

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 11th August 2016

PRESENT: Councillors

Mrs S Akers Smith
Mrs A L Armitt
P Bates
C H Booth (Deputy Mayor and Vice Chairman)
P Broom
D T Brown (Town Mayor)
G R Edwards
Mrs S A Holland (Chairman)
Mrs A M Martin
Mrs A E Morrison
Mrs J D Parry
G S Williams

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R Boston and G P Hayes, apologies were also received from Cllr Mrs D S Allen who is not a member of this particular committee.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

CES/16/1617 Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 30th June 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.S Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Council.

4. Outstanding Actions

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

- Send 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

To form a small working group to include 2 Burgesses and 3 Councillors.

5. Cheshire Police (Report Attached)

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

6. Floral Arrangement Working Group

To receive the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group held on 29th June 4th, 15th and 29th July 2016.

CES/17/1617 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group dated as above.

7. North West in Bloom and Britain in Bloom Competitions

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

CES/18/1617 Resolved to receive the update of the North West in Bloom and Britain in Bloom competitions.

8. 150 Year Town Hall Celebrations

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

CES/19/1617 Resolved to receive the update on the 150 Year Town Hall Celebrations and made comment upon the contribution of J Unsworth and volunteers.

9. Market Street Public Toilets

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

This item was discussed in the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council prior to this meeting

West Heath Toilets - Issues raised by residents and commented within the media about the need for toilets in the precinct. **Action** – Chief Officer to make contact with the owners / developers to establish future plans.

10. Tour of Britain Cycling Race 2016

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

Cllr S Akers Smith and the Chief Officer advised that the pre-race promotion activity had been well supported by businesses both in sponsorship and in kind contributions. Focus was now on race day activity and communicating what will be happening on the day, in the Town Hall and with the road network.

It was suggested that we communicate the road closures through to health providers – i.e. hospital, dentists, doctors etc. to ensure that arrangements can be made between themselves and patients.

Full information will start to appear on the Congleton Town Council website

<http://www.congleton-tc.gov.uk>

11. Cheshire East Council (CEC) - Gulley Cleansing

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

The information provided showed high level figures about the quantity of Gulley Cleansing days there would be across the towns of Cheshire East. It was clarified that any gulleys causing a highway danger needed to be reported to Cheshire East Highways Department.

Action for Chief Officer method of reporting needs to be on the council website and in the next addition of the Bear Necessities.

Action for Chief Officer to invite CEC to present the background information at the next CE&S meeting.

12. Buxton Road Speed Indicator Device (SID)

To review the positioning of the SID on Buxton Road.

It was proposed that the positioning of the SID was possibly not in the most appropriate place and that cars were speeding down the hill once they had passed it.

It was agreed that the SID was best suited to the current location due to its proximity to the school.

Advice was provided that there was a Community Speedwatch Initiative developing and this could be a good place to start. This will be fed back to relevant officers at Cheshire Police.

It was stated that there was a need for volunteers to be involved in this scheme and it was proposed that this should be advertised in Bear Necessities.

**Mrs S A Holland
(Chairman)**