



Congleton Town Council

Historic market town

Chief Officer: **David McGifford**

1st September 2017

Dear Councillor,

Community, Environment and Services Committee – Thursday 7th September 2017

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Community, Environment & Services Committee, to be held in the Town Hall, High Street, Congleton **on Thursday 7th September 2017 at 7.00pm.**

The Public and Press are welcome to attend the meeting. There may be confidential items towards the end of the meeting which the law requires the Council to make a resolution to exclude the public and press.

Yours sincerely,

David McGifford
CHIEF OFFICER

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.

(Members are reminded of the necessity to give apologies in advance of the meeting and to give reasons for absence).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (Enclosed)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2017 as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both “pecuniary” and “non pecuniary” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

4. Outstanding Actions

None.

5. Cheshire Police (Verbal Update)

To receive and consider a verbal report from a representative of Cheshire Police on Policing matters affecting Congleton.



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6. Floral Arrangement Working Group (Enclosed)

To receive the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group held on 19th June 2017 and In Your Neighbourhood & Business Meeting minutes held on 16th August 2017.

7. Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group (Enclosed)

To receive the minutes of the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group held on 29th March 2017 and draft minutes from 26th July 2017.

8. The Makers Market (Verbal update)

To receive an update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager on the proposed monthly Makers Market.

9. Dementia Awareness (Enclosed)

To receive a brief report from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager, outlining initial actions required to help move Congleton towards being a Dementia Friendly Town.

10. 700th Year of Mayoralty (Enclosed)

To receive a proposal from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager, to develop a working group with a view to creating a celebration of 700 years of Mayoralty in 2018.

11. Go Congleton (Enclosed)

To receive a proposal from Cllr Mrs A E Morrison to look at the feasibility of a sporting / health and wellbeing event for 2018.

12. Closed Cycling and Triathlon Event 2018 (To follow)

To receive a proposal from Cllrs Mrs S Akers Smith to look at the feasibility of a closed cycling event and triathlon for 2018.

To: Members of the Community, Environment and Services Committee

Cllrs: Mrs S A Holland (Chairman), C H Booth (Vice Chairman)
Mrs D S Allen, Mrs A L Armitt, R Boston, P Broom, G P Hayes, Mrs A M Martin,
Mrs J Parry, G S Williams

Ccs: Appointed Members - Mr G Baxendale (Honorary Burgess)
Mr E Clarke (Honorary Burgess)
Mr D Murphy (Honorary Burgess)

Other members of the Council and Honorary Burgesses (2) for Information; Press (2)
Congleton Library, Congleton Tourist Information Centre.

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 6th July 2017

PRESENT:

Councillors

Mrs D S Allen
R Boston
P Broom
G R Edwards
Mrs S A Holland (Chairman)
Mrs A Martin
Mrs J D Parry
G S Williams

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Committee members Cllrs Mrs A Armitt, G P Hayes C Booth.

Apologies were also received from Cllrs P Bates D T Brown Mrs A E Morrison

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

CES/01/1718 Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non-pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Cllr G Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Council.

4. Outstanding Actions

There were no outstanding actions.

5. Cheshire Police

To receive and consider a verbal report from a representative of Cheshire Police.

Report attached below

6. Presentation – Potential Town Centre Monthly Event

Committee members received a presentation from Victoria Crane, Director of the Makers Market, about the potential of opening a monthly Makers Market once a month in Congleton.

The next stage will be for the Makers Market to consult with businesses on the high street and the market traders to establish interest and if applicable, a preferred date for the Market.

7. Presentation – Cenotaph Regeneration

Committee members received a presentation from John Lilley and John Carter from the Congleton Partnership Cenotaph Group outlining proposals for the regeneration of the Cenotaph.

8. Floral Arrangement Working Group

To receive the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group held on 30th January 2017, 24th February 2017, 30th March 2017, 26th April 2017 and 31st May 2017.

CES/02/1718 Resolved to receive the minutes as stated above.

