



Congleton Town Council

Historic market town

Chief Officer: David McGifford



5th August 2016

Dear Councillor,

Community, Environment and Services Committee – Thursday 11th August 2016

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 11th August 2016 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.

Please note - There is an Extraordinary meeting of the Council on the same evening commencing at 6.30pm

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 30th June 2016 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.



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4. Outstanding Actions

Double parking at Langdown Road and Delamere Road -CES/12/1617 Resolved to

receive the letter and request that the Chief Officer -

- Sends a letter to all schools outlining the issues and request that they advise parents of this issue.
- To write to bus companies via TSS, advising them to phone 101 to make them aware of any obstructions.

Fellowship House - CES/15/1617 Resolved to receive the update with regards to Fellowship House and to form a small working group to include 2 Burgesses and 3 Councillors.

5. Cheshire Police (Verbal Update)

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

6. Floral Arrangement Working Group (Enclosed)

To receive the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group held on 29th June 4th, 15th and 29th July.

7. North West in Bloom and Britain in Bloom Competitions (Enclosed)

To receive an update on the North West in Bloom and Britain in Bloom competitions.

8. 150 Year Town Hall Celebrations (Enclosed)

To receive an update on the 150 Year Town Hall celebrations.

9. Market Street Public Toilets (Verbal update)

To receive an update with regards to the refurbishment of the Public Toilets.

10. Tour of Britain Cycling Race 2016 (Verbal update)

To receive an update on hosting the start of the Tour of Britain Cycle Race scheduled for September 6th 2016.

11. Cheshire East Council (CEC) - Gulley Cleansing (Enclosed)

To receive the response to a gulley cleansing issue and be aware of the programme for 2016/17.

12. Buxton Road Speed Indicator Device (SID) (Enclosed)

To review the positioning of the SID on Buxton Road.

To: Members of the Community, Environment and Services Committee

Cllrs:

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

Ex-Officio Members: Cllrs D T Brown (Town Mayor) and G R Edwards

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 30th JUNE 2016

Please note – These are draft minutes and will not be ratified until the next meeting of the Committee on 11th August 2016

PRESENT: Councillors

Mrs A L Armitt
P Bates
R Boston
C Booth (Vice Chair and Deputy Mayor)
D T Brown (Town Mayor)
G R Edwards
G P Hayes
Mrs A M Martin
Mrs S A Holland (Chair)
Mrs A E Morrison
Mrs J D Parry
G S Williams

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs S A Smith, Mrs D Allen

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

CES/1/1617 Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2016 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.

Cllrs P Bates, DT Brown, G P Hayes G.S Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Council.

4. Outstanding Actions

There were no outstanding actions.

Additional items Councillors were asked if they would receive 2 additional items to the agenda

- i) To receive a letter relating to double parking at Langdown Road and Delamere Road, to be discussed after item 14.
- ii) To receive an update on Fellowship House– to be discussed in part 2 after agenda item 16.

CES/2/1617 Resolved to receive both additional items.

5. Cheshire Police

Was attended by Sergeant Ross Hamilton who provided a verbal report on the following :-

- Positive summary, no increased crime patterns across Congleton
- A “spike” in theft from insecure motor vehicles offences which were occurring overnight dropped off once 2 suspects were arrested and remanded in custody
- Drugs intelligence continues to come into the Community Team – warrants have been executed such as one at Moston Court on 29/6/16 - Male arrested and charged with drug supply offences
- Previous months (June 2016) priorities – Parking near to the Railway station and ASB on St Johns Road
- Parking issue near the station needs multi agency approach as it is causing residents and commuters problems and cannot be dealt with by enforcement (tickets and seizures) alone, not sustainable and needs some assistance from partner agencies
- Travellers, unauthorised encampments in Congleton recently
 - Sites used need to be better prepared and protected
 - Private landowners must make request for persons to leave the land within a reasonable time frame and once that deadline has passed contact Police so action can be taken
- Cheshire Police operations and commitments since previous meeting and into the next few months
 - Taxi Licensing operation
 - Football Euros operation
 - Reducing violence in licensed premises – working closely with Pub Watch to reduce incidents and make the town centre safer for night time economy
 - Cheshire Show
 - Congleton Carnival
 - Food and Drink event
 - Tour of Britain
- The months priorities for July 2016 – ASB at Astbury Mere, the area gets busier at this time of year and suffers from anti-social and rowdy behavior. Intention to use liveried Police bicycles and hi vis patrols – Youth engagement by way of diversionary activities planned with youth groups in the park in order to divert away from ASB.

6. Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group

CES/3/1617 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group held on the 23rd March 2016 and 18th May 2016.

