



Congleton Town Council

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Chief Officer: David McGifford

10th March 2017

Dear Councillor,

Community, Environment and Services Committee – Thursday 16th March 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 16th March 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 2nd February 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 9th December 2016.

7. Treo Memorial - Update (Enclosed)

To receive a report from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager on the proposed memorial for Treo.

8. Public Realm - Update (Verbal update)

To receive a verbal update on the plans for the improvements to the Public Realm.

9. Gas works and Easter Recovery - Update (Enclosed)

To receive an update on the gas works from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager.

10. Congleton Paddling Pool Improvements (Verbal update)

To receive a verbal update from the Chief Officer with regards to improvements to the Congleton Paddling Pool.

11. Christmas Lights Switch on (Enclosed)

To receive an update report from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager with regard to the Christmas Lights Switch on event for 2017.

12. National Spring Clean (Enclosed)

To note a call for local volunteers to support the National Spring Clean campaign.

13. Moody Street Gardens Project (Enclosed)

To note the development of the Moody Street Gardens.

14. Resolution to exclude the Public and Press

To consider passing a resolution 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.

15. Future use of Congleton Town Council's CCTV Vehicle (Enclosed)

To receive a report from the Chief Officer regarding the future use of the CCTV Vehicle.

16. Streetscape proposal (Enclosed)

To receive a proposal for improvements to an area of land on West 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 2nd February 2017

PRESENT: Councillors

Mrs S Akers Smith
Mrs A L Armitt
L D Barker
P Bates
C H Booth (Deputy Mayor and Vice Chairman)
G R Edwards (Ex-Officio)
G P Hayes
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 Mrs A E Morrison.
Apologies were also received from Cllr D T Brown (ex-officio member) and non-Committee member Cllr Mrs D S Allen.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

CES/39/1617 Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 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, G P Hayes and G.S 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.
The report covered:

Speeding Biddulph Road – Community Speedwatch has been out supported by speed enforcement by the Community Beat Team. 7 x verbal warnings issued. Generally positive from residents and on social media.

SID device on Canal Road in area has captured data that shows majority of drivers are sticking to limit. Further work and discussions being held with Cheshire East Council's Traffic Manager

Rural crime – joint operation with Staffordshire Police targeting border areas of Congleton/ Macclesfield and Staffordshire deterring travelling criminals who are looking to steal plant machinery and farm equipment. It was a successful operation, no offences. Positive feedback from residents, a lot of reassurance visits and contact. Social media campaign to promote rural watch, horse watch and Cheshire alerts.

Rise in suspicious incidents being reported - Pleased that residents are calling 101 and reading Cheshire alerts. Common issue around criminals trying car door handles and in gardens, on-going enquiries and some forensics work to be progressed. Urge residents to keep calling and letting the Police know what is happening.

Anti-Social Behaviour down but still some issues at Princess Street, work ongoing with partner agencies.

Burglaries, vehicle crime and burglary in outbuildings are at a low level. A number of prolific offenders in custody may be the reason.

Overall a positive Christmas period – operation targeting retail premises and criminals worked well. Dedicated officers working on high visibility patrols in town.

6. Cycling Legacy for Congleton

To receive a presentation on ideas for a Congleton Tour of Britain Cycling Legacy from:

CES/40/1617 Resolved to receive the presentation from Cllr S Akers Smith which outlined proposals for improving the connections of the current cycle network, creating a circular cycling route around Congleton and the development of a walking, cycling country park.

7. Floral Arrangement Working Group

To receive the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group held on 9th November 2016.

CES/41/1617 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group dated 9th November 2016.

8. Public Realm Improvements

To receive an update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager on the agreed specification for the Public Realm Improvements.

CES/42/1617 Resolved to receive the verbal update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager, who stated that agreement on materials and furnishings had been agreed with the Public Realm Steering Group and work was due to commence hopefully in the spring following completion of the gasworks.

9. Treo Memorial

To receive a report from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager on the proposed memorial for Treo.

CES/43/1617 Resolved to inform Steve Ashton that Congleton Town Council would be delighted to accept the gift of the statue on behalf of Congleton with the aim of locating the statue to the cenotaph side of the Community Garden.