9. Public Realm Update

To receive a verbal update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager on the progress of the Town Centre Public Realm scheme.

CES/03/1718 Resolved to receive the verbal update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager who advised that further details would follow once received from Cheshire East Council.

10. Christmas Lights “Thrive and Revive” Competition Winner

CES/04/1718 Resolved to note the enclosed report stating the outcome of the Christmas lights competition.

11. Speeding Issues – Holmes Chapel Road

To receive concerns from Cllr Mrs J D Parry with regards to speeding on Holmes Chapel Road.

CES/05/1718 Resolved to receive the proposal for further assessment of speeding in the built up area of Holmes Chapel Road, inclusive of Speed Indication Devices (SIDS) with the support of enforcement from Cheshire Police.

12. Congleton In Bloom 2017 Competition Update

CES/06/1718 Resolved to note the update on activity for the 2017 In Bloom competition.

13. Toilet facilities West Heath Shopping Centre

To receive the update on toilet provision at West Heath Shopping Centre and the proposed next steps.

CES/07/1718 Resolved to receive the report from the Chief Officer advising of the period of consultation with businesses and shoppers at West Heath shopping centre.

14. Kinsey St - Shared Use Bays Consultation

To review and comment on the Kinsey Street, Park View, Park Road and Worrall Street parking Consultation.

CES/08/1718 Resolved to

- Kinsey Street - propose that the entire street is dual purpose 8.00am – 6.00pm with parking restricted to 1 hour
- Park View – as proposed by CEC
- Park Road- as proposed by CEC
- Worrall Street - as proposed by CEC

**Cllr Mrs S A Holland
(Chairman)**

Cheshire Police Report

Congleton Report - 6th July 2017

Crime

6 burglaries during June- Mainly Park Lane and High Town area
3 Burglaries others June-Mainly west heath
4 commercial burglaries- TC last few days
6 Theft from MV June- Park Lane area although other Lower Heath/Mossley. Urge people to secure vehicles and take valuables out. CCTV good and some footage being presented

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Marshall Grove area. Patrols and crime prevention. One of priorities for July
Stay Safe Event-9th June. Multi-agency approach tackling market and park 43 letter sent to parents and no ASB. Continuing theme an event Monday at Eaton bank to provide alternatives to young people. CCTV opportunities being explored. Lower reported incidents
ASB – Bath Vale and memorial gardens

Drugs

Drugs seized and 2 dealt with drugs offences on Staysafe night
Successful drugs warrant in Daven road area
Yesterday arrest on M6 in relation to vehicle from Congleton. Substantial drugs and arrests made. Disrupt drugs supply and county lines

Parking

Ayresire Way monitoring Schools- In particular Quinta school. Priority this month
Speeding –A34 Cong-May 40 letters CSW
Newcastle road, West Heath
Basis for enforcement

Engagement

As well as surgeries. PCSOs involved in Twista, Junior Cadets, Princes trust, food and drink
2 PCs return from maternity leave- PC Emma Burns and PC Kate Burns (Ritchie)

Judging Date 20th July!!!

FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP

9.00am 19th June 2017

Minutes

Present

Bob Edwards, Glen Williams, Patti Pinto, Jackie MacArthur, Amanda Martin Anna Morrison, Aaron Barratt

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence (Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apology for absence in advance and to give a reason for non attendance)

Ruth Burgess, Martha Hayes

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

To approve the Notes of the meeting held on 31st May 2017 as a correct record

- Approved

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both “pecuniary” and “non pecuniary” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