7. Floral Arrangement Working Group

CES/4/1617 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group held on 18th April, 5th May, 27th May and 13th June 2016.

8. Welcome to Congleton Maps Project

CES/5/1617 Resolved to receive the update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager on the "Welcome to Congleton Maps Project".

9. 150 Year Town Hall Celebrations

CES/6/1617 Resolved to receive the update on the 150 Year Town Hall celebrations from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager.

10. Market Street Public Toilets

The Chief Officer advised that there had been no responses to the advert for the refurbishment project. The Council was advised that there would be proactive engagement with local businesses to encourage quotes against the specified works. Quotes received would be sealed until a minimum of 3 had been received.

CES/7/1617 Resolved to receive the update from the Chief Officer.

11. Public Realm Scheme

The Chief Officer advised that the consultation period had finished and reported the following

- The material was publically available for 1436 hrs of which people were able to speak directly with members of the Project board for 26 hours
- Over 1300 people saw the exhibition material in the street or at the Town Hall
- We spoke with about 700 people
- To date 284 questionnaires have been received

Cheshire East Council would be arranging a date for a formal presentation of the findings and impact on design.

CES/8/1617 Resolved to receive the update from the Chief Officer.

12. Congleton Sports Development

CES/9/1617 Resolved to receive the update regarding the progress of the Congleton Community Sports Development Group.

13. Tour of Britain Cycling Race 2016

The Chief Officer advised that following budget approval on the 16.6.2016 we have been in the process of developing sponsorship and marketing packages which are currently being tested with known businesses to establish if the packages are value for money. All packages are under £1,000 and provide marketing for a six week period.

Included in the packages are promotional opportunities on Clayton By Pass and Rood Hill Wall, railings on Mountbatten Way and Clayton By pass – designs of these posters and banners are close to completion. Within the packages will be full breakfasts at the Town Hall and a VIP viewing area near the start.

We have secured 40 Bikes which are being painted Golden free of charge by Burns Garages and we have a sculpture made of bikes (designed by Cllr Morrison and Belmont Engineering) which will feature on the Park Lane roundabout - You will start to see the bikes appear during next week.

The next stage is to work with CEC and community groups.

A full presentation on progress is being proposed for the Council meeting next week where following the last agenda item. (approximately 20 mins)

CES/10/1617 Resolved to receive the update from the Chief Officer.

14. Bossons Mill Update

CES/11/1617 Resolved to receive the update from Cheshire East Council on the demolition of Bossons Mill.

Additional item 14.1 To receive a letter relating to double parking at Langdown Road and Delamere Road

Main issues relate to obstructions at school collection and pick up times with parents parking inconsiderately and illegally near schools causing obstructions for buses resulting in local residents not being able to be dropped off or collected from bus stops.

CES/12/1617 Resolved to receive the letter and request that the Chief Officer -

- Sends a letter to all schools outlining the issues and request that they advise parents of this issue.
- To write to bus companies via TSS, advising them to phone 101 to make them aware of any obstructions.

15. Resolution to exclude the Public and Press

CES/13/1617 Resolved to, agree to the exclusion 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.

Cllr Mrs S A Holland vacated the Chair due to a prior commitment, Cllr C Booth chaired the remainder of the meeting.

16. River Dane Boat

CES/14/1617 Resolved to receive the update with regards to the status of the River Dane Boat.

16.1 Additional Item Fellowship House

CES/15/1617 Resolved to receive the update with regards to Fellowship House and to form a small working group to include 2 Burgesses and 3 Councillors.

In Bloom Minutes

Wednesday 29th June- 9.00am- Spencer Suite

Present: Amanda Martin- AMartin
Anna Morrison- AMorrison
Bob Edwards- BE
David Brown- DB
Glen Williams- GW
Jackie MacArthur- JMac
Margaret Gartside- MG
Martha Hayes- MH
Patti Pinto- PP

1. **Apologies:** Peter Aston- PA
Ruth Burgess- RB
Steve Foster- SF
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 13th June 2016 as a correct record.
 - Changes have been made to point 4b) naming Alexandra Court and Astbury Mere Care Home as new businesses and the Bath House as a new IYN.
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. **Outstanding/ Update Items:**
 - a) North West in Bloom route and comments on timings. Patti to update this and circulate to group/ bring to meeting- some key points were:
 - ACTION JMac- to check with the judges that they are definitely alright to finish at 5.30pm.
 - Look into each of the marking sections and put in as many categories as it covers, as some may overlap.
 - B3 Heritage needs looking into- possible to add this to Park Lane roundabout with the “Victoriana” theme. On the route have a couple of sentences about the museum moving to Bradshaw House and the story of John Bradshaw.
 - ACTION BE & DB- weeding on the areas of the route.
 - Tour around the Park- this was discussed as it was seen to have both benefits and downsides.
Benefits: How good the park looks- wow factor, wildflower meadow, beds, bandstand etc.
Downsides: Adds time to the route which is not needed to see all of the park round the Bowling Green etc.- it was mentioned that the lime trees could be mentioned in the portfolio/ on the day, instead of driving round to see them?
 - After Moody Street Gardens, use the natural break of walking past the Town Hall to have a lunch break then carry on after this to Bath House and Cenotaph, keeping these sections together.

