



Congleton Town Council

Historic market town

Town Clerk: **BRIAN HOGAN**



12th April, 2013

Dear Councillor,

Town Council Meeting – Thursday 18th April, 2013

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council, to be held in the Town Hall, Congleton on **Thursday 18th April, 2013 commencing 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,

B. Hogan
TOWN CLERK

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence. (Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apology for absence in advance and to give a reason for non attendance).

2. Minutes (enclosed)

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th March, 2013.

3. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

Members are requested to declare both "non pecuniary" and "pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become aware of it.

4. Mayor's Announcements (enclosed)

To receive any announcements by the Town Mayor and to receive a list of the Mayor's Engagements.

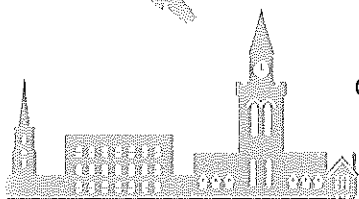


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5. Outstanding Actions

None.

6. Questions from Members of the Public

To receive any questions from Members of the Public at the meeting and, notified in advance in writing.

7. Cheshire East Councillors' Reports

To suspend Standing Orders to allow Councillors from the principal authority to report on relevant issues and to receive questions from members.

8. Planning Committee

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 14th March and 4th April 2013. (enclosed)

9. Community, Environment & Services Committee

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 21st March 2013. (enclosed)

10. Finance & Policy Committee

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th March, 2013.
(enclosed)

11. Town Hall Committee

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th March, 2013. (enclosed)

12. Accounts

- (a) To approve payment of the accounts listed (enclosed).
- (b) To approve payment of any expenditure agreed at this meeting.

13. Urgent Items

Members may raise urgent items but no discussion or decisions may be taken at the meeting.

14. Youth Committee/Junior Council

- a) To receive the minutes of the Youth Committee and Junior Council Meetings held on 18th March 2013. (enclosed)
- b) To deal with Questions from Members of the Youth Committee present at the meeting.

15. Congleton link Road

To receive correspondence from Fiona Bruce MP concerning her speech in the House of Commons related to the Congleton Link Road. (enclosed)

16. Mercian Regiment Homecoming Parade

To consider the arrangements for the Mercian Regiment Homecoming Parade on Friday 14th June 2013. (enclosed)

17. Mountview Care Home

To consider a response to the consultation being undertaken by Cheshire East Borough Council concerning Mountview. (enclosed)

18. Meeting Dates 2013-14

To consider the Town Council meeting dates schedule for 2013-14. (enclosed)

To: Members of the Town Council, Press 3, Burgesses (5), Mayor's Chaplain,
Members of the Youth Committee
MP, Cheshire East Councillors (4), Library, Congleton TIC.

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday,
7th March 2013 in the Town Hall, Congleton.

PRESENT: Councillors D S Allen
 P Bates
 R I Brightwell
 D Brown
 J S Crowther
 G R Edwards
 G Hayes
 Mrs A M Martin
 Mrs S A Holland (Town Mayor)
 D Murphy
 D A Parker
 J. D Parry
 N T Price
 E Wardlaw
 G S Williams
 R.K Williams

a) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence. (Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apology for absence in advance and to give a reason for non-attendance).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L D Barker.

2. **MINUTES**

CTC/71/1213 RESOLVED- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th January 2013 be approved and signed by the Mayor.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Members are requested to declare both "non pecuniary" and "pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become aware of it.

Councillors G.Baxendale and D.Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Borough Council. Both Councillors abstained from voting on item 15.

4. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Mayor drew attention to the various engagements that she and the Deputy Mayor had fulfilled since the last Council meeting.

5. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

None.

6. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr G. Goodwin raised the following verbal question:

In August last year the Community, Environment and Services Committee passed resolution CES/08/1213 which was verified at the Full Council meeting of 29th September 2012. This concerned the boat on the River Dane.

The 3 parts of that resolution were:

- Cllr. Price be given more time to resolve the issue.
- That Cllr. Brown formally take up the issue with Cheshire East Borough Council.
- All Cheshire East Councillors to be contacted lobbying their support.

In February of this year I had not heard nor read anything about any progress from Cheshire East Borough Councillors so I tabled a question for the Committee meeting on 7th February, my question being:

"Since it is now over 5 months since the resolution was passed, can the Chairman or Town Clerk advise what actions the Congleton Cheshire East Borough Council Councillors have taken in pursuance of the resolution, what success have they had and when/if the residents of Congleton will final see this eyesore removed."

Could I ask you to note that my question made no reference to the discussions Cllr. Price was having.

In the agenda for tonight's meeting you will see that my question, as noted in the minutes of the sub-committee, has been edited to omit any reference to the actions of the Cheshire East Borough Councillors and simply reads:

"Mr Goodwin also raised the question asking when residents would finally see the eyesore removed".

The only response to my question at the Committee was for the Chairman to ask for an update from Cllr. Price. I pointed out that my question only related to the actions of the Cheshire East Borough Council Councillors, but no attempt was made to address my points.

In subsequent correspondence the Clerk maintains that my question was answered, but there is no answer given in the minutes. I feel sure that if he is adamant that an answer was provided, he will forgive my stupidity and will be able to reconfirm the answer to the Full Council here tonight.