- Nothing declared

4. Update from Last Meeting– Actions

- **Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme** – not had a response yet – information sent off
- **Sustainable Planting in Congleton Park** – Friends of Congleton Park will be putting out a questionnaire about future areas for more sustainable planting.
- **Hanging Baskets** – All out - 265 baskets in total – question asked about if more could be planted if shops eg Fire Centre wanted them – couldn’t be exactly the same but maybe able to purchase from Four Oaks. Note during hot spell watering 3x a day!
- **Mountbatten Way Trees**- Dead trees to be replaced FoC by four oak – Ruth managing. Possibility of sponsoring planters – Glen to check re Highways if allowed without advertising consent. Jackie to write out to businesses to see who wants to sponsor. Also sorting flags – but these won’t be up for IN BLOOM as 8 weeks advertising consent time – JMacA to send to DB
- **June Spring Clean** – Saturday 3rd June 10am meeting completed – next event Saturday 8th July – Congleton Community Garden meeting spot – 10am – 12 noon.
- **Portfolio and Presentation** – ongoing JM/MH-

5. AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **Youth Council Presentation** - Aaron Barratt presented to the group - looking to engage the youth from various schools through an Art and Design Competition that would be a great extra-curricular activity and show the support of the younger generation for their community. The project would look to improve a piece of land. Create artwork and planting that could be a show-piece for future In Bloom activities. Not time to turn around for 2017 – would need to be a 2018 activity. In Bloom group supportive of the idea – a good showpiece for the 20th anniversary. Agreed to work with Aaron after this year's judging and **ALL TO START THINKING ABOUT AREAS OF LAND/POTENTIAL BRIEF**
- b) **Sponsorship Board** – this has now been printed and will be installed in the Town Centre near B&M
- c) **Visyon Garden Update** – more planting needed, many plants have been taken – article in the paper. Visyon received £500 from F+P – need to chase as not claimed. Need a sign saying planted by young people from Visyon – please leave our plants for others to enjoy.
- d) **Bug Garden** – All designed. Wood being delivered on the 20th June. Patti requested help to build the gardens (Volunteer that Mandy sorted helped along with Bob)
- e) **In Bloom donation** - Received £120 from a local couple celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary – thank you letter sent from the Chairman

AOB

- i) Installation of Sustainability plants sign needed in the Park – Action Glen as FoCP to speak to RB
- ii) Sign in Antrobus Street needs levelling off (Action RB) Replacement interpretation sign needs to be prepared and installed (JMacA/RB)
- iii) Stickers on the Kids tubs to be replaced and stickers ordered for the new planters on Mountbatten Way (JMacA/ RB)
- iv) Some new bin stickers required (RB)
- v) 12 months not yet up for the sponsorship on the roundabouts – no request from CEC to remove so leave for now
- vi) Next Town Tidy to be held on Saturday 8th July - to meet at the Congleton Community Garden in Lawton Street at 10am – finish by 12. – Press release/ posters JMacA. Email volunteers – RB
- vii) Advertise now for Town Tidy on Wednesday 19th July – 6-8pm – meet Community Garden Press release/ posters JMacA. Email volunteers – RB

- viii) Lots of weeding still needed – GW to speak to Highways for help. Work out what RB team can do – and where volunteers can help. Working Group to be formed with willing Councillors and/or other volunteers.
- ix) DRIVE ROUND – moved from the 6th July to 7th JULY – NEED TO KNOW WHO WANTS TO BE INVOLVED – DAVID BROWN, ANNA MORRISON AND BOB EDWARDS said they would. ANYONE ELSE LET JMacA know.
- x) Display boards needed to show Secret Garden and Tom Jackson Garden (JMacA/ MH)
- xi) Noted new Manager at Congleton Railway Station is being really helpful.
- xii) Noted new Southern Fringes walk brochure very good and should be included in Judges pack (JMacA)
- xiii) Noted – Action Sheet which RB produces for each meeting and is being worked through – PP said her and MG noted things on route that needed to be tackled and would be emailing RB.