ACTION: Town Centre and Marketing Manager to carry out further research on the suitability of the site and the Rowan Tree before, if appropriate, submitting a planning application.

10. St Peter's Churchyard Improvements

To receive a report from the Streetscape Supervisor with regards to improvements to St Peter's Churchyard.

CES/44/1617 Resolved to receive the report from the Streetscape Supervisor.

11. Congleton Paddling Pool Improvements

To receive a report from the Facilities & Developments Manager with regards to improvements to Congleton Paddling Pool.

CES/45/1617 Resolved to receive the report from Facilities and Developments Manager and approve the recommendation to replace the surface surrounding the pool, subject to financial approval.

12. Completion of Public Toilets

To receive a report from the Chief Officer on the completion of the refurbishment of Market Street Public toilets.

CES/46/1617 Resolved to receive the report from the Chief Officer on the completion of the Market Street Public Toilets.

13. Connection of Greenfield and Radnor Park Industrial Estates

To approve the proposed investigation from Cllr Mrs A M Martin into the linking of Greenfield and Radnor Park Industrial Estates.

CES/47/1617 Resolved to receive the report from Cllr A Martin and the proposal to formally request Cheshire East Council to outline their plans in restricting heavy goods vehicles using the residential part of Back Lane.

14. Big Data Small User

To receive a report from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager on the progress of the Big Data Small User Project.

CES/48/1617 Resolved to receive the report from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager.

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

In Bloom Minutes

Friday 9th December 2016, Spencer Suite, 9.00am

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

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Anna Morrison- AMorrison
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** to approve the notes of the meeting held on 9th November 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. **NWIB and Community Pride Judges Reports:**

Overall, as a group, we should be very happy with the results that we gained from the judges- some areas gaining 9.5/10 and 19/20, helping us to reach the highest overall score to date of 180/200. Although this still gives us room for improvements:

 - A4 Business Areas and Premises: 17/20- Group not very happy with this score- suggested that in previous years, Margaret Williamson could have taken the judges to a business park compared to our main area being the Town Centre. A lot of people helped to sort out Antrobus Street gardens- suggested for more colour to be in this area next year, then this will link more into Margaret’s Place Garden.
 - A4 Business Areas and Premises: 17/20- At the time of NW in Bloom judging, the hedges on Rood Hill were unable to be cut due to the policy of nesting birds. ACTION RB- to look into this policy to see if there are any ways around it to have it cut in time for judging.
 - B2 Resource Management: 8/10- Although a good score, not as good as it could have been- we could get more information about this in the portfolio as well as mention it on the day to the judges. Speak to Cheshire East Waste Reduction team (Richard Bramall) to get figures for Congleton based against County figure and regional figures- ACTION RB. Also look into the food banks and what Congleton Kitchen does to help as this can be added to this section.

Suggested about a scheme of buying compost bins and making sure that all schools have at least two and promoting this.

Examples of businesses recycling- could also help with the A4 section of judging- use Siemens as an example, see if they could be part of a bigger initiative, as in passing on their recycling procedures down to smaller businesses.

- B4 Local Environment Quality: 8/10- Empty shops in the Town Centre- as JMac mentioned, some of landlords for these premises are larger companies or trusts, which makes it more difficult to get into to decorate/ create displays for these vacant windows. Will look into this more, nearer the time of judging to see which shops are empty and the access to them. MG suggested to get schools involved in decorating these windows with an In Bloom theme.
- Improved Grot Spot- Congleton Garden Machinery Garden on Clayton Bypass- PP to get in contact the gardener of this area and possibly add this to the portfolio.

Suggestion to add the Secret Garden at the Old Saw Mill onto the route for NWIB judging- PP to work on the entrance into the Saw Mill.

Congleton Bath House- want to visit here again and extend the visit. ACTION GW- to sort out x2 pallets for them to finish the garden off.

5. Community Pride Award:

This has resolved itself as the competition in 2017 is not going ahead. Suggested to still update the map for 2017 projects. GW suggested that we should still look for an independent viewing/ judging of the town before the In Bloom judging to gain feedback. £60 is normally set aside out of the budget to enter the Community Pride awards- this money could be used for the independent viewing.