At the same sub Committee meeting, the Committee agreed the resolution proposed by the Chairman and as noted in the minutes of that meeting which are part of your agenda. I contend that since the resolution is identical in its content to the resolution passed in August last year, it is totally unnecessary and, by approving it tonight I believe that you may be acting contrary to your own Standing Order 37.

Graham Goodwin 07/03/2013

The Town Clerk stated that a written response would be provided to Mr Goodwin.

7. **CESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr G.Baxendale stated that Cheshire East were reviewing the future of Mountview Community Support Centre and mentioned that a consultation pack would be available from Friday 8th March 2013.

Cllr. Brown informed the Council that over 10,000 responses had been received by Cheshire East on the Local Plan consultation, over 1000 had been received from Congleton alone, the vast majority of which was in support of the Link Road.

Cllr. Brown mentioned the difficulties of dealing with the issue of the Boat on the River Dane as the rights to the boat and its future are retained by its legal owner, to pursue other options to have it removed would be expensive and possibly result in a court case.

8. **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

CTC/75/1213 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd, 24th January and 14th February 2013 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

9. **COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

CTC/76/1213 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2013 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

10. **FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

CTC/77/1213 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 3RD January and 14th February be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

11. **ACCOUNTS**

CTC/78/1213 RESOLVED-

- a) To approve the payment of the accounts listed.
- b) To approve the payment of any expenditure agreed at this meeting.

12. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent matters raised.

13. **YOUTH COMMITTEE/JUNIOR COUNCIL**

CTC/79/1213 RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 8th January and 5th February 2013 be received.

14. **OUTDOOR DIGITAL DISPLAY UNIT**

A report on the Digital Display Unit was considered by the Council and some concern was expressed at the increase in cost of the project.

CTC/80/1213 RESOLVED-

- 1. The report be received.
- 2. The increased purchase cost of the unit be approved.

15. **TOWN AND VILLAGE CENTRE CCTV**

Correspondence from Peter Hartwell, Head of Community Services at Cheshire East, concerning the operational cost of CCTV in the town and seeking financial assistance from the Town Council for ongoing monitoring of the CCTV system was considered.

CTC/81/1213 RESOLVED that the Council does not make a financial contribution to Cheshire East regarding CCTV in Congleton and requests that this service continues to be financed by Cheshire East Council.

16. **QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL SCHEME**

Correspondence from Chalc concerning the proposed changes to the Quality Parish Council Scheme was presented. It was noted that individual members can provide responses to the scheme via an on line survey.

17. **LOCALISATION OF COUNCIL TAX**

The Council considered a proposed letter to be sent to Fiona Bruce MP expressing concern at the effects of the new regulations in the localisation of Council Tax. The letter is aimed at seeking support to lobby the government to change their position on involving Town and Parish Councils in this scheme.

CTC/82/1213 RESOLVED that the contents of the letter be approved and sent to Fiona Bruce MP.

18. **CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN AND BUSINESS RISK ASSESSMENT 2013-14**

The Corporate Business Plan and Risk Assessment was considered. It was noted that there were some minor amendments to some statistics on page 3 and wording in the first paragraph on page 5.

CTC/83/1213 RESOLVED that the Business Plan and Risk Assessment 2013-14 be approved.

19. **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

CTC/84/1213 RESOLVED that the amendments to the following documents be approved.

- Contents of Constitution
- Standing Orders
- Investment Policy
- I.C.T Policy
- Mayor's Allowance
- Town Hall Letting Policy
- Marketing and Communication Policy

Mrs S A Holland

TOWN MAYOR

TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

2013

7 th March	Fairtrade Event
7 th March	Centre Stage Youth Theatre
15 th March	Town Mayor's Civic Dinner & Ball
19 th March	Tourist Information Centre Open Day
19 th March	Rotary Dane Meeting
20 th March	Congleton Respect Graduation – Fire Station
20 th March	Trinity Amateur Operatic Society – Daneside Theatre
22 nd March	Knutsford Mayor's Civic Ball
23 rd March	Congleton Choral Society Concert – Town Hall
27 th March	Cross Street Church
28 th March	New Life Nursery Service
29 th March	Easter Service
29 th March	A.T.C. Visit
31 st March	New Life Church Service
12 th April	Sandbach Civic Ball
13 th April	Congleton History Society – Town Hall
15 th April	Rotary Club Charter Dinner

DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

22 nd March	East Cheshire Chamber of Commerce Business Awards
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CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 14th MARCH 2013

PRESENT Councillor L. D. Barker (Chairman)

Mrs. D. S. Allen

P. Bates

G. Baxendale

D. T. Brown

J. S. Crowther

G. R. Edwards

G. P. Hayes

Mrs. S. A. Holland

Mrs. A. M. Martin

D. Murphy

D. A. Parker

Mrs. J. D. Parry

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Bours, Brightwell, Price, Mrs Wardlaw, Williams and Miss R. K. Williams.

2. **MINUTES**

PLN/33/1213 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 14th February 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded to declare both "non pecuniary" and "pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Councillor G. Baxendale declared a "non pecuniary" interest due to his membership of Cheshire East Council

Councillor D. T. Brown declared a "non pecuniary" interest due to his membership of Cheshire East Council and also due to his membership of the Strategic Planning Committee. Councillor Brown did not vote on any items.

