

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 10th November 2016

PRESENT: Councillors

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

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs D S Allen and Mrs A L Armitt.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

CES/33/1617 Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 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 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:

Burglary, vehicle crime and burglary in non-residential properties offences are down significantly this is due to a number of the prolific offenders in the area being in custody at the moment.

Op Stay safe conducted targeting recent ASB in the Park and Princess Street – “On the evening of the 4th November 2016 Macclesfield LPU officers in partnership with other partners including Cheshire East Council and fire carried out a StaySafe Operation in Congleton. The areas targeted were Congleton Park and Princess Street area. These areas have historically had ASB and crime issues. Recently there have been escalating concerns and incidents.

This operation was aimed at educating young people and their parents about the risks they face being out and to provide support and guidance to young people and their parents. Local officers provided a visible presence in Congleton, speaking to young people and subsequently parents.

Some young people subsequently attended Visyon, a local youth building where partners from Cheshire East Youth Engagement Services, Youth Support, EDT, ASB teams, Children's Services, family support workers and fire were able to engage with the young people, discussing risks and educating them about safeguarding. This was followed up with parents as well.

Overall a total of 20 yellow card/ ASB referrals were completed- parents of the young people were contacted and 1 young person was collected by his mother after concerns raised by officers. “

Speedwatch - 228 letters so far of drivers doing over 35 mph in a 30 at the following locations:

Canal Road
Leek Road
Biddulph Road
Newcastle Road
Padgbury Lane

Manchester Road outside Giantswood lane has recently been approved for speedwatch activity

Searching for Lower Heath volunteers as this is currently being covered by West Heath.

8 volunteers split over Mossley and West Heath Speedwatch group

Congleton speedwatch are also helping to train the speedwatch in Gawsworth after recent fatal accidents in the area

Arson incidents / Bin fires Princess Street – 2 juveniles arrested and on bail. Investigation continues will update at next meeting

Criminal Behaviour Order – One juvenile pleaded guilty to 11 ASB related offences in court last week and an application has been made for a CBO with conditions designed to prevent him committing similar in the future.

6. Floral Arrangement Working Group

To receive the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group held on 29th September 2016.

CES/34/1617 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group dated 29th September 2016.

7. Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group

To receive the minutes of the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group held on 14th September 2016.

CES/35/1617 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group held on 14th September 2016.

8. Cheshire & Wirral Partnership (CWP) Service Consultation

To consider what action to take on a consultation report from the CWP into the reconfiguration of Adult and Older People's Mental Health Services in Central and Eastern Cheshire.

CES/36/1617 Resolved to receive the consultation report provided for the meeting and agreed that no action is required at this stage as amendments are being made to the report by CWP.

9. Congleton In Bloom

To receive a report from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager.

CES/37/1617 Resolved to receive the report from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager.

10. Update on Christmas 2016

To receive an update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager on activity for Christmas 2016.

CES/38/1617 Resolved to receive the update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager.

11. Market Street Public Toilets

To receive a verbal update from the Chief Officer on the Market Street Public toilets.

The Chief Officer advised that work on the public toilets would commence on 21.11.2016 and should be completed in approximately three weeks.

12. Luncheon Club progress report

To receive a verbal update from the Chief Officer on the progress of the Luncheon Club.

The Chief Officer advised that the Luncheon Club had within the first month of operation started to exceed the numbers attending the previous luncheon club at Fellowship House.

13. Gas works in the Town Centre

To receive a verbal update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager on proposed gas works for early 2017.

The Town Centre and Marketing Manager advised that no formal communication had yet been received from Cheshire East Council for the start of these works.

**Cllrs Mrs S A Holland
Chairman**