6. Colour Scheme for roundabouts and park etc:

Decided at the last meeting- detailed package collated by Ruth of the plants- handed out at the meeting, for those who wanted extra information.

7. Projects to be done before the end of April 2017:

- St Peters Church- hedge cutting, removal of trees, moss, ivy etc.
- X7 Trees to be added to Mountbatten Way (Park Lane end)- Highways have agreed this project, Mike Smith is aiming for this to be a Partnership project. Suggested what trees to be used- group divided between having same as the Riverside end (that are already in place- yellow Rowan trees) or having a complete different tree- or at least having the colour of rowan changed. Decision to be made nearer the time of the project commencing. ACTION RB- to speak to Four Oaks to see what trees they suggest. ACTION RB/ STREETSCAPE- the wooden bases of the existing trees and the new ones to come need to be painted/ oiled to preserve and will also look better.
- Power wash street furniture & welcome to Congleton signs
- Notice boards to be flagged at the base where appropriate and flower tubs to be added
- Painting Welcome to Congleton signs- due to the rust- this will just tidy the signs up, making them look better.
- Renewing of the notice boards glass frontage
- Congleton Park- Sustainable bedding and judge comments changes- based on the judges plans and the discussion at the last meeting, RB to design up and Streetscape to plant new sustainable planting in the park and new box hedging- ACTION RB- to send these plans to GW and Friends of Congleton Park to keep them updated of the new work.

8. Budget:

Paperwork handed out at the meeting of the budget breakdown.

9. AOB:

- A Youth Project- from the in Bloom awards, we found out that one of the towns has a scheme called Young Bloomers, this could be something to look into.
Visyon are still working on their garden on the opposite side of the park bridge- suggested that they could put a youth group together to meet on a weekly/ monthly basis. Also look into the plans for their garden. ACTION RB- to liaise with Visyon on plans and forming a youth group.
Bromley Farm also have a youth group that works on In Bloom projects, this can be incorporated into the Young Bloomers project. GW suggested splitting the Bromley Farm area into two sections as it's a large area and would benefit seeing all aspects of the area instead of just one area.
- Crocus Planting- 5000 have been planted on the edge of Hankinsons field and more for St. Mary's Parish Centre.
- Progress on Moody St Garden- Project is aimed to be finished by the end of July- the plans now include a lower trellis so this doesn't shield off an area on the car park, as it may attract anti-social behaviour.
- 2017 Sponsorship- Waiting to hear back from Cheshire East about the sponsorship of roundabouts- if we are able to do this again, or if it's a scheme they are putting in place themselves. JMac reported that due to the disruption in the Town Centre caused by the gas works at the start of 2017 that Belfour Beatie could offer some funding.
ACTION JMac/ BE- to compose an action plan of potential sponsors and when to go out to them etc.
- 300th Anniversary of Free Masons in June 2017- PP is looking into the work around this to suitably represent.
- Back2Back Gardens- each garden reduced in size- hopefully be in the top poly tunnel, after some repairs have been made to it.
- In Bloom Questionnaire- RB drafted a questionnaire to gain feedback from the public- ACTION RB/ JMac- to re structure this into a survey monkey and send out.
- Waggon & Horses Roundabout- estimated cost £7000 for all works to completely remove the mares tail issue.
- East Midlands in Bloom Seminar- Congleton in Bloom has been asked to speak at the EMIB Seminar, up to four speakers needed, suggested DB, BE, PP on 16th Feb 2017.
- Mossley Planters- Ian Nesbitt has contacted JMac on having planters on the driveway into Morley's- seen from the main road. Ideas were passed around suggesting would it be the same wooden planters that the Rowan Trees on Mountbatten Way are in? Or plastic planters, or even the tiered planters for more of an impact. ACTION RB to get prices on all different aspects on what they can have- put this forward to the Mossley area to see which they would prefer and see if they can fund it. Also RB to look into the maintenance of these potential tubs.
- In Bloom Calendar- look at getting good monthly pictures and planning key dates to go onto a calendar to sell to the public.
- In Bloom Hi-Viz- suggested that when out doing in bloom work that we should have a different colour Hi-Viz with the Congleton In Bloom logo printed on the back.