4. **OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

There were none

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

PLN/34/1213 RECOMMENDED: That the following comments be made to East Cheshire Borough Council:

The following applications were considered together

13/0692C	Former Waggon & Horses, Congleton, CW12 4HB	REFUSE
13/0761C	Former Waggon & Horses, Congleton, CW12 4HB	REFUSE
13/0705D	Former Waggon & Horses, Congleton, CW12 4HB	REFUSE
13/0704C	Former Waggon & Horses, Congleton, CW12 4HB	REFUSE

Refuse applications on the following grounds –

- **Service door of the ATM – Vehicles using the service door to the ATM would obstruct the highway and potentially cause a hazard.**
- **Out of character with existing built up area.**
- **Excessive use of signage.**

Weeks of 15th February 2013

13/0465C	17 Leek Road, Congleton, CW12 3HU	NO OBJECTION
13/0555C	35 Astbury Lane Ends, Congleton, CW12 3AY	NO OBJECTION
Councillor Mrs S. A. Holland declared a "non pecuniary" interest in 13/0555C		
13/0565C	44 Ennerdale Drive, Congleton, CW12 4FJ	NO OBJECTION
13/0577C	Land Rear of 27/29 Lawton Street, Congleton, CW12 1RU	NO COMMENT
13/0604C	Bridge Street, Congleton, CW12	NO COMMENT
13/0544D	29 West Street, Congleton, CW12 1JP	NO OBJECTION
Councillor D Murphy declared a "non pecuniary" interest in 13/0544D		
13/0552D	1 Boundary Lane, Congleton, CW12 3JA	NO COMMENT
Councillor G Hayes declared a "non pecuniary" interest in 13/0552D		

Week ended 22nd February 2013

13/0611C	Boundary Villa Farm, Congleton, CW12 3HZ	NO OBJECTION
13/0701C	10 Bowden Close, Congleton, CW12 4PQ	NO OBJECTION
13/0734C	18 Swaledale Avenue, Congleton, CW12 2BY	NO OBJECTION
13/0761C	Former Waggon & Horses, West Road, Congleton, CW12	NO OBJECTION
13/0716D	Land at Tudor Way, Congleton, CW12 4AS	NO OBJECTION
13/0686T	British Telecom, 20 Silk Street, Congleton, CW12 4DH	NO OBJECTION
Subject to usual conditions		

Week ended 1st March 2013

13/0707C	Land South of Tudor Way, Congleton, CW12	NO COMMENT
13/0757C	Land at Canal Road, Congleton, CW12 3AP	REFUSE -
Development to adhere to the original plans – the height and levels of the proposed development not to be increased.		
13/0814C	15 Boundary Lane, Congleton, CW12 3JA	NO COMMENT
TO NOTE - Cheshire East requested to check any covenants with regard to the building line		
13/0768D	Tall Ash Farm, 112 Buxton Road, Congleton, CW12 2DY	NO OBJECTION

Week ended 8th March 2013

13/0774C	Eaton Bank School, Jackson Road, Congleton, CW12	NO OBJECTION
Councillor G Hayes declared a "non pecuniary" interest in 13/0774C		
13/0874C	Cloud Bank & The Hollies, Tunstall Road, Congleton	NO OBJECTION
13/0887C	Public Car Park. Market Street, Congleton, CW12	REFUSE –
– only temporary use be granted		
Councillor P Bates declared a "non pecuniary" interest in 13/0887C		

Additional List

13/0957C 6 Truro Close, Congleton, CW12 3BD

NO OBJECTION

6. PLANNING APPEALS

It was noted that the following planning appeals have been lodged with Cheshire East Borough Council.

12/3628C – APP/R0660/D/13/2190142 – 17 Lamberts Lane, Congleton

12/4069C – APP/R0660/A/13/2192977 – Alteration to dwelling types 10 – 17 Swans Reach Wolstanholme Close, Congleton

Enforcement Notice Appeal, Land at Canal Road – Wain Homes

12/3227C – APP/R0660/A/13/2192158/NWF – 1 Boundary Lane, Congleton

The Town Clerk was requested to forward the Town Council's original comments to the Appeal.

7. APPLICATION 12/4785C LAND OFF GOLDFINCH AND KESTRAL CLOSE APPLICATION 12/4776C LAND OFF THE MOORINGS, CONGLETON

It was noted that a letter of thanks had been received from Mr. D. White – CRASH Co-Ordinator.

8. LICENSING APPLICATIONS

None to report.

9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Correspondence was noted from Cheshire East dated 6th March 2013 to inform that a small error in the definitive statement in respect of Public Footpath number 82.

10. CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER LOCAL PLAN

It was noted that information had been received in connection with the Cheshire West & Chester Local Plan.

11. LAND AT LOWER HEATH

It was noted that a letter dated 1st March 2013 had been received from VWB Architects in connection with land at Lower Heath.

12. BACK LANE PLAYING FIELDS

It was noted that correspondence had been received confirming that Back Lane has Village Green status register unit VG41.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that the Town Council consider sites within the Town Boundary which may be appropriate to recommend for Village Green Status.

It was noted that Cheshire East may be changing their system in the distribution of plans.

L. D. Barker (Chairman)

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 4th APRIL 2013

PRESENT Councillor L. D. Barker (Chairman)

Mrs. D. S. Allen
P. Bates
G. Baxendale
G. R. Edwards
G. P. Hayes
Mrs. S. A. Holland
Mrs. A. M. Martin
D. Murphy
Mrs. J. D. Parry

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Mrs L Bours, D.T. Brown, J.S. Crowther, D.A. Parker, Mrs E. Wardlaw, G. S. Williams and Miss R. K. Williams.