- Cemetery- the new part of it looks good, but the old part does need cutting- this should be planned for w/c: 4th July.
 - Community Orchard- Matt Axford will have this trimmed and weeded the week before judging. PP has had a quote from a signage people to have a new sign to go next to the old one to explain the updates etc. Partnership should be able to cover the costs of this, if this goes over, In Bloom have decided that this would be fine to come out of budget.
 - Train Station- to be decided the week before if we go there or not, dependant on how it looks.
- b) Queen's 90th tribute/ beds- look into redesigning the bed at the Cenotaph, getting rid of the citrus coloured bed and replacing with a red white and blue themed tribute- ACTION RB.
 - c) Town area tidies in lead up to judging- Sunday 3rd July, meeting at Antrobus Street Gardens 5.00/5.30pm- possible to split off and to have a park team after the park brass concert. ACTION MH- Tweet about this.
 - d) Best Front Garden Entries- received about 5 entries. It was discussed to have an acknowledgment pack to let the entrants know timings of judging etc. ACTION AMorrison- to put this together for future competitions.
ACTION RB/MH- to get a list of names and addresses for the next meeting, to be circulated to the group so everyone at some point can have a look at the gardens then give feedback to the group on which is best.
 - e) RHS Tatton- X7 more grey tubs need ordering from Four Oaks, ACTION RB. Equipment will be going up on the 20th July and back on 26th July; x6 bears and orange bikes. PP asked about a van being free. With Streetscape being busy this wouldn't be something that they are able to do. Either look into van hire, or using one of the Streetscape vans that isn't being used/ after the staff have finished work.
After Tatton this year, it needs to be reviewed as to whether to do this again, as it always seems to be at the busiest In Bloom times.

5. Standard Items:

- a) Budgets- Ruth- Sheet attached/ will be at meeting
- b) Activity List- Sheet attached/ will be at meeting

6. AOB:

- Belmont Engineering- PP noticed that the N of In Bloom on the second line was a capital. JMac has checked this with Belmont and they said that it was an error from them as we sent over the correct artwork and that they will fix this.
- Road Sense Sign- this needs looking at again as it still looks to be bent.
- West Road Planting- it was discussed that St. Mary's or the Fire Cadets would be keen to do some planting in that area. ACTION RB- to see if any areas around here need planting then sort with the various groups.
- Cheshire East Sponsorship- last year they helped to sponsor In Bloom, look into this again. ACTION DMcGif- to contact Steph Corden about this.
- Back to Back Gardens- have received a grant from the Young Peoples Trust for compost- this will be going into the Town Hall account.
- William Dean Trust- look into funding from here in regards to plaques and certificates. Application to be put in for September.
- Bradshaw House- AMorrison suggested that the museum are looking into putting up a vertical banner on Bradshaw House with a "Coming Soon" type of message.

- Bench opposite Tesco Express needs sorting, looks very tatty.
- Town Centre Hanging Baskets- ACTION RB to check colourings on these as some look more white rather than lime.

7. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 4th July, 8.30am, Spencer Suite

In Bloom Minutes

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Present: Amanda Martin- AMartin
Anna Morrison- AMorrison
Bob Edwards- BE
David Brown- DB
Glen Williams- GW
Jackie MacArthur- JMac
Margaret Gartside- MG
Martha Hayes- MH
Patti Pinto- PP
Ruth Burgess- RB

