

CONGLETON TOWN MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th May 2023

Congleton Town Hall

PRESENT Cllr Margaret Gartside (Mayor), David McGifford (Chief Officer)
Speakers: Andrew Thompson, Cllr Robert Douglas, Cllr Suzy Firkin, Cllr Kay Wesley, David McGifford.
Panel Mayor, Chief Officer, Speakers plus Cllr Amanda Martin.
Plus 39 members of the public

1. Ground rules for the evenings were given by the Chief Officer David McGifford. This was followed by a short summary of the year from the Town Mayor, Cllr Margaret Gartside. Cllr Margaret Gartside chaired the meeting and introduced the speakers.
2. **Noted** the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting from 17 May 2022
3. **Presentation 1**
Next Steps for the Neighbourhood Plan by Planning Consultant Andrew Thompson – Andrew updated the audience on the latest progress and plans for the Draft Congleton Neighbourhood Plan.
4. **Presentation 2**
The case for a new Household Waste and Recycling Site for Congleton. Cllr Robert Douglas updated the meeting on the campaign to persuade Cheshire East to invest in a new Household Waste site for Congleton.
5. **Presentation 3**
Climate Change and Nature Emergency - Cllrs Suzy Firkin and Kay Wesley updated the meeting on the work the Congleton Town Council is carrying out to reduce the Council's Carbon footprint and improve biodiversity in and around the town.
6. **Presentation 4**
Town Centre Development Projects - David McGifford, the Chief Officer, updated the meeting on town centre regeneration projects, including the former B&M Building and the Congleton Market Quarter.

[Questions and Answers from the meeting](#)

Finished 8.45pm