2. **MINUTES**

PLN/35/1213 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 14th March 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded to declare both "non pecuniary" and "pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Councillor G. Baxendale declared a "non pecuniary" interest due to his membership of Cheshire East Council

Cllr P Bates declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 13/1039C and did not vote on this issue. Cllr G Hayes declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 13/1039C and a pecuniary interest in planning application 13/0773C and left the room whilst this item was discussed

4. **OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

There were none

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

PLN/36/1213 RECOMMENDED: That the following comments be made to East Cheshire Borough Council:

Week ended of 15th March 2013

13/0731C	4 Vernon Avenue, Congleton, CW12 3AZ	NO OBJECTION
13/0916C	2 Hillesden Rise, Congleton, CW12 3DR	NO OBJECTION
13/0979C	11 Ayrshire Way, Congleton, CW12 3TN	NO OBJECTION
13/1039C	Meridian House, Roe Street, Congleton, CW12 1PS	NO OBJECTION
13/1001T	Clayton Manor, Rood Hill, Congleton, CW12 1YZ	NO OBJECTION

Subject to usual conditions

13/0935D	Land at Canal Road, Congleton, CW12	NO OBJECTION
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Week ended 22nd March 2013

13/0928C	Hillcroft, 14 Banky Fields, Congleton, CW12 4BZ	NO OBJECTION
13/1028C	8 Radnor Park, Back Lane, Congleton, CW12 4XJ	NO OBJECTION
13/0995D	29 – 29A West Street, Congleton, CW12 1JP	NO OBJECTION
13/1106T	Land rear of 33 – 45 Mill Green, Congleton, CW12	NO OBJECTION
		Subject to usual conditions
13/1143T	65 Park Lane, Congleton, CW12 3DD	NO OBJECTION
		Subject to usual conditions

Week ended 29th March 2013

13/0962C	29 Bollin Drive, Congleton, CW12 3RR	NO OBJECTION
13/0918C	Land off Manchester Road, Congleton, CW12 2HU	NO OBJECTION
	S106 contributions to be directed towards Congleton Public Realm Strategy	
13/0922C	Land off Biggs Way, Congleton, CW12 1LZ	NO OBJECTION
	S106 contributions to be directed towards Congleton Public Realm Strategy	
13/0773C	Eaton Bank School, Congleton, CW12 1NT	NO OBJECTION
13/0681C	10 Fields Road, Congleton, CW12 3BA	NO OBJECTION
13/1240C	12 Annan Close, Congleton, CW12 3RZ	NO OBJECTION

6. PLANNING APPEALS

None to report.

7. APPLICATIONS 12/0066C & 12/1917C – REAR OF 7 NURSERY LANE, CONGLETON

Recommended that the land at the rear of Nursery Lane, Congleton CW12 3EX be called Jenny Close

8. LICENSING APPLICATIONS

None to report.

9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

None to report.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Noted that there was an invitation to attend a public preview of proposals by Seddon Homes to provide 230 dwellings to land west of Goldfinch Close, Congleton. To be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday 9th April 2013

L. D. Barker (Chairman)

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 2013

PRESENT: Councillors G S Williams (Chairman in the Chair)
 Mrs D S Allen
 P Bates
 D Brown
 G Baxendale
 J S Crowther
 G R Edwards
 G P Hayes
 Mrs A M Martin
 Mrs J D Parry
 N T Price

1. APOLOGIES.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D. Murphy and R.K Williams. Apologies were also received from Cllr L Bours who is not a member of this particular committee.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

CES/38/1213 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th February 2013 to 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. Baxendale and D.Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Cheshire East Borough Council.

Cllr P.Bates declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5.

4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

CAE/02/1112

The Town Council to pursue all options available in order to resolve the problem of the Boat, including S215 enforcement via CEBC, in addition, the Town Clerk to contact McCarthy and Stone to elicit their assistance in the matter.

CES/24/1213

The Town Clerk to write to all Congleton Cheshire East Councillors asking for their support to lobby Cheshire East to take whatever measures are necessary to have the boat removed.

CES/33/1213

1. The Town Clerk to contact Cheshire East to expedite the improvement work.
2. Cllr D.Brown will provide an update at the next committee meeting on Cheshire East's work in the area.

4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS continued..

CES/34/1213

The Committee support the "Responsible Dog Scheme" pilot being introduced at Bromley Farm and will evaluate its success in 6 months with a view to rolling out the scheme throughout the town.

5. LOVE LOCAL LIFE

It was noted that Cheshire East Borough Council have decided to provide access to the Love Local Life website to the retailers in Congleton without charge and will also cover the cost of the hosting fees.

CES/39/1213 RESOLVED that:-

1. Transfer of access to the love Local Life website to the traders be approved.
2. The Town Council will provide a grant of £500 for training for use of the website provided 30 Traders attend.

6. BOAT ON THE RIVER DANE

It was noted that correspondence had been received from McCarthy & Stone offering to put up advertising hoarding to hide the boat. In addition, an email from Cheshire East Enforcement Officer noting that a site visit will take place in accordance with the authority's adopted Enforcement Protocol as a priority 4.

CES/40/1213 RESOLVED that:-

1. The correspondence from McCarthy & Stone be noted and no further action taken.
2. The Town Council endorse the action being proposed by the Enforcement Officer under S215.