1. **Apologies:** Peter Aston- PA
Steve Foster- SF
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 29th June 2016 as a correct record.
 - Approved minutes.
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. **Outstanding/ Update Items:**
 - a) **North West in Bloom, route and comment on timings-** ACTION PP to update.
 - Visyon Garden- sleepers are in place and this is ready to plant. ACTION AMorrison to contact Visyon to get a plan of the works to show in the portfolio.
 - Take out the NatWest stop.
 - Decide nearer to judging time on whether or not to visit the wildflower meadow and also about having display boards in the bandstand.
 - b) **Britain in Bloom, route and comment on timings-** discussed in previous meetings, ACTION PP, to send DB a copy of this/ bring to the next meeting.
 - c) **Queen’s 90th tribute beds, Cenotaph-** ACTION RB & STREETSCAPE, ongoing to change the colour of the plants to red, white and blue.
 - d) **Town Tidies-** Sunday evenings- ongoing event.
 - e) **Best Front Garden Competition-** ACTION RB, will contact all entrants on the closing date and let them know the judging process etc. ACTION RB/MH, look into having a press release in the Chronicle.
 - f) **RHS Tatton (Patti)-** ACTION PP, to sort paperwork.
X5 bears, pots and any spare bikes for the display.
 - g) **Portfolio/ Presentation-** Ongoing, ACTION JMac.
5. **Standard Items:**
 - a) **Budgets -** attached- Tesco roundabout- check sponsorship negotiations with Tesco, M&S and Halfords. Note Victoria Beds is interested in sponsoring- need to clarify what has been promised.

In September ACTION PP, will send a grant application form to the William Dean Trust for funding for certificates etc.

b) **Activity List-** attached-

- Jeanie confirmed for the 25th to speak at Astbury Mere
- Matt Axford confirmed to be back for judging on 8th August
- 150 Years decoration of the Town Hall- baskets and pavement banner will be in place for both judges' visits
- Power wash and re-paint items- this schedule is all in place and ongoing
- Signs to go up on the roundabouts once Belmont have redone the lettering- ACTION RB, to check payment on the Seddon's and Morrisons roundabouts
- Weed spraying before judging- ongoing
- All the posts reported to Cheshire East will be gone in time for the judging- 25th July
- Mountbatten Way area will be strimmed as in past years
- Back to Back Gardens- Man with a Van will be booked to collect and drop off all of the back boards at the poly tunnels.

6. AOB:

- Orange Bikes- these will all be put out in place on Monday 4th July and the Park Lane roundabout will be completed on the 5th
- Noticeboards- ACTION MH/JMac, to order sponsorship board for the side of WHSmiths and to redo the boards for; Moody Street, Antrobus Street, Fairground and Community Garden- it was decided for this to have information on the history and the roses, half and half.
- Bears Roundabout- needs trimming, ACTION RB
- Daneside Theatre- beds of weeds, this needs sorting before judging
- Plaque in the Park- this will be planted up starting on Monday 4th July
- Antrobus Street Garden- this needs weeding and planting- for the middle of the car park, it will need black sheets and slate- ACTION BE & GW to sort
- Community Garden- take the sign off of the statue as starting to look tatty- either replace in time for judging or leave off for now.
- Weeds- area on Rood Hill, particularly left hand side needs sorting
- Antrobus Street Gardens- X2 street signs for Margaret- decided to be black writing on a white background- ACTION Mike Smith as part of Partnership.
- Greening Mountbatten Way- trees to go in place on Tuesday 12th July, with the already existing planters in between the tree planters and spread out down MBW, ACTION RB & MW

7. Date of next meeting: Friday 15th July, Spencer Suite, 9.00am

In Bloom Minutes

Friday 15th July, 9.00am, Spencer Suite

Present: Anna Morrison- AMorrison
Bob Edwards- BE
Glen Williams- GW
Jackie MacArthur- JMac
Margaret Gartside- MG
Martha Hayes- MH
Patti Pinto- PP
Ruth Burgess- RB

1. **Apologies:** Amanda Martin- AMartin
David Brown- DB
Peter Aston- PA
Steve Foster- SF
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 4th July 2016 as a correct record.
 - Changes made; AOB, bullet point 6- spelling corrected.
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. **Outstanding/ Update Items:**
 - a) **Route-** Patti has adapted and ready to go.
Agreed that both PP and AMorrison would meet the judges at Astbury Mere Care Home on the Monday morning at 9.15am.
 - b) **Queen’s 90th Tribute beds-** leave this as not able to change in time for the judging
 - c) **Best Front Garden Competition-** to be judged on Tuesday 19th July- RB & MW
 - d) **RHS Tatton-** Man w/a Van has been booked to take items over to Tatton- with instruction from Patti- booked for Monday 18th July
 - e) **Portfolio/ Presentation-** Portfolio has been sent to the judges and the presentation has some minor final changes to be made to it.
5. **Budgets:** updated sheet attached. Since meeting, it has been confirmed on Wednesday 20th July that Tesco will be sponsor to the roundabout nearest to them.
6. **AOB:**
 - BE & DB have made a list of areas that need looking at/ weeding before judging- these are mainly areas on the route. Since the meeting this list has been typed up and circulated and updated when people have tackled certain areas.
 - Visyon- area just outside the park- this will not be completed in time for judging day- AMorrison to create a design for what a sensory garden will/ should look like, this will then go onto a display board for the judges to look at, at the lunchtime stop- on route, it will be classed as an ongoing project.

