

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 17TH MARCH

PRESENT: Councillors

Mrs S A Smith
Mr P Broom
G R Edwards
Mrs A M Martin
Mrs S A Holland (Chair)
Mrs J D Parry
Mrs E Wardlaw (Mayor)
G S Williams

1. **APOLOGIES.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs N Adams and Mrs A L Armitt. C Booth, D T Brown, G P Hayes, Mrs A E Morrison and Burgess D Murphy

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

CES/44/1516 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th February 2016, subject to an amendment on item 12 page 3 which would change the wording “from Syrian refugees” to “for Syrian refugees” 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, G S Williams and Mrs E Wardlaw declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Council.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

There were no outstanding actions.

5. CHESHIRE POLICE

Was attended by Inspector C Mitchell who advised that-

- The Beat Team would have Ross Hamilton as its Sgt
- Helen Hood has returned from maternity leave
- Helen Weeks
- Matt Chapman
- Emma Burns

Inspector Mitchell also reported

- Anti Social Behaviour activity which would be discussed in more detail at the ASB meeting on 23.3.2016.
- Burglaries are currently at a low level.

6. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR WORKING GROUP

CES/45/1516 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 16th November 2015 and 19th January 2016 be received.

7. FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP

CES/ 46/1516 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group held on 15th February 2016 and 7th March 2016 be received .

8. .DISC (Database and Intranet for Safer Communities) – Pilot Project

The Town Centre and Marketing Manager advised that since the last meeting of Communities, Environment and Services meeting a number of actions have been taken.

- Successfully applied for funding from the Police Commissioner
- Met with the PubWatch group – they are keen to be part of the Pilot however in order to share information between groups an umbrella Crime Reduction Partnership needs to be set up. This is what I am now working on.
- Attended a Cheshire East wide group looking at the various shopwatch ways of working – the group was interested in seeing how the pilot works for Congleton and with possibility of it being a system that could work for other towns.
- Had a meeting with Cheshire Police to start work on a Crime Information Sharing protocol – this is not essential for the success of DISC but it would strengthen the partnership if the Police are able to put pictures of those convicted anti-social behaviour or crimes connected to the shops, pubs and takeaways. Cheshire Police also agreed to send letters to the businesses in town urging them to sign up.
- NEXT STEP – form a steering group for the Crime Reduction Partnership and get the legal niceties in place so that DISC can be launched.

CES/ 47/1516 RESOLVED that the update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager on piloting the “DISC” system be received.

9. Welcome to Congleton Maps Project (Verbal update)

CES/48/1516 RESOLVED that that the update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager on the “Welcome to Congleton Maps Project” be received.

10. Decorating The Town

CES/49/1516 RESOLVED to receive the written proposal from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager for the Decoration of the Town for the events in 2016.

11. Market Street Public Toilets

CES/50/1516 RESOLVED to support the officer recommendation to move forward with option 3, the part refurbishment of the toilets with the following objectives:

- Gain full clarity of the Clowes position with regards to the lease.
- If possible request a 5 year lease agreement.
- Aim to obtain quotes for the work by mid-April 2016.
- Potential completion of works by the end of June 2016.

12. Dog Fouling

CES/51/1516 RESOLVED to approve the proposal that Streetscape develop a small working group of staff, councillors and relative stakeholders to investigate what more can be done to resolve this issue and to provide an update at the next meeting of the Community, Environment and Services Committee. Cllrs Williams, Holland and martin offered their services to the working group.

13. Public Realm Scheme –update

The Chief Officer advised that –

- £1m scheme formally approved by Cheshire East Council.
- Project Board has met 8th March to discuss delivery of the scheme.
- Following the recent Holmes report CEC advised that the scheme will not have the originally proposed shared space principles, it will retain kerbs and be fully accessible.
- A steering Group will meet on 21st March to agree pallets of materials for public consultation which is due to start on the 25th April and last for 6 weeks.

CES/52/1516 RESOLVED that to receive the update from the Chief Officer.

14. Congleton Sports Development

The Chief Officer gave a brief presentation about the benefits and rationale for the development of a Congleton Community Sports Trust and advised that this was being progressed with the support of the Congleton Partnership.

CES/53/1516 RESOLVED that to receive the presentation and update from the Chief Officer

15. Tour of Britain Cycling Race 2016

Cllr S A Smith provided a brief update stating –

- Stage 3 starts from Congleton 6th September 2016.
- Already had early meetings with CEC to discuss promotion opportunities and early ideas.
- Meeting with race start organisers will help shape what is happening in Congleton
- Establish the start and route through Congleton.
- What the race organisers' requirements are such as coach parks for the teams and their entourage.
- We need to look at the opportunities for Congleton from a business and tourism perspective.
- We need to move quickly and organise following the meeting once we know what the scope is.
- Draw together a working group to develop and deliver as we would a major event
- Logistics will be a big challenge.

CES/54/1516 RESOLVED that to receive the update from Cllr Mrs S A Smith

Mrs S A Holland
Chairman (In the Chair)