6. Date of Next Meeting:

Friday 7th July - DRIVING THE ROUTE – 9am – 11am

FEEDBACK and ACTIONS MEETING 11-12 noon – MAIN HALL

Congleton In Bloom- IYN & Business Meeting

Wednesday 16th August, Bridestones Suite, 9.00am

In Bloom Group Attendees: Cllr Amanda Martin- AMartin
Cllr Bob Edwards- BE
David McGifford- DMcG
Cllr Glen Williams- GW
Martha Hayes- MH
Mike Smith- Congleton Partnership- MS
Patti Pinto- PP
Ruth Burgess-RB

IYN Attendees: Jeanie Silk- Astbury Mere Country Park
Sandra Bainbridge- Buglawton In Bloom
Sue Madden- Hilary Avenue Allotments

Business Attendees: Carol Finney- The Queens Head
Jan Woolridge- Astbury Mere Care Home

Apologies: Cllr Anna Morrison- AMorrison
Cllr David Brown- DB
Jackie MacArthur- JMac
Margaret Gartside- MG
Aaron Barrett- AB- (Youth Council)

Activity One- To discuss what we would like to gain/ achieve from the session?

Groups:

- 1- Bob Edwards, David McGifford, Sue Madden, Sandra Bainbridge, Carol Finney
- 2- Glen Williams, Mike Smith, Martha Hayes
- 3- Amanda Martin, Patti Pinto, Jan Woolridge, Jeanie Silk

Group 1

- More support from local community volunteers and how to do this, suggested launch events and Facebook pages etc.
- ** Note that Hilary Avenue Allotment will be celebrating their 10th anniversary in 2018 suggested to have an open day and support from the In Bloom team for this.
- Clarity and Involvement on the route plan
- Sharing ideas for new projects
- List of funding sources

Group 2

- To gain more involvement from organisations
- From a Bromley Farm point of view- how to sustain projects
- How the IYN's fit into Congleton In Bloom
- How to attract new neighbourhoods- the group as a whole decided to target West Heath and Mossley
- Needed: a network of advice and support
- What support groups need from the In Bloom group/ town council- to know this in advance so that items can be planned in

- More wildlife and wild planting areas in the town
- How to sustain Congleton In Bloom as a whole- it feels like too many projects/ work and too few people to carry them out
- Analyse this year's report and look for the gaps to improve on

Group 3

- On-line info and where to find it- the In Bloom Facebook page and the North West in Bloom pages and links were pointed out to all
- Help at the start of the year- for In Bloom, the start of the year is August/ September, and to check all on track in March and again in May
- Resources
- Compost
- Volunteers- children involvement with the elderly was suggested as a good project that many schools and nursing homes alike would benefit from.

Activity Two- Self Marking Sheets- each group marked what they think the judges would have marked them this year and compared to the results in previous years- all groups found this worthwhile.

Comments from this:

- Buglawton In Bloom- In the rockeries at the front of the Church House- commented that the lavender is not working well there any longer, needs looking into for either stripping out and replanting with lavender or having this as flowers instead now?
Identified that BiB won't have marked high on the recycling as BiB don't do a lot of this. There will be a new church garden and wildflower hedge at St. Johns- possibility to have wildflower planting on the verge past the turn in for Havannah Lane, on the road out to Macclesfield.
- Astbury Mere Care Home- stated that the In Bloom is not just about the judging day it is for the people that enjoy it, particularly the residents at the care home and this is an all year round project for them to get involved in.

Activity Three- Questionnaire- all individuals filled out the In Bloom support questionnaire for their neighbourhood/ business.

AOB:

- Congleton Bath House & Physic Garden will be open over the weekend of the National Heritage Days- Thursday 7th- Sunday 10th September, if anyone would like to look at another In Bloom Neighbourhood.
- Hilary Avenue Allotment will be having an open day for their 10th anniversary in 2018- most likely to be in June or July- Sue Madden to update the group and circulate the date.
- Congleton In Bloom will be holding a Thankyou Evening at the Town Hall- SAVE THE DATE: TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER
- After this, in the New Year, the In Bloom group will hold another IYN & Business meeting to make sure all applications and plans are in for the 2018 In Bloom competition- suggested for January- all groups will be notified.

Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group- 29 March 2017

Minutes of the Meeting

Present: Cllr Sally Holland- Chairman- SH
Sgt. Keith Graham- KG
Insp. Catherine Mitchell CM
CO David McGifford- DM
Cllr Glen Williams- GW
Cllr Jean Parry – JP
Ruth Burgess RB
Jackie MacArthur JMAC

Apologies: Cllr. Amanda Martin- AM, Cllr Paul Bates - PB

1. Drug and Alcohol Abuse / Anti-Social Behaviour

- a) **Hotspots.** Congleton Park and Congleton Market/Princess Street continue to be the favoured places for groups of young people to 'hang out'. The vast majority of the time there is no criminal activity and it is just somewhere to be. KG and PCSOs have carried out regular patrols and trying to engage with the youth. Intervention actions are being taken as needed and a wider multi-agency group are targeting actions to try and reduce the dangers and issues ahead of the summer. The main focus is on keeping children safe. Actions include looking at CCTV for the Market Area, alternative things to do and targeting/isolating those causing trouble. The message out to parents is about knowing where their child is and who they are mixing with. Schools and the yellow card letters/ acceptable behaviour contracts from the Police is the best method of communication.

ACTIONS

- **DM to establish with Richard Christopherson from CEC the latest position re CCTV and where the funding is coming from.**
 - **JMacA – to speak to City Markets about photos of any criminal damage/unacceptable mess**
 - **RB to take any photos of damage/unacceptable mess that Streetscape notice in the market area**
- b) **Drugs :** ongoing issue. Where there is demand there is always a supply. Police are getting good intelligence, but it takes a while and lots of intelligence, ideally from a range of sources, to build enough evidence for a warrant. Action taken when possible.

Actions – All – to encourage those with information to report via 101 or Crimestoppers

- c) **Parking – Ayrshire Way –** Police have taken extra action in March, positive results for Ayrshire Way but noticing problems in other roads near the Railway Station. Situation may change when parking charges introduced at station. CEC Highways looking at a number of options and consulting with residents. No clear way forward

- d) Fake Notes – has been an issue in town – fliers, leaflets and window stickers from the Bank of England with information about what to look for available in the Town Hall and is being distributed to shops.
- e) RB reported a new regular car coming into the Park, possible drug activity – KG to investigate
- f) RB reported an issue in Newcastle Road with 14-16 year olds throwing items from a bin at cars – KG to investigate
- g) AM – reported an issue on West Road where a person is acting in defiance of the law driving across a pavement where planning permission for a dropped kerb has been refused three times due to Highway dangers. Police will speak to the man in question.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING TO BE AGREED

Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group- 26th July 2017
Campbell Suite 1pm
DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting

Present: Cllr Sally Holland- Chairman- SH
Sgt. Keith Graham- KG
Insp. Catherine Mitchell CM
Cllr Paul Bates PB
Cllr Glen Williams- GW
Cllr Jean Parry – JP
Cllr. Amanda Martin- AM
Ruth Burgess RB
Jackie MacArthur JMAC

Apologies: David McGifford- DM, Cllr Harvey Richards HR

1. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 29th March 2017 signed off – note AM was correctly marked as absent and the item raised was via a note to the meeting.

2. Public Space Protection Order

CM outlined actions that had been taken over the past few years to reduce ASB in and around the park and Princess Street area. It has been Police and Agency intensive, but numbers of reported incidents have decreased. A Multi-Agency working group was set up to look at the how best to reduce the issue of ASB in and around these areas – concentrating on ways to design out crime and discourage the offenders. A number of positive actions have taken place such as Stay Safe Evenings, youth engagement, letters home via schools, yellow cards, Other Stuff to Do event. The emphasis has been largely on educating and keeping young people safe, rather than criminalising them. The Multi-Agency group is currently exploring the legalities of getting a Public Space Protection Order with specific prohibitions for the market and Princess Street area. There are also discussions ongoing around CCTV for the area.