10. Date of next meeting: Monday 30th January 2017, Spencer Suite, 9.00am – 10.30am

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community, Environment and Services		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	16 March 2017	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Town Centre and Marketing Manager Jackie MacArthur		
AGENDA ITEM	7		
REPORT TITLE	Treo Memorial – Update		
Background	<p>At CES Committee on 2 February the committee resolved that</p> <p>CES/43/1617 Resolved to inform Steve Ashton that Congleton Town Council would be delighted to accept the gift of the statute on behalf of Congleton with the aim of locating the statue to the cenotaph side of the Community Garden.</p> <p>ACTION: Town Centre and Marketing Manager to carry out further research on the suitability of the site and the Rowan Tree before, if appropriate, submitting a planning application.</p> <p>The purpose of this paper is to update members on the next steps</p>		
Updates	<p>Following the Committee Meeting on the 2nd February, and the subsequent article in the Chronicle, the Town Centre and Marketing Manager received numerous calls from members of the public about dedicated trees and bushes in the Community Garden. The following were discovered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Front left Rowan Tree - Planted by Mayor Jim Jarvis and the Princess Irene Brigade2. Left hand side – Magnolia Tree – planted in memory of Judith Thwaite3. Left hand side – bush – planted in memory of Margaret Boffey4. Centre section – tree planted to commemorate Princess Diana5. Canal Road right side – tree planted in memory of John Hibbet6. Right hand side – bush – planted in memory of Emrys Thompson <p>These could all do with recording and identified for the public. All are healthy and do not need removing. So that the history behind the trees and bushes aren't lost, tags could easily and fairly cheaply be added to the four dedicated trees and new plaques added by the two bushes</p> <p>There is room for the Treo statute to fit next to the Rowan Tree at the front left of the Community Garden. It will require two rose bushes to be removed – these can be relocated within the garden. This still appears to be the best location for the statue.</p> <p>A detailed conversation with the Cheshire East Council Open Spaces Officer has revealed that planning permission is not required as first suggested.</p>		
Decision Requested	<p>Recommend that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Treo Statute is located at the front left of the Community Garden when available.2. That tree jewellery and plaques are added to identify the dedicated trees and bushes.		

- Proposed location for the Treo Statute



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COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community, Environment and Services		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	16 March 2017	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Town Centre and Marketing Manager Jackie MacArthur		
AGENDA ITEM	9		
REPORT TITLE	Gas Works and Easter Recovery– Update		
Background	<p>Gas Works have been ongoing in the Town Centre since January 9th 2017. The purpose of this paper is to update members on the works and also inform about two Easter Activities planned to help draw people back into Congleton Town Centre.</p>		
Updates	<p>Gas works were carried out in the pedestrian area from January 9th until 13th February. The works on the pedestrian area were completed a couple of weeks ahead of schedule.</p> <p>The second phase, the Mill Street gas works, began on 27th February. The work permit was until the 12 March and the work was completed on Friday 10th March. During these works traffic could not travel up Mill Street (except for deliveries) or Swan Bank. West Street was made two-way and deliveries on Swan Bank were via West Street. Traders have reported a drop in sales and footfall in the area.</p> <p>The third phase is due to begin on Monday 13th March and although the permit is until the 10th April it is expected that the works will be complete before the end of the month. During this phase the works must be reinstated at weekends so the road can be open. Vehicles less than 7.5 tonnes will be able to use Mill Street and Swan Bank but will be diverted onto Wagg Street.</p> <p>Many traders have expressed concerns about the fall in footfall and sales during the works. There is a national small business compensation scheme and packs have been sent to those businesses requesting one or that are linked into the shops emails sent by the Town Centre and Marketing Manager. The shops wishing to claim now need to send their intention to National Grid and within three months of the completion of works complete the paperwork.</p> <p>To claim they must show that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works have taken place over 28 consecutive days or more• Businesses must have an annual turnover under £1.5 million• The loss must amount to more than £500 profit• The loss must exceed 2.5% of the annual turnover of the business• Written notice must be given to National Grid within three months of the work being completed.• National Grid must be told of the intention to claim asap		

