

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 30th JUNE 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.