With a PSPO if people aged 16 and over break the condition they get a Fixed Penalty Notice. The prohibition notice won't mention activities that are already illegal.

General discussion around the PSPO and it was understood that CEC would lead the process, make sure all the legalities were in place, carry out the consultation and if still think PSPO is best to make the order. This will take a few months.

3. Drug and Alcohol Abuse / Anti-Social Behaviour

Councillors reported that they are still getting complaints about the park area particularly Town Woods and behind the Bowling Green pavilion. Police keeping up patrols. Councillors and others are encouraged report suspicious behaviour on 101 or Crimestoppers. CM explained that it takes a lot of evidence to get a warrant or Criminal Behaviour Order. The more intelligence given to the Police the better.

Reports of drinking leading to Anti-Social Behaviour on the wall opposite to B&M – difficult issue. Police can remove alcohol when it leads to ASB. Again best to keep reporting any incidents as a lot of evidence is needed to create a PSPO where alcohol can be banned.

AOB

- a) AM – expressed concern about the wooden steps leading up to Hertford Close (via Town Wood) being vandalised – ACTION RB to check
- b) KG reported that the Police are proactively searching for Michael Smart – if anyone sees him to phone 999. (CTC has retweeted Police message with picture)
- c) PCSO Jim Newns was picking up the West Road parking issues. KG to chase
- d) CM asked that CTC help push the message about locking cars, removing valuables and not making it easy for thieves.
- e) KG to investigate reported incident of cars racing on Leek Road
- f) Street Pastors – via Amanda – reported they had been to a Police Seminar on hate crime. In their experience not something that Congleton suffers from, but should maybe look into issues around bullying.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 1pm

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community Environment and Services		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	7 th September 2017 7.00pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Town Centre and Marketing Manager		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	9 Towards a Dementia Friendly Town		
Background	<p>People with dementia and their carers talk about everyday challenges they face living well with dementia. The health services function is crucial, but there is also a role that many others within a town can play to help make life a little easier for those living with dementia.</p> <p>Dementia is believed to affect 1 in 14 people over the age of 65, and one in 79 of the whole population. Around 850,000 people in the UK are recognised as having dementia.</p> <p>Dementia Action Alliance and Alzheimer's Society are working on initiatives to help towns become more Dementia Friendly and Congleton is looking to join this alliance. Alsager and some other Cheshire East towns have already started on this path.</p> <p>Congleton Partnership has taken the lead for Congleton hosting an initial meeting to gauge the interest in working towards a Dementia Friendly Congleton. The first meeting, held in the Town Hall on 26 July 2017 and attended by 41 interested local people, was in favour of promoting the idea.</p> <p>Following this inaugural meeting 23 people agreed to form a steering group to help Congleton work towards becoming more dementia friendly. The Town Council is represented on the steering group by Cllr Bob Edwards, Cllr Glen Williams, Cllr Suzie Akers Smith and Jackie MacArthur. The first steering group was held on Wednesday 30th August.</p>		
Next Steps	<p>At the first meeting a number of actions were suggested to help Congleton on its journey to become a Dementia Friendly Town. The actions which affect the Town Council include</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. For Congleton Town Council to recognise and support in principle the work of the new group to help make Congleton a Dementia Friendly Town2. For Congleton Town Council to arrange Dementia Friends awareness training session and promote to staff and councillors3. For Congleton Town Council to help organise a number of free Dementia Friends awareness session for traders		
Decision Requested	<p>Congleton Town Council to carry out the following tasks</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Write a letter of support from the Town Council to the newly formed Towards a Dementia Friendly Congleton Steering Groupb) Encourage councillors and staff to attend a dementia friends awareness training course (free of charge and lasts an hour)c) Through the Town Centre and Marketing Manager set up Dementia Awareness training for traders		