	<p>Compensation will help. But as a town we now need to work at getting those people who have avoided coming into town during the works back into the town centre</p> <p>Two of the activities being planned to help this are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Congleton Town Council with various traders have organised an Easter Egg Hunt - 28 traders are part of this hunt and it will run from the 1st April to 18th April. 2. The Town Council and traders developing an Easter Treats day on Tuesday 11th April with entertainment and treats in the town centre including using one of the free parking days offered by Cheshire East.
Decision Requested	That Councillors note this report.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community, Environment and Services		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	16 March 2017	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Town Centre and Marketing Manager Jackie MacArthur		
AGENDA ITEM	11		
REPORT TITLE	Christmas Lights Switch on 2017		
Background	<p>Congleton Town Council allocates £4,000 towards the Congleton Christmas Lights Switch on and Christmas Saturday activities. This is in addition to the budget for the installation, removal, storage, repair and maintenance of the main town Christmas lights.</p> <p>A small organising committee takes on the responsibility for the Christmas lights event. This group has met three times since the switch on in November 2016.</p> <p>The organising team for 2017 is made up of Cllr Bob Edwards, Martha Hayes Jackie MacArthur and Sue Trow from Congleton Town Council, Jo Money from Congleton Community Projects, Town Crier Douglas Parker, Linda Ward and Albert Ward from Cheshire Marshals and volunteers Chris Booth and Craig Rome.</p> <p>The purpose of the paper is to update members of the planned activities for 2017 and in particular the reason for changing the event from a Friday evening to a Saturday afternoon.</p>		
Updates	<p>For the past ten years Congleton has held its Christmas Light Switch on event on a Friday evening. This has been successful, however over the past 2-3 years the length of time that people stay in town has become more concentrated. In summer 2016 the idea was raised about holding the event on a Saturday or Sunday, but at the time the group felt it was too late to make such a significant change.</p> <p>In 2016 more effort was made to encourage the audience to stay longer/ encourage a new audience later in the evening with a quality act at 7pm and fair rides continuing after the event closed in the fairground car park. This didn't work and the Christmas group has come to the conclusion that it is very hard to keep the audience into the evening. At the review meeting after the 2016 switch on the idea was once again mooted about moving to a weekend date.</p> <p>Discussions with those taking part in the lantern parade, many town centre shops, the wonderful volunteer base that are essential on the day, streetscape, professional service providers for road closures, first aid and staging and the activities towns made us look more closely at holding the event on a Saturday. Feedback from those who often attend with charity or craft stalls was mixed, but on the whole favourable of giving Saturdays a try.</p>		

