

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 2011

PRESENT: Councillors Miss R K Williams (Vice-Chairman)
 Mrs D S Allen
 J S Crowther
 G R Edwards
 D A Parker
 Mrs J D Parry
 N T Price
 G S Williams

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs. S A Holland. Also, received from Councillor D Fletcher who is not a member of this particular committee.

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

AAS/13/1112 RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th October, 2011 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were requested to declare both "personal" and "personal & prejudicial" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Councillor D T Brown declared a personal interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Borough Council and in particular item 8 where he abstained from voting.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

None.

5. **COMMUNITY PRIDE COMPETITION**

A report from the Judges of the Community Pride Award was presented to the committee. It was noted that the report contained all the marks for the various categories judged as well as comments.

AAS/14/112 RESOLVED That:–

1. The report be received.
2. Thanks to be given to all the staff and volunteers who helped achieve the success for Congleton.

6. NATIONAL GRID

Correspondence from the National Grid informing the Council that work is to be carried out during the next 12 months on replacing pylons and overhead power lines near to Congleton.

AAS/15/1112 RESOLVED – That the report be received.

7. FRIENDS OF CONGLETON PARK

The Committee was presented with an updated constitution produced by the Friends of Congleton Park.

It was noted what a fantastic job the Friends of Congleton Park have done during the past number of years in improving the Park.

AAS/16/1112 RESOLVED That:- The constitution be received.

8. PUBLIC REALM STRATEGY

The Public Realm Strategy was considered by the members. It was noted that the whole project will cost about £10M to complete, but, had been broken down into 12 individual projects to assist in funding strategies.

AAS/17/1112 RESOLVED That:-

1. The Public Realm Strategy be approved and adopted.
2. The document to be passed to Cheshire East Borough Council with a request for the Strategy to become a Strategic Planning Document and to be included in the Local Development Framework.

9. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS (IF NECESSARY)

AAS/18/1112 RECOMMENDED: That in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that public and press be excluded from the meeting for the matters set out below on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of private and confidential information or staff matters.

10. DEVOLVED SERVICES

The Town Clerk provided a presentation outlining progress on discussions taking place with Cheshire East Borough Council to determine a protocol to devolve certain services from CEBC to the Town Council.

AAS/19/1112 RESOLVED:- That the presentation be received.

Mr G S Williams
(In the Chair)