7. SPEED LIMIT ORDER ON A34 NEWCASTLE ROAD AND PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT ON MANCHESTER ROAD

Notice of a speed limit order on Newcastle Road and a proposed speed limit on Manchester Road were welcomed.

CES/41/1213 RESOLVED that:-

1. The correspondence on the speed limit order on Newcastle Road and proposed speed limit on Manchester Road be approved.
2. The Town Clerk to contact Cheshire East to request that the speed limit on Fol Hollow be reduced to 30 MPH.

8. MINUTES OF THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP

CES/42/1213 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group meeting dated 20th September 2012 and 7th March 2013 be received.

9. REVIEW OF MOUNTVIEW COMMUNITY CENTRE

The members considered the consultation process relating to the future of Mountview Community Centre, and expressed concern at what appeared to be a proposal to close the facility as notice of redundancy had been given to the employees of Mountview.

CES/43/1213 RESOLVED that:-

1. The Town Clerk to arrange for Cllrs. Mrs A. Martin, Mrs D. Allen and Mrs S. Holland (substitute Cllr. G Hayes) to visit Mountview.
- 2 The Committee agreed unanimously that they do not want Mountview to close and this notion should be passed onto Cheshire East Borough Council in the strongest possible terms.

10. MERCIAN MARCH

Correspondence from Cheshire East Borough Council concerning arrangements for the Mercian March in Congleton on 15th June 2013 were discussed.

CES/44/1213 RESOLVED that the correspondence be received.

11. CCTV

The members considered providing a representative to attend a meeting with Peter Hartwell concerning CCTV.

CES/45/1213 RESOLVED that Cllr G. Williams be elected as representative to discuss CCTV accompanied by the Town Clerk.

12. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

There was no resolution to exclude the public and press.

13. CHESHIRE POLICE

There was not a representative of the Police present.

14. OLD COUNCIL OFFICES

Cllr. G. Williams mentioned that he was engaging with Cheshire East Borough Council to provide a Youth Hub at the Old Council Offices which Cheshire East were prepared to transfer to the Town Council.

Cllr. Williams agreed to provide much more financial details on this proposed transfer for the Committee to consider.

15. CARNIVAL

It was noted that the AGM of the Carnival committee would take place in the Town Hall at 7pm on Monday 25th March 2013.

16. LITTER BINS

Cllr A. Martin expressed some concern at the provision of litter bins in the Town. Councillors were requested to submit any concerns to Cllr G.Williams.

G Williams
Chairman (In the Chair)

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 28th March 2013

PRESENT

Councillors

P Bates
R I Brightwell
G Brittain
Mr G R Edwards (Chairman)
G P Hayes
Mrs J D Parry (Vice Chairman)
A M Martin
D A Parker
D Murphy
G S Williams

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G. Baxendale and N.T price. Apologies were also received from Cllrs L.D Barker, L.Bours and J S Crowther who are not members of this particular committee.

2. MINUTES

FAP/62/1213 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 14th February 2013 were agreed and signed by the Vice 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.

Cllr P.Bates declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6 (i).

Cllrs R.Brightwell, G. Hayes and G. Williams declared a pecuniary interest in item 9 and left the room when this issue was being discussed.

Cllr D.Murphy declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6 (iii).

4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

There are no outstanding actions.

5. GRANT APPROVALS AND COMMITMENTS 2012/2013

A summary of grant approvals and commitments was considered by the committee and it was noted that £17,200 is available for grants.

FAP/63/1213 RESOLVED: That the grant summary be received.

6. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FAP/64/1213 RESOLVED That:

1. **GR.25 12/13 Congleton Learning Partnership Ltd** that a grant of £1000 be approved. The organisation to be requested to obtain 3 quotes for the new computer system and to be asked what is to happen to the old systems.
2. **GR.26 12/13 St Peter's Church**
Cllr P.Bates and G.Williams to liaise with St Peter's Church about using the Probation Service to undertake the grass cutting in the churchyard. A grant of £700 is approved as a fall back.
3. **GR.27 12/13 Rotary Youth Music** that a grant of £200 be approved.
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7. NEW GRANT ACTIVITIES MONITORING FORMS

There are no new Grant Activities Monitoring forms to consider.

8. LETTER OF THANKS

A letter of thanks was received from SOL Theatre School for the grant provided.

9. TEAM CONGLETON

John Doe, Chairman of Team Congleton, provided a presentation outlining the Team's successful activities in 2012-13. He also explained the objectives of the group for the next 12 months, which is focused on getting Congleton Active, continuing with the bursaries for promising young sports people and the Sports Award Evening.

FAP/65/1213 RESOLVED that a grant of £1,500 be approved, but, if the organisation has a funding shortfall in reaching its target, then up to a further £1,000 would be available.

10. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR APRIL - FEB 2013

FAP/66/1213 RESOLVED that the Management Accounts for February 2013 be received.

11. VIREMENTS

The Committee considered the virements listed below as at 28th February 2013.