- Park Toilets- Doors need painting- GW said he would arrange for someone to paint these- possibly ask at Friends of Congleton Park.
- Community Orchard- Steps on the way up to this really need looking at in terms of weeds.
- Fire Station- reported to have dead flowers- this has been replanted by the Streetscape team.
- Eardley Statue Sign- MW to remove- unable to do this, due to how it was put in, MH to create sign to go over this in time for both judging days.
- Flowers on bikes- scheduled for Thursday 21st July- RB & MW
- Bradshaw House- RB & Streetscape to sort weeds and remove barriers. AMorrison to tint the steps so they blend with the rest. GW to look into removing the For Sale sign.
- Waggon and Horses Roundabout- BE has spoken to David Bielawski about the problems with the roundabout. Suggested to say that it is an ongoing project and that the weeds are being hand pulled out, rather than using chemicals.
- Sweeper- GW has sent the route to RB who has passed this to Cheshire East so the sweeper can focus on cleaning the route on the lead up to judging day.
- Antrobus Street Car Park- RB & MW filled the islands with bark on Monday 18th July.
- Minibus- this has definitely been booked with Douglas Parker who is free for the day to drive the judges and passengers- ACTION JMac to send route and timings to Doug. Confirmed for the mini bus, along with the 2 judges- Bob, David, Patti & Glen.
- Town Hall- booked the lunch for the 25th judging day- JMac to invite other people. Buffet booked for x30 peoples.
- Banners- to go up on the banner sites Thursday 21st July
- Noticeboards- Community Gardens has been updated- a few pictures on the Moody Street & Antrobus Street boards have been updated and changed.
- Bin & Planters Stickers- these have been ordered with JAF to arrive and be stuck on, on Friday 22nd July.
- Queens Head Leaflet- ACTION JMac.

In Bloom Minutes

Friday 29th July, Spencer Suite, 9.00am

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Bob Edwards- BE
Jackie MacArthur- JMac
Margaret Gartside- MG
Martha Hayes- MH
Patti Pinto- PP
Ruth Burgess- RB

1. **Apologies:** David Brown- DB
Glen Williams- GW
Peter Aston- PA
Steve Foster- SF
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** To approve the notes of the last meeting held on 15th July 2016 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. **Feedback from NW Judging 2016:** All items from this have been picked up in the improvements for Britain in Bloom.
5. **What needs to be done for BinB- 8th August- Picked up from the route:**
 - Judges: Look into the interests of the judges and make sure to talk to them about these; Jim Goodwin- design and sensory gardens and Mel Henley- all year round planting.
 - Also for the day of judging- no catering ordered for Astbury Mere presentation section.
 - Minibus- keep to the 4 agreed people on the bus; Bob Edwards, David Brown, Glen Williams and Patti Pinto- also no music on the bus, as should be talking more to the judges.
 - Both for the display boards and to hand to the judges- more designs and plans needed. ACTION AMorrison- to create a design plan for the Visyon Garden- as it will be mentioned as an ongoing project.
 - ACTION RB- swap over the BinB banner at the fire station with the CTC In Bloom banner on the Aldi roundabout, need the BinB one to be seen more.
 - Patti & Margaret will be meeting the judges at the Alexandra Court on the morning, then Patti will drive them to Astbury Mere.
 - Weed the route from the hotel to the Mere.
 - Community Orchard new sign- Patti is arranging for the ranger to install this before judging.
 - Patti & Anna to sort timings of Astbury Mere Care Home

