

## **Congleton Town Council**

### **Minutes of the Council Meeting held at Congleton Town Hall on Thursday 8 December 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 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022](#)

#### **Present:**

##### **Councillors:**

Margaret Gartside (Mayor)  
Duncan Amies  
Martin Amies  
David Brown  
Suzanne Akers Smith  
Russell Chadwick  
Robert Douglas  
Paul Duffy  
Suzy Firkin  
George Hayes  
Sally Ann Holland  
Robert Hemsley  
Amanda Martin  
Denis Murphy  
Mark Rogan  
Kay Wesley

**Congleton Town Council Officers:** David McGifford (Chief Officer), Jackie Macarthur (Deputy Chief Officer)

- There was no members of the press in attendance.
- 16 members of the public in attendance

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs Rob Moreton, Jean Parry and James Smith

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

**CTC/35/2223 RESOLVED** to approve and sign the [Minutes of the Council meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022.](#)

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

Councillors David brown, Suzie Akers Smith, Sally Ann Holland and Denis Murphy all declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

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

Members of the public provided their views in relation to item 15 Making roads safer around Schools and residential areas by adopting a 20mph speed limits

### **5. Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items raised at the meeting.

### **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. Annual Pay Agreement 2022/23**

As recommended by the Financial and Policy Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022

#### **CTC/36/2223 RESOLVED to:**

1. To note the National Joint Council Annual Pay Agreement award for 2022-2023.
2. To approve an overspend on the salary budgets.
3. To note that the back dated pay due from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 will be paid in December 2022 payroll.

### **9. Budget and Precept 2023-24**

As recommended by the Financial and Policy Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022

#### **CTC/37/2223 RESOLVED to:**

- 9.1. Approve the 2023-2024 budget.
- 9.2. Approve Precept requirement of £1,068,179 for 2023-2024 which equates to a rise of 3.65% /£3.40 per Band D household.
- 9.3. Approve the year end movement of Ear Marked Reserves for 2022-2023.
- 9.4. Approve the movement for expenditure from Ear Marked Reserves for 2023-2024.

**10. Community and Environment Committee**

**CTC/38/2223 RESOLVED** to receive the [minutes of the Community and Environment Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022.](#)

**11. Finance and Policy Committee**

**CTC/39/2223 RESOLVED** to receive the [minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022.](#)

**12. Planning Committee**

**CTC/40/2223 RESOLVED** to receive the [minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> September and 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022.](#)

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

**CTC/41/2223 RESOLVED** to receive the [minutes of the Town Hall, Assets and Services Committee meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022.](#)

**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. Making roads safer around Schools and residential areas by adopting a 20mph speed limits**

**CTC/42/2223 RESOLVED** to recommend to Cheshire East Highways Authority that, subject to full consultation and funding being made available, Congleton Town Council would like to see all streets in the built-up settlement of Congleton where people live, work, shop, play or learn made safer by reducing speed from 30 mph to 20 mph. The exception would be the main through routes of the A34, A54, A527, A534 and the A536.

**Margaret Gartside  
(Town Mayor)**