             |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|
| <b>6.1 Community Environment and Services</b> | Cllr Kay Wesley     | Cllr Sally Ann Holland |
| <b>6.2 Finance and Policy</b>                 | Cllr Robert Douglas | Cllr Russell Chadwick  |
| <b>6.3 Personnel</b>                          | Cllr David Brown    | Cllr James Smith       |
| <b>6.4 Planning</b>                           | Cllr Amanda Martin  | Cllr Robert Hemsley    |
| <b>6.5 Town Hall, Assets and Services</b>     | Cllr Suzy Firkin    | Cllr George Hayes      |
| <b>6.6 Strategy Working Group</b>             | Mayor               | Deputy Mayor           |

## 7. Appointment of Members to Working Groups

**CTC/06/2223 RESOLVED** that the following Members be appointed to the Working Groups as set out below:

| Working Group                      | Reporting to                           | Members   |
|------------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>7.1 Anti-Social Behaviour</b>   | Community & Environment Committee      | <b>Kay Wesley (Chair)</b> ,<br>Dawn Allen, Amanda Martin,<br>Rob Moreton, Denis Murphy  |
| <b>7.2 Congleton Green</b>         | Community & Environment Committee      | <b>Margaret Gartside (Chair)</b> ,<br>Martin Amies, Suzy Firkin, Amanda Martin,<br>Mark Rogan, Kay Wesley   |
| <b>7.3 Congleton in Bloom</b>      | Community & Environment Committee      | <b>David Brown (Chair)</b> ,<br>Margaret Gartside, Russell Chadwick   |
| <b>7.4 Health and Wellbeing</b>    | Community & Environment Committee      | <b>Dawn Allen (Chair)</b> ,<br>David Brown, Suzy Firkin, Margaret<br>Gartside, Mark Rogan, Kay Wesley   |
| <b>7.5 Integrated Transport</b>    | Community & Environment Committee      | Duncan Amies, David Brown, Suzy Firkin,<br>Margaret Gartside, Amanda Martin,<br>Kay Wesley  |
| <b>7.6 Congleton Regeneration</b>  | Finance & Policy Committee             | <b>Russell Chadwick (Chair)</b> ,<br><b>Robert Douglas (Vice Chair)</b><br>Martin Amies, David Brown, Suzy Firkin,<br>Amanda Martin, Rob Moreton,<br>Kay Wesley |
| <b>7.7 Streetscape Development</b> | Town Hall, Assets & Services Committee | <b>David Brown (Joint Chair)</b><br><b>Margaret Gartside (Joint Chair)</b><br>Duncan Amies, Martin Amies,<br>Robert Douglas, Amanda Martin,<br>Kay Wesley       |
| <b>7.8 Town Hall Development</b>   | Town Hall, Assets & Services Committee | <b>Suzy Firkin (Chair)</b> , <b>Margaret Gartside (Vice Chair)</b> , Martin Amies, David Brown, Russell Chadwick, Robert Douglas, Robert Hemsley                |

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| <b>7.9 Planning Development (Including Neighbourhood Plan)</b> | Planning Committee                | Duncan Amies, David Brown, Robert Hemsley, Sally Ann Holland, Amanda Martin, Kay Wesley |
| <b>7.10 750 Year Celebration</b>                               | Community & Environment Committee | <b>David Brown (Chair)</b><br>Suzy Firkin, Margaret Gartside, Rob Moreton, Kay Wesley   |
| <b>7.11 White Ribbon</b>                                       | Community & Environment Committee | <b>Robert Hemsley (Chair)</b><br>Robert Douglas, Mark Rogan,                            |

## **8. Appointments of Panel Members and Cheque Signatories**

**CTC/07/2223 RESOLVED** that the requisite number of Councillors be appointed to serve on the following panels and specific Councillors become cheque signatories:

| <b>Panel</b>                                  | <b>Members</b> | <b>Councillors</b>   |
|---|----------------|--|
| Complaints Panel                              | 5              | Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 1 Councillor selected from each group - i.e., Liberals, Conservatives, and Independent/ Women's Equality Party |
| 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/ Women's Equality Party    |
| Cheque signatories – any 2 from 6             | 6              | David Brown, Russell Chadwick, Robert Douglas, Amanda Martin, Denis Murphy, Jean Parry   |

## **9. Appointments of Representatives to Outside Bodies**

**CTC/08/2223 RESOLVED** that the following Members be appointed to the outside bodies set out below:

| <b>Organisation</b>                        | <b>Members</b> | <b>Councillors</b>                           |
|--|----------------|--|
| <b>9.1 Congleton Museum Trust</b>          | 1 + Reserve    | Kay Wesley and Suzy Firkin (Reserve)         |
| <b>9.2 Congleton Partnership Executive</b> | 2              | Amanda Martin and Kay Wesley (Reserve)       |
| <b>9.3 Hilary Avenue Allotments</b>        | 1              | Rob Moreton                                  |
| <b>9.4 Astbury Mere Trust</b>              | 1+ Reserve     | Margaret Gartside and Martin Amies (Reserve) |
| <b>9.5 ChAlc</b>                           | 1+ Reserve     | Amanda Martin and Kay Wesley (Reserve)       |
| <b>9.6 Cheshire East Liaison</b>           | 6              | Relevant Ward Councillors                    |

## **10. Appointments to Other Offices**

**CTC/09/2223 RESOLVED** that the following Members be appointed to the offices set out below:

| <b>Office</b>     | <b>Councillor</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Town Crier        | Paul Duffy        |
| Deputy Town Crier | Rob Moreton       |
| Macebearer        | Paul Duffy        |
| Deputy Macebearer | Rob Moreton       |

## **11. Civic Service and Sunday Parade**

The Mayor advised the meeting that the date for the Civic Service would be on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June, the Parade will form-up behind the Town Hall at 2pm ready to parade along the High Street to St Peter's Church at 2.15pm.

**Margaret Gartside  
(TOWN MAYOR)**