- New Life Church- organise to have volunteers gardening/ working on the day- ACTION AMartin/ PP- to speak to Albie.
 - Park Lane RB- suggested to drive around this twice- slowly! So they can see the bikes structures and the design of the roundabout- ACTION AMorrison to look into baskets/ pots/ hangers for the bikes. Ruth and Mark will install these- if running out of time towards the end of the week, instructed to let Anna know as she will put them on herself, with appropriate hi-viz on.
 - Suggested to have herb signs for the Dutch Wall of the fairground car park.
 - ACTION ALL/ VOLS- look into the weeds at the back of this car park (on the back wall, by the library) these can be noticed from the road when driving with the judges.
 - Town Centre Tour- DB to do the talking throughout- it was suggested that when coming from the Town Hall to cross over at Davenports, as then it will keep the judges won't be on the side where all shops are occupied and the non-occupied are less seen.
 - Town Hall- both flags- Union Jack & 150 Year flag to be put back put for judging
 - Eardley Statue- Sign to be put back out for the day.
 - Antrobus Street CP- having more bark in the weeded and cleared out area in the middle of the islands by the ticket machines- ACTION Ruth & Mark.
 - Antrobus Street- when driving down on route- the actual street doesn't look as good as it has done in past years, such as hanging baskets etc. Make sure that the people in the minibus talk to the judges more in this section- mentioning the community hub and the secret garden of the Saw Mill.
 - Sort the weeds at Daneside Theatre
 - Congleton Park- Ruth to talk about the Green Flag
 - Press Call- (has to be given a 15 minute time slot) start this in the poly tunnel and then walk to the pavilion- as if it is finished early, this could be more time for talking and displays in the pavilion.
 - Congleton Railway Station- when the judges are on lunch- move a couple of the tubs from the community garden to the train station- ACTION RB/ MH
 - Fire Station Hanging Baskets- as the baskets look poor, due to lack of watering from the fire station, suggested for these to be replaced for the day of judging. RB sorted with Four Oakes.
6. **Front Garden Competition:** agreed that all entrants are to receive a letter, certificate and £20 gift voucher from Astbury Garden Centre. X10 entrants = £200 from the In Bloom Budget- this was approved, ACTION RB/MH- to sort out and send to the entrants.
7. **Budget Update:** Attached and updated budget sheet.
8. **AOB:**
- Sunday 31st August: Town Tidy- meeting at Community Garden 5-7pm
 - Contact the judges to see if they want to be taken out for a meal/ coffee break when they are both in Congleton. If agreed, then we need only a couple of members from the group to do this- for Sunday 7th August- ACTION JMac
 - Check if David Brown would be able to pick one of the judges up from Macclesfield train station and drop at the Alexandra Court Hotel- ACTION JMac
 - Notice Boards- ACTION MH/ JMac to update these for the day, same with the portfolio
9. **Date of next meeting:** Friday 12th August, Spencer Suite, 9.00am – 11.00am

August 11th 2016

Item **Update on North West in Bloom and Britain in Bloom - report to note**

The judging for the **North West in Bloom** competition took place on Monday 25th July. In addition to the main town entry there were six “It’s Your Neighbourhood” entries:

- Buglawton in Bloom
- Bromley Farm Community
- Congleton Bath House and Physic Garden
- Heathview Care Home
- Hilary Avenue Allotments
- New Life Church Jubilee Club

And three business entries:

- Alexandra Court Hotel
- Astbury Mere Care Home
- The Queen’s Head Public House

This led to the longest ever judging session for the town with the North West in Bloom judges being in town from 9am – 5.45pm. The day went extremely well and the judges were very complimentary about all that they saw on the day. The results for the It’s Your Neighbourhoods, businesses and town entries will be announced in Southport on the 28th-30th October.

The Judging for the **Britain in Bloom** competition was on Monday 8th August. This is a town only entry and we were entered into the competition through winning the North West in Bloom with a very high standard in 2015. The results of this competition will be announced in Birmingham on the 14th October.

The In Bloom group is made up of Cllr David Brown, Cllr Bob Edwards, Cllr Glen Williams, Cllr Anna Morrison, Cllr Amanda Martin, Patti Pinto, Margaret Gartside, Ruth Burgess, Jackie MacArthur and Martha Hayes. The group would like to thank Streetscape, businesses, groups, organisations, shops and individuals who have supported this year’s campaign – both in terms of time given and funding secured. In Bloom continues to be a huge community effort.

August 11th 2016

Item Update on the 150th year Town Hall celebrations – report to note

Congleton Town Hall celebrated its 150 anniversary on the 11th July 2016. The following events took place as part of these celebrations

1. A Guinness World Record Attempt to create the largest human mosaic of an historic building. The first attempt was rained off. The event was reorganised for Wednesday 6th July. 800 pupils from 14 schools took part in the event. The attempt was filmed free of charge by Unmanned Aerial Supplies. It is likely to be later in September or October before we hear if the attempt was deemed successful by GWR.
2. A Civic Reception was held on Sunday 10th July attended by 90 people. We have received a lovely thank you from Lord and Lady Congleton saying: "We loved being there; we felt a real passion, and a pride and warmth in everyone involved in making the Town Hall celebrations such a success.....Having made the trip, Annie and I feel doubly proud to be the present day bearers of the Parnell family title and we look forward to reinvigorating old ties between our family title and Congleton in the future".
3. A three day Living History Exhibition was enjoyed by over 500 school children from 11 schools. We received fantastic feedback from the schools on this experience and how much the children enjoyed learning about Victorian life in Congleton.
4. Just over 50 people attended an evening talk and chance to view the exhibition in the Town Hall on the evening of Monday 11 July.
5. Peter Boon and Ian Doughty updated a booklet about the Town Hall which is on sale in the Town Hall.
6. Congleton Choral Society held a Victorian evening of song in the Town Hall on Saturday 23rd July.