Virements 28/02/2013

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Increase £</u>	<u>Decrease £</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
4019/101	Reception Service TIC	2499		CTC agreed to fund part of the TIC's hours as they act as the reception for the Town Council. This agreement was reached after the Town Council's initial budget was drawn up.
4066/101	HR & Health & Safety Support	2501		The Town Council uses an external company, Wirehouse, to provide the necessary advice for HR and Health and Safety. This was previously provided by a Consultant. There was no budget for 2012/13
4026/101	Computer/IT Costs	1000		The Councils' IT company reviewed their charges for providing support so budget slightly low.
4021/101	Telephone/fax/Internet	300		Budget slightly too low
4061/101	External Audit Fees		1300	When the budget was set the level of charges was unknown as the audit will be carried out by the private sector, not the audit commission as previously. It is now known to be £1,600 - £2,000.
4162/211	Congleton Park		5000	This budget will not be used for 2012/13

6300	6300
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FAP/67/1213 RESOLVED that the virements be approved.

12. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2012-13

The Internal Audit Report provided by Auditing Solutions Ltd for 2013-13 was considered by the Committee.

FAP/68/1213 RESOLVED that:-

1. The Audit report 2012-13 be received and approved.
2. It was noted that all recommendations have been actioned with the exception of R4, which will only be actioned if the Council take on Devolved Services which will require an increase in Fidelity Insurance Cover.

G.R Edwards
Chairman

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 14TH MARCH, 2013

PRESENT: Councillors D A Parker (Chairman in the Chair)
 D Brown
 Mrs D Allen
 P Bates
 G Baxendale
 G. P Hayes
 Mrs A M Martin
 Mrs J D Parry
 G R Edwards

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L. D Barker, J. S Crowther N.T Price and E.Wardlaw. Apologies were also received from Councillors L Bours and G.S Williams who are not members of the committee.

2. MINUTES

THC/11/1213/RESOLVED- That the minutes of the Meeting held on 11th October, 2012 be approved and signed by the Chairman 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.

Cllrs G.Baxendale and D. Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest into any matters related to Cheshire East Borough Council.

4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

There are no outstanding actions.

5. ACCESS TO THE REAR OF THE TOWN HALL 5 HIGH STREET

It was noted that an Access Licence Agreement has now been reached with the owners of 5 High Street.

THC/12/1213 RESOLVED that: -

1. The Licence Agreement be approved.
2. The Town Clerk to approach 9 High Street to come to a similar agreement.

6. TOWN HALL ROOF

The Town Clerk reported that repairs will not be undertaken to the roof over the Grand Hall, but, repairs to the ancillary roofs will take place as soon as the weather improves.

THC/13/12313 RESOLVED that the action proposed by the Town Clerk be approved.

7. TOWN HALL LETTING POLICY

The Committee considered the revised Letting Policy and proposed some further amendments.

THC/14/12313 RESOLVED that the paragraph relating to rental income from the TIC and Museum be removed

8. CHANGES TO PPL'S EXERCISE TARIFF

The change to the PPL's Exercise Tariff relating to music being played at exercise classes was noted.

THC/15/12313 RESOLVED that:

1. The correspondence be received.
2. Consideration to be given to recovering the additional cost of the PPL tariff from the relevant hirers

9. POSH NOSH PARTIES

A report by Posh Nosh Parties was considered.

THC/16/12313 RESOLVED that:-

1. To receive the report.
2. The Town Clerk to write to the organisers of the Boxing Event to express concern at the behaviour of some guests outside the Town Hall.
3. Agreement with Posh Nosh Parties to be discussed at the next meeting of the Town Hall Committee.

10. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS (IF NECESSARY)

THC/17/1213 RESOLVED – That in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the 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.

11. TOWN HALL TRADING ACCOUNT

The Town Hall Trading Account was presented to the members for consideration.

THC/18/12313 RESOLVED that:-

1. The Town Hall Trading Account be received.
2. The Account to be no longer considered a Part 2 item.
3. A trend analysis of Town Hall income to be produced.

12. AOB

The Town Clerk mentioned that the rooms at the rear of the Town Hall will be available for permanent hire and would be marketed through Whittaker and Biggs.

D A PARKER
(CHAIRMAN IN THE CHAIR)

