

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at Congleton Town Hall on Thursday 8 December 2022

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Meeting Agenda of the Council 8th 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 29th 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 24th 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 1st April 2022 to 30th November 2022 will be paid in December 2022 payroll.

9. Budget and Precept 2023-24

As recommended by the Financial and Policy Committee on 24th 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 22nd September 2022.](#)

11. Finance and Policy Committee

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

12. Planning Committee

CTC/40/2223 RESOLVED to receive the [minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 8th September and 13th 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 4th 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)**