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community Environment and Services		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	7 th September 2017 7.00pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Town Centre and Marketing Manager		
AGENDA ITEM	10		
REPORT TITLE	Celebrating 700 years of Mayoralty		
Background	<p>Congleton's first Mayor, Philip son of Richard, became the Mayor of Congleton in 1318. Congleton has a record of 522 Town Mayors from 1318 until local government reorganisation in 1974. There was then a gap where there was a Borough Mayor, until Congleton Town Council was formed in 1981 and the Town Mayor role continued.</p> <p>Next year, 2018 will be the 700th anniversary of Congleton first Mayor. This is a significant milestone and one that the Town Council should consider marking for the town.</p> <p>The role of Mayor is steeped in tradition and ceremony. The Mayor is the first citizen of the town. Within the town he or she has precedence over all but members of the Royal Family the Queen's deputy, the Lord Lieutenant. Congleton also has significant history attached Congleton's mace, which is part of the civic regalia associated with the Mayor.</p>		
Next Steps	<p>In the autumn the Town Council will start its business planning and budgeting for the next financial year. At this stage it would be useful to understand if the Councillors believe that 700 years of Mayoralty is something that the Town Council should invest time and funds celebrating.</p> <p>If the Council would like to mark the occasion the celebrations could take a number of forms – from a 1318 re-enactment in the park, to a Town Treasures and Open Day style event in the Town Hall, launch of postcards, use of the flower plaque in the park, educational event with schools, Town Hall banquet; there are many avenues to explore.</p> <p>If the town would like to mark this anniversary, it would be useful to form a working group of interested parties with the aim of putting some options and costs forward to the next Community, Environment and Services Committee on 5th October.</p>		
Decision Requested	That the Town Council agrees in principle to celebrate 700 of Mayoralty in 2018 and that a working group of interested parties meet to look at options and costs and report back to the next Community, Environment and Services Committee on the 5 th October 2017.		

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community Environment and Services		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	7 th September 2017	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Cllr Mrs A E Morrison		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	11 Go Congleton		
	<p>Go Islington is an annual event which highlights / showcases various sports and activities that are taking place in their town. The objective is to promote to the residents what is available and how they could become involved. Sports and activities that were on offer at the Go Islington event-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archery, offered by Access to Sports • Badminton, offered by Black Arrows Badminton Club • Basketball, offered by Access to Sports • Boxing, offered by The Ace Boxing Academy • Cricket, offered by Middlesex County Cricket Club • Cycle repairs, offered by Islington Council Cycling Team • Cycling, offered by Pedal Power • Fitness equipment, offered by Highbury Pool and Gym • Football, offered by Arsenal in the Community and Islington Football Development Partnership • Gaelic football, offered by Holloway Gaels and Eire Og London GAA Club • Handball, offered by Islington Handball Club • Little Superstars sporting activities for 3-7 year olds • Mixed Martial Arts, offered by Mixed Martial Arts for Reform and Progression • Netball, offered by Back to Netball • Rugby sevens, offered by Finsbury Park Rugby Football Club • Table tennis, using tables from Sobell leisure centre • Tennis, using some of the courts in Highbury Fields • Trampolining, using trampolines from Sobell leisure centre • Waterside Adventure Playground activities for 6-13 year olds • Yoga, with an instructor from Sobell leisure centre • People who tried five or more sports could win membership of the council's leisure centres for a year, kindly donated by Better. The first 100 entrants received a goody bag. The first 25 women and girls could claim a free place in the 5k (age 12+) & 10k (age 16+) women-only event in Finsbury Park on 8 October, kindly donated by Women's Running magazine. 		
Proposal	<p>It is proposed that we explore the potential of delivering a similar model for Congleton by involving as many sports clubs and activities as possible. The first stage would be to look at the feasibility of this event which would include the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How this event would be led • Who are the key stakeholders • Is this a "stand alone" event or could it be complementary to another • Location • Resource required • Budget / financing • Frequency 		
Decision Requested	To support the principle of this project subject to feasibility work		