Congleton Town Council

RBS Current/I Access Acct

List of Payments made between 01/02/2013 and 31/03/2013

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Cheque Ref</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
01/02/2013	Mr K Blease-Bourne	005816	100.00	151213/3615/xmas roadshow
01/02/2013	Northwest In Bloom	005813	120.00	220113/3630/NW in Bloom entry
01/02/2013	Electric Picture House	005814	600.00	210113/3623/kiln, wheel clay
01/02/2013	Chris Booth	005817	50.00	168/3616/support for bjorn eve
01/02/2013	Broken Cross Paint & Wallpaper	005818	40.50	417/3617/Paint for Town Hall
01/02/2013	Cheshire East Council	005819	12479.19	41041118/3618/Aug 2012Election
01/02/2013	Congleton Food4Free	005820	250.00	CSG/001/3620/work/planting up
01/02/2013	Congleton High School	005821	35.00	129/3621/A5 Booklets
01/02/2013	Global Hygiene LLP	005822	878.12	1342670/3625/cleaning products
01/02/2013	Jewson Limited	005823	102.30	0767/0164660/3628/Paint
01/02/2013	Lesniak Swann	005824	384.00	4631/3629/web site changes
01/02/2013	Posh Nosh Parties Ltd	005825	451.62	6001/3634/youth comm TBC's
01/02/2013	Prism Business Developments Li	005826	210.59	11382/3638/battery pack
01/02/2013	Talke Chemical Company Limited	005827	74.12	62433/3641/Paint for Town Hall
01/02/2013	TMC Creative Ltd	005828	1684.80	1583/3643/Flyer P/ship
01/02/2013	Royal Mail Group Ltd	005829	900.00	1801430126/3647/mail collectio
04/02/2013	Shell UK Ltd	dd	89.91	S03990141/3639/Shell UK Ltd
05/02/2013	Sam Astbury	005830	250.00	Grant Cong Film Festival
07/02/2013	T Mobile	DD	21.00	V00884657473/3644/JM Mobile
08/02/2013	Los Kaos Ltd	005831	720.00	9620125B2/3648/xmas polar bear
11/02/2013	Association of Town Centre Man	005834	120.00	4441/3649/membership JM
11/02/2013	Congleton Learning Partnership	005835	480.00	888/3650/P/shipfunding unemployed
11/02/2013	Global Hygiene LLP	005836	1298.27	1343834/3651/cleaning products
11/02/2013	South East Cheshire Cycling Ac	005837	600.00	H047/3652/cycle n/work maps
11/02/2013	North Rode Timber Co. Ltd	005838	18.19	135923/3654/wood for museum
11/02/2013	Smith of Derby Ltd	005839	218.40	76923/3656/service of TH clock
11/02/2013	T & S Electrical Limited	005840	27.94	8141/3657/repair office lights
11/02/2013	Threadfast Engineers Ltd	005841	9.05	SIN070021/3658/screws/fixings
11/02/2013	Posh Nosh Parties Ltd	005842	140.40	6313/3659/Bufet AMT
11/02/2013	Shent Events	005833	400.00	P/ship marquee
12/02/2013	Pitney Bowes Finance	DD	264.98	Franking Machine rental
14/02/2013	Wirehouse Employer Services	DD	102.00	Health & Safety Consultancy
19/02/2013	Wirehouse Employer Services	DD	153.60	HR Support
22/02/2013	Allied Catering Equipment	005843	901.80	14580/3661/repairs to cooker
22/02/2013	Angel Springs	005844	4.18	1737175/3663/Drinking water
22/02/2013	Associated Calibration & Train	005845	168.00	27001/3664/annual testing
22/02/2013	Auditing Solutions Ltd	005846	480.00	A3075/3665/internal audit
22/02/2013	Cheshire Association of Local	005847	75.00	002210/3667/training bh/be/np
22/02/2013	Intergage Ltd	005848	252.00	18068/3670/mybeartown hosting
22/02/2013	Investors In Publishing Ltd	005849	210.00	16611/3671/advert
22/02/2013	Jewson Limited	005850	15.84	0767/0165946/3672/latches
22/02/2013	Parkholme Construction Ltd	005851	954.61	011/043/3673/bar/kitchen works
22/02/2013	SAS Refrigeration	005852	285.20	8953/3674/fridge repairs
22/02/2013	The Stationery Cupboard	005853	84.07	0098/3677/Stationery
22/02/2013	United Utilities	005854	657.31	130212/3678/Town Hall Water
22/02/2013	Maximeyes Security Ltd	005855	42.00	19730/3684/alarm call out
22/02/2013	RBS autopay	DD	22737.14	Payroll February 2013
25/02/2013	West Mercia Energy	dd	2077.28	1033268/3518/WMS Gas
25/02/2013	Prism Bus Developments	DD	546.52	IT support
25/02/2013	Congleton Harriers	005856	250.00	Grant Harriers
28/02/2013	Shell UK Ltd	dd	1.80	S04006113/3675/fuel card fee
28/02/2013	Sita UK Ltd	dd	202.14	28564054/3655/waste collection
28/02/2013	Allpay Ltd	DD	36.08	Allotment garage rental
28/02/2013	SLCC	005857	20.00	BH GPOC submission