The group was made up of Cllr Suzie Akers-Smith, Douglas Parker, Cllr George Hayes, Jenny Unsworth, Lyndon Murgatroyd, Ian Doughty, Rachel Brown, Peter Aston, Jackie MacArthur and Martha Hayes. Numerous others gave up their time to help with the exhibition. Sponsors were Congleton Town Council, Congleton Inclosure Trust, Congleton Young People's Trust and the Town Trust. More than £18,500 worth of exhibits were donated to the group for use in the exhibition. Donators included Congleton's Victoria Mill, Quarry Bank Mill, Macclesfield Silk Museum and Jenny Unsworth's personal collection. The group would like to thank all those involved.

Chris Jones

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Thank you for your enquiry. This year's gully emptying programme has been based around data gathered, over the preceding three years, from the Authority's asset management system.

This targeted approach to gully emptying means that we no longer routinely empty all highway gullies on an annual basis. We will however attend on an ad-hoc basis where gullies are blocked and causing a danger to highway users or flooding to property, but not routinely simply because they are full. *

From the details provided, this issue doesn't meet our criteria to enable works to be programmed at this time. Further information on our approach to highway gully care is available at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/highways.

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Gully Cleansing Programme 2016/17												
Gully Machine 1					Gully Machine 2							
	Duration in Days	Start Date	Finish Date		Duration in Days	Start Date	Finish Date					
Route 22	Disley	38 days	04/04/16	01/06/16	Complete	Route 1	Audlem & Newhall	30 days	04/04/16	20/05/16	Complete	Route 12
Route 23	Rainow & Kettleshulme	7 days	16/05/16	02/06/16	Complete	Route 2	Wrenbury & Norbury	4 days	24/05/16	02/06/16	Complete	Route 11
Route 28	Macclesfield	34 days	03/06/16	31/08/16	Ongoing	Route 38	Crewe	24 days	06/06/16	04/08/16	Ongoing	Route 10
Route 25	Macclesfield Forest and Wildboardclough	3 days	01/09/16	07/09/16		Route 3	Bukeley & Bickerton	4 days	08/08/16	16/08/16		Route 16
Route 24	Bollington	5 days	07/09/16	19/09/16		Route 32	Hurleston	3 days	17/08/16	23/08/16		Route 15
Route 19	Prestbury & Mottram	11 days	19/09/16	13/10/16		Route 31	Buriland & Faddiley	5 days	24/08/16	07/09/16		Route 14
Route 18	Lower Withington & Henbury	6 days	13/10/16	25/10/16		Route 29	Stapeley, Sound & Hankelow	7 days	08/09/16	29/09/16		Route 13
Route 17	Alderley Edge and Chorley	5 days	25/10/16	02/11/16		Route 4	Alpraham & Bunbury	1 day	03/10/16	03/10/16		Route 21
Route 27	Sutton, Marton & Gawsorth	8 days	02/11/16	16/11/16		Route 37	Wynbunbury & Hough	2 days	04/10/16	06/10/16		Route 20
Route 26	Bosley, North Rod & Eaton	5 days	16/11/16	25/11/16		Route 36	Willaston and Shavington	15 days	10/10/16	10/11/16		
Route 40	Sandbach	18 days	25/11/16	03/01/17		Route 34	Nantwich	10 days	14/11/16	30/11/16		
Route 41	Old Rod & Smallwood	12 days	03/01/17	24/01/17		Route 33	Rease Heath & Astra Juxta Mondrum	3 days	01/12/16	07/12/16		
Route 42	Alsager & Church Lawton	8 days	24/01/17	07/02/17		Route 5	Bridgemere	3 days	08/12/16	14/12/16		
Route 43	Congleton	12 days	07/02/17	28/02/17		Route 6	Church Minshall	4 days	15/12/16	22/12/16		
Route 44	Brownlow and Astbury	4 days	28/02/17	06/03/17		Route 9	Goostrey & Holmes Chapel	8 days	28/12/16	12/01/17		
						Route 7	Middlewich	14 days	16/01/17	13/02/17		
						Route 35	Wistaston & Leighton	4 days	14/02/17	17/02/17		
						Route 39	Haslington and Barthomley	7 days	20/02/17	01/03/17		
						Route 8	Brereton & Bradwall	8 days	02/03/17	16/03/17		
						Route 30	Somerford	4 days	17/03/17	23/03/17		
Route 28 - no works on cyclic emptying programme Machine 1 off road for annual MOT												

AGENDA ITEM 12.