	<p>The group believes that an event starting at 2pm and finishing around 30 minutes after the lights switch on at 5.30 or 5.45 will be better for families and for businesses in town.</p> <p>The plan is to have a main attraction such as reindeer in the pedestrian area, the stage at the top of Market Street, stalls and a few rides on the closed High Street, entertainment both on the stage and in the town centre, a relocated craft fayre, re-introduce fireworks when the lights are turned on, have Santa around all afternoon, a longer lantern procession. The event will be on Saturday 25th November from 2pm – 6.15pm.</p> <p>The total cost of the Christmas Lights switch-on event is around £12,000, with £4,000 from the Town Council, the remaining £8,000 is funded via sponsorship, stall hire, fair-rides, selling adverts in the Christmas brochure, Christmas tree installation and local trusts that help support the lantern making workshops and parade band. Raising the additional funds needed for such events is time consuming and work on a sponsorship strategy for this year's lights and activities is already underway.</p> <p>The Main Christmas Lights which the Town Council purchased in 2013 are still in good working order and will be used for 2017. Some of the droppers in the cross-street banners need to be replaced and four of the timers in the lamp-posts are faulty and need replacing.</p> <p>The team is looking at the possibility of introducing lamp post Christmas lights along Mountbatten Way and at the Fire Station Roundabout. A paper on this will go to Finance and Policy Committee for consideration.</p>
Decision Requested	That Members note this report and any feedback will be reported back at the next Christmas team meeting.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community Environment and Services		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	16 th March 2017 7.00pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Streetscape Development Manager		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	12 Congleton in Bloom seeks helpers for Tidy Britain's National Spring Clean		
	<p>Congleton in Bloom is backing a national campaign to get half a million people out and about cleaning up their local communities in 2017. As part of its support for the country's biggest-ever community clear up Congleton In Bloom is seeking volunteers to take part in a Great British Spring Clean at Congleton Park on Saturday 25th March from 10am – 12 noon. Local people wishing to join in this event should meet at Congleton Park in the front of Stocks Pavilion. Volunteers can do as little or as much as they want to during this time.</p> <p>Those joining in are advised to wear clothing appropriate to anticipated weather conditions and sensible footwear. Everything else – high-visibility vests, litter pickers, sacks and gloves will be provided. – We are trying to get as many Councillors and general public to the tidy up as we can so please spread the word.</p> <p>Any individuals, volunteer groups, churches, businesses, neighbourhoods or schools that want to do their bit to help clean up their local community is encouraged to contact Congleton Town Council . The Council is offering free loan of pickers, hoops, bags and gloves to those wishing to carry out a Spring Clean in the Congleton area. Congleton Town Council has also offered to collect the bags of litter collected by groups as part of a Community Clean up.</p> <p>To get involved or to let Congleton Town Council know your plans for The Great British Spring Clean please contact:-</p> <p>Ruth on rb@congletontowncouncil.co.uk</p> <p>For the latest information on Congleton in Bloom see their Facebook page Congleton in Bloom. To check on details of other planned Community Spring Cleans in the area see :- www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk</p>		

Heroes Wanted.

It's time to clean up this
town!

25th March 2017

10am – 12pm

Meet at:
Congleton Park



CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community Environment and Services		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	16 th March 2017 7.00pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Congleton Partnership		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	13 Moody Street Gardens Project		
Background	Congleton Partnership identified Moody Street Gardens as another unloved area in the Town that had the potential to be improved to a standard that would encourage residents/ and shoppers to dwell longer in the town centre.		
Updates	<p>The long term plan is to totally upgrade this area to the same standard of the Antrobus St Gardens, the scheme is being developed and delivered in conjunction with the Greenspace Officers at Cheshire East Council and is being funded through historic Section 106 allocations</p> <p>Work has already commenced (see enclosed photos) – The Site will be DDA compliant and Community user friendly. Mike Smith has contacted Chapel St Nursery and Ruby's Fund who would like to get involved with their children in the development of the scheme</p> <p>The key elements of the scheme will include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">3 bench seats with backs and arms3 bench seats without backs and arms4 planters1 wheel planter2 obelisk planters1 toddler picnic table <p>In addition Congleton Partnership have contributed towards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 x Pieces of art work designed and made by Congleton Creative• New Planting Sensory Garden Scheme• Sensory Garden plant signs (Touch, Taste, Sound, Smell and Sight) <p>The project is due to be completed during the spring of 2017</p>		
Decision Requested	For councillors to receive the update for the development of the Moody Street Gardens		







Welcome to our Sensory Garden - *please enjoy and look after this area*



Brady - Aged 4



Henry - Aged 6



Freder - Aged 6



Joe - Aged 7



Felix - Aged 3



Freddy - Aged 5



Jaylan - Aged 4



Evan - Aged 4



Logan - Aged 5



NO LITTER



NO ALCOHOL



NO DOGS



NO GLASS

Did you know that?

Butterfly

Caterpillars spin and grow inside a cocoon and then hatch into beautiful butterflies, they feed on flower nectar and pollen.

House Spider

Spiders weave webs to catch their food, flies are their favourite, they have 8 legs.

Ladybird

Ladybirds can fly, they like to eat aphids, they hibernate in small holes like cones.

Frog

Frogs like to live in damp areas, they hibernate over winter, they lay eggs known as frogspawn.

Snail

Snails like to eat garden plants, they grow their own shell, they leave a silvery trail behind them.

