

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at Congleton Town Hall on Wednesday 29th September 2022

***Please Note – These are draft minutes and will not be ratified until the next meeting of the Council.**

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Meeting Agenda of the Council 29th September 2022](#)

Present:

Councillors:

Margaret Gartside (Mayor)
Rob Moreton (Deputy Mayor)
Suzanne Akers Smith
Russell Chadwick
Robert Douglas
Paul Duffy
Suzy Firkin
Sally Ann Holland
Robert Hemsley
Amanda Martin
Denis Murphy
Jean Parry
James Smith
Kay Wesley

Congleton Town Council Officers: David McGifford (Chief Officer), Serena Vanschepdael (RFO)

Congleton Chronicle were in attendance, no members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Duncan Amies, Martin Amies, David Brown and George Hayes.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

CTC/22/2223 RESOLVED to approve and sign the [Minutes of the Council meeting on 22nd June 2022.](#)

3. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

Councillors Suzanne Akers Smith, Sally Ann Holland, Rob Moreton and Denis Murphy all declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Cheshire East Council. Denis Murphy declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 12 and Kay Wesley declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 19.

4. Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions raised by members of the public.

5. Urgent Items

Cllr Robert Douglas advised the Council of the outcome of Cheshire East Council's Environment and Communities Committee meeting held earlier in the day that discussed the future provision of household waste contracts.

6. Town Mayor's Announcements

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

7. Outstanding Actions

There were no outstanding actions from previous meetings.

8. Community and Environment Committee

CTC/23/2223 RESOLVED that the [minutes of the Community and Environment Committee meetings held on 26th May and 28th July 2022](#) be received, and the recommendations therein be adopted.

9. Budget Update and Budget Setting for 2023-24

CTC/24/2223 RESOLVED to approve the requested updates to budget requirements for the financial year 2022-2023.

10. Approval of Supplier Invoice

CTC/25/2223 RESOLVED to approve payment of invoice 11700099592 from Cheshire East Council for £9,547.24 plus VAT, which is payment for CCTV Services for 2022-2023, to be paid from Budget line 303-4164 [Crime Reduction- CCTV].

11. Investment Strategy and Investment Policy 2022/23

CTC/26/2223 RESOLVED to approve the requested updates to the Council's Investment Strategy and update the Constitution accordingly.

12. Bonfire and Fireworks Display

CTC/27/2223 RESOLVED to approve to underwrite the insurance costs for the Annual Rotary Bonfire Display and approve any expenditure requirements Ear Marked Reserve 346 of up to £5,000.

13. Notice of Conclusion of Audit

CTC/28/2223 RESOLVED to receive the External Auditor Report and Certificate for financial year 2021-2022.

14. Personnel Committee

CTC/29/2223 RESOLVED that the [minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 9th December 2021](#) be received, and the recommendations therein be adopted

15. Planning Committee

CTC/30/2223 RESOLVED that the [minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 19th May, 16th June 21st July 2022](#) be received, and the recommendations therein be adopted.

16. Town Hall, Assets and Services Committee

CTC/31/2223 RESOLVED that the [minutes of the Town Hall, Assets and Services Committee meetings held on 7th April and 30th June 2022](#) be received, and the recommendations therein be adopted.

17. Town Hall Hire Charges

CTC/32/2223 RESOLVED to approve the updated Town Hall room hire charges, as approved by the Town Hall, Assets and Services Committee.

18. 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.

Cllrs Suzanne Akers Smith, Sally Ann Holland and Denis Murphy provided verbal updates for the Councillors present.

19. Civility and Respect Pledge

CTC/33/2223 RESOLVED to reject the proposal to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge.

20. Commercial Partner Contract

CTC/34/2223 RESOLVED to receive the update from the Chief Officer.

**Margaret Gartside
(Town Mayor)**