I would like to see the following item added to the Community, Services and Environment Committee agenda for the meeting on the 11th August 2016.

SID on Buxton Road

The SID situated on Buxton Rd, as one approaches Congleton, is at the top of the hill just after Old Buxton Rd. In my experience, of driving along there on most weekdays, many drivers pick up speed on their approach downhill just before Tommy's Lane and the SID would, in my opinion, be better placed just before the Lane.

I should like this move to be considered but perhaps there is a need for a timely review of all.

Kind regards,

Cllr Anna Morrison

4th August 2016

Committee – Community, Environment and Services Committee

4th February 2016

Agenda Item 15: Speed indicator Device (SID)

Current Position –

What SID can do – Currently calibrated to 30mph, Flashes either a happy face or Sad face dependent of the driver speed, SID is a portable device which can be used in many locations. The battery life is roughly a week but dependant on use may run out before.

What SID can't do – The Congleton Town Council SID does not record any speed data. Currently cannot be used on roads faster than 30mph due it being calibrated to 30mph.

General

Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) are temporary vehicle activated signs which detect and display vehicle speeds. SIDs are activated by radar detecting oncoming vehicles. They are increasingly being deployed at sites across Cheshire East with the aim of reducing vehicle speeds and changing drivers' attitude to excessive speed. The objectives of the intervention are to show a reduction in the speed of vehicles at the site when the SID is deployed and a continued reduction in speed at the site after the SID has been removed. Research has shown that the effect of SIDs on vehicle speeds reduces as the 'novelty' effect wears off. For this reason the temporary SIDs remains in place for no longer than a four week period and are then deployed to another site.

Safety at Street Works and Road works Code of Practice 2013 (provided by CEC)

Congleton Town Council has been deploying SIDs last year. There are currently 1 temporary SIDs owned by Congleton Town Council which is rotated around Congleton and the 5 parishes, Furthermore there are 8 Fixed Speed Indicators Devices with Congleton (PTO for locations). SIDs cannot return to the same parish within two months following deployment unless there is a speed camera road sign in situ.

The SID should detect vehicle speeds at around 100 metres before the vehicle reaches the sign. This gives the driver sufficient time to react to the sign.

Our understanding as officers for the town council is that the SID would be sited where ever was requested via the Councillors.

2011 Nov and Dec – Moss Road, Leek Road, Newcastle Road

2014 – (Dec) Manchester road and Newcastle Road

2015 Jan – Newcastle Road

2015 late Nov and All Dec - Manchester road and Newcastle Road

How to get a speed camera-

Cheshire Safety Camera Partnership

On 15 December 2005 the Secretary of State for Transport announced the ending of the National Safety Camera Programme and netting off funding arrangement for cameras in England and Wales. Following this the national Safety camera programme ceased to exist as of March 31st 2007.

Cheshire Safety Camera Partnership (CSCP) is therefore no longer in operation. Safety cameras, however, will be integrated into the wider road safety delivery process, given the level of success they have had in reducing vehicle speeds and road casualties.

The key stakeholders of CSRP are: Cheshire Constabulary, Cheshire East Council, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, Halton Borough Council, The Highways Agency, Her Majesty's Court Service and Warrington Borough Council.

Fixed Speed Indicators Devices

1 x Buxton Road near to Jct of Buxton Old Road – as you travel to Congleton Town

1 x Park Lane side of 32A– as you travel to Congleton Town

1 x Newcastle Road opposite Astbury Garage – as you travel to Congleton Town

2 x Padgbury Lane one in each direction



2 x Leek Road one in each direction (Flashing 30)



1x Leek Road by Railway Bridge (Slow Down Flashing when going above 30mph)



Speed Cameras

1 x Park Lane

1x Buxton Road



Rota – This rota has been put as a proposal to help co-ordinate the location requests of the SID. To help the officers at the Town Council use the device fairly and across all of Congleton.

<u>W/C</u>	<u>25.1.2016</u>	<u>1.2.2016</u>	<u>8.2.2016</u>	<u>15.2.2016</u>	<u>22.2.2016</u>	<u>29.2.2016</u>	<u>7.3.2016</u>	<u>14.3.2016</u>	<u>21.3.2016</u>	<u>28.3.2016</u>
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<u>Macclesfield Road</u>										
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