

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at Congleton Town Hall on 12th October 2023

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the
[Meeting Agenda of the Council 12th October 2023](#)

Councillors Present: **Rob Moreton (Mayor and Chair)**
Suzie Akers Smith
Dawn Allen
David Brown
Charles Booth
Robert Brittain
Robert Douglas
Mark Edwardson
Suzy Firkin
Emma Louise Hall,
Sally Ann Holland
Amanda Martin
Heather Pearce
Shaun Radcliffe
Heather Seddon
Richard Walton
Liz Wardlaw
Kay Wesley (Deputy Mayor)
Glen Williams

Congleton Town Council Officers: David McGifford (Chief Officer)
and Jackie MacArthur, Communities and Marketing Manager and DCO

- There were no members of the press in attendance.
- 6 members of the public in attendance
- 1 Burgess Denis Murphy

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Russell Chadwick, Susan Mead and Arabella Holland,

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

CTC/43/2324 Resolved to approve and sign the [minutes of the Council meeting held on the 10th August 2023](#)

3. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs David Brown, Emma Hall, Sally Ann Holland, Rob Moreton, Heather Seddon and Liz Wardlaw on matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

4. Questions from Members of the Public

A question was received from resident Mr Knowles related to the lack of intervention from the Town Council and Cheshire East Council into Moody Hall. As agreed with Mr Knowles the response was read out at the meeting and sent to him as he was unable to attend.

Suspended standing orders and voted an amendment to the order of the agenda to take items 13.1 and 13.2 next as they involved members of the public.

13. Presentations

13.1 St Peters Church vision

Council received a presentation from representatives of St Peters Church outlining their plans for its restoration and development

13.2 Community Projects

Council received a presentation from Jo Money about Community Projects with regards to its background, achievements and plans for the future.

5. Urgent Items

There were no urgent items raised by members.

6. Town Mayor's Announcements and Engagements

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. Community Committee Minutes

CTC/44/2324 resolved to receive the [minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on 29th June 2023](#)

9. Finance and Policy Committee Minutes

CTC/45/2324 resolved to receive the [minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on the 20th July 2023](#) .

10. Planning Committee Minutes

CTC/46/2324 resolved to receive the [minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 27th July and 17th of August 2023](#)

11. Town Hall Assets and Services Committee)

CTC/47/2324 resolved to receive the [minutes of the Town Hall Assets and Services Committee held on the 6th July 2023](#)

12. 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. Councillors reported on the new chief exec, potential loses from HS2, ongoing consultations, garden waste payments going live and Cheshire Rural Partnership suicide prevention work.

13. Presentations

Taken after item 4

14. Notification of Conclusion of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2022-2023

CTC/48/2324 resolved to receive the External Auditor Report and Certificate for the financial year 2022-2023

15. 2023-2024 Budget Virements

CTC/49/2324 resolved to approve the virements as recommended by the Finance and Policy Committee

16 CCTV Earmark Reserve Spend

CTC/50/2324 resolved to approve the spending from the CCTV Earmarked Reserve Spend for a camera on West Street and to accept the three- year CCTV service level agreement with CEC for ongoing 24/7 observations of the CCTV cameras in Congleton.

17 Selecting a company to create V4 of www.congleton-tc.gov.uk

CTC/51/2324 resolved to approve the proposals contained within the report and authorise the DCO to advertise the search for a company to work on the next version of the Town Council's website.

18. Rotary Bonfire Request

CTC/52/2324 resolved to approve to underwrite the Rotary Bonfire 2023

19 GT Security Limited Invoice

CTC/53/2324 resolved to approve the payment to GT Security Limited

20. Town Hall Maintenance Plan: Roof Repairs

CTC/54/2324 resolved to approve the spend of £12,000 from Capital Contingency Fund

21. Vacancy on Finance and Policy Committee

CTC/55/2324 resolved to appoint Councillor Dawn Allen onto the Finance and Policy Committee

**Robert Moreton
(Town Mayor)**