28/02/2013	Petty cash	005858	149.11	Petty cash
11/02/2013	Allen Pavitt Contracts Ltd	005832	8760.00	S13347/3729/new tables
04/03/2013	Shell UK Ltd	dd	92.19	S04024164/3676/Fuel for van
04/03/2013	Parkrun	005859	250.00	Grant to Park run
05/03/2013	Broken Cross Paint & Wallpaper	005860	107.26	523/3685/Paint
05/03/2013	British Telecom	005861	271.63	MR74673400Q027/3688/phones
05/03/2013	Cheshire Association of Local	005862	30.00	002274/3690/Training
05/03/2013	Cheshire East Council	005863	960.00	41041838/3691/xmas tree
05/03/2013	Chubb Fire	005864	962.28	3856017/3692/Chubb Fire
05/03/2013	Congleton Learning Partnership	005865	204.00	894/3693/1st Aid Training
05/03/2013	Congleton Museum	005866	36.00	395/3694/Room Hire
05/03/2013	Global Hygiene LLP	005867	161.40	1343921/3669/Fellowship Hse
05/03/2013	MAC Tool & Plant Hire Ltd	005868	724.80	4683/3695/2 x infrared heaters
05/03/2013	Maxigene Enviromental Service	005869	45.00	15704C/3696/Maxigene Envirome
05/03/2013	Pear Technology Services Ltd	005870	300.00	107972/3697/Tech Support
05/03/2013	Posh Nosh Parties Ltd	005871	243.90	6503/3700/catering recharges
05/03/2013	Posh Nosh Parties Ltd	005872	30.60	6703/3706/Catering recharges
05/03/2013	P&V Newton & Sons Ltd	005873	19.60	05785/3702/keys
05/03/2013	Prism Business Developments Li	005874	150.58	12524/3703/Printer Cartridge
08/03/2013	Cong Musical Theatre	005875	500.00	Grant towards Annie production
11/03/2013	Cheshire Community Action	3707	60.00	150313/3707/CCA Awards Entry
11/03/2013	T Mobile	DD	21.00	V00890187320/3704/jm mobile
13/03/2013	Purchase Power	d d	213.00	BA380997/3698/Postage
13/03/2013	British Telecom	Dd	45.81	MR74673199Q051/3689/FAX
14/03/2013	Wirehouse Employer Services	DD	102.00	Health & safety consultants
15/03/2013	Posh Nosh Parties Ltd	005878	1344.85	68/3709/Catering recharges
15/03/2013	T & S Electrical Limited	005879	1335.74	8262/3712/Kitchen lamps
18/03/2013	Angel Springs	005880	39.50	1768198/3716/Water
18/03/2013	North Rode Timber Co. Ltd	005881	46.38	136413/3717/coat hooks etc
18/03/2013	Global Hygiene LLP	005882	67.20	1343967/3719/consumables
18/03/2013	Tennyson Insurance	005883	322.23	P/Ship Insurance 2013/14
19/03/2013	Wirehouse Employer Services	DD	153.60	HR Support monthly
19/03/2013	Nerd Studios Ltd	005884	88.50	12-D1/3728/p/ship flyers
22/03/2013	Shell UK Ltd	D d	95.98	S040136/3732/fuel for van
22/03/2013	Salaries March2013	AUTOPAY	23396.45	Salaries March2013
25/03/2013	Prism Bus Developments	535.92	535.92	IT Support Monthly
25/03/2013	Solo Print	005885	150.00	Easter Egg Competition leaflet
26/03/2013	ARC Business Services Ltd	005886	36.00	2474/3720/easter stickers
26/03/2013	Cheshire Electrical Supplies L	005887	18.12	C1655991/3721/bulbs
26/03/2013	Heads (Congleton) Limited	005888	165.60	78132/3722/Bridal Fayre advert
26/03/2013	E Cheshire Chamber of Comm & E	005889	156.00	4552/3723/membership cost
26/03/2013	Four Oaks Nurseries Ltd	005890	67.20	50145/3724/Compost
26/03/2013	Global Hygiene LLP	005891	151.20	1344061/3725/Fellowship House
26/03/2013	Jewson Limited	005892	12.70	0767/0167314/3726/cement
26/03/2013	The Leaflet Team	005893	368.00	CTC0016/3727/Bear Nec distribu
26/03/2013	R1Creative Ltd	005895	162.00	222/3730/photoshop training
26/03/2013	The Stationery Cupboard	005896	146.66	101/3733/Stationery
26/03/2013	T & S Electrical Limited	005897	410.47	8272/3734/repl door entry pad
26/03/2013	United Utilities	005898	15.28	180213/3735/allotments water
26/03/2013	Visyon Ltd	005899	200.00	12065/3736/contrib elec charge
27/03/2013	West Mercia Energy	DD	1867.44	1050489/3681/Gas Town Hall
27/03/2013	West Mercia Energy	dd	263.55	1053110/3683/Elec P/Pool
28/03/2013	Sita UK Ltd	Dd	202.14	28603507/3708/Waste Collection
28/03/2013	Plus Dane	DD	36.08	Garage rental allotments

Total Payments

99569.90

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Monday 18th March 2013 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Matthew Procter (Chairman)

Nathan Davies

Beth Evans

Joseph Hearson

Hannah Booth

Matthew Jones

Thomas Minshull

Tom Heyes

Councillor Larry Barker

Councillor George Hayes

Councillor Sally Ann Holland

Linda Minshull

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Maddy Summerfield, Gabrielle Booth, Catherine Hassall, Jordan Goodwin and Councillor Liz Wardlaw.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 5th February 2013 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. YOUTH COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERING WEBSITE

Nathan gave an update on the development of the Website. The aim is for the new site to be launched by the end of April. Linda will request that there is a Town Council agenda item for the meeting on 18th April and Nathan will give Town Councillors an update on progress.

Nathan will forward the terms and conditions to Larry for his comments.

4. YOUTH COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT

It was reported that the balance remains at £773.92.

Larry is scheduled to run in the Bristol 10K race on 5th May 2013 and offered to run in aid of the Town Mayor's Charities with funds going to Youth Organisations. Larry will forward a sponsorship form and asked the Youth Committee members to help with getting sponsors.

5. **DRUGS EDUCATION**

Linda updated the Committee on discussions she had with Harriett at Fiona's Office who will be arranging the meeting with the schools. Members requested that the meeting be scheduled in an afternoon after 3.30 p.m. if possible.

It was suggested that the Youth Committee discuss progress with the Town Council's Anti Social Behaviour Group. It was also suggested that the Youth Committee feed comments to the Police & Crime Commissioner when he visits the Town Council.

6. **JEANNE WHITEHURST FELLOWSHIP**

Hannah agreed to draft a promotion letter for the scheme. Larry agreed to proof the letter prior to distribution.

7. **FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

Further discussions took place on this item but no decision on date or venue is yet decided. Linda was requested to check with Jeanne on a date which is convenient to her.

8. **YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS**

Lichfield

Sally informed the Committee that she was planning a visit to Lichfield with George to discuss various items one of which is the Youth Committee. She asked if members would be interested in joining her. Members of the Youth Committee were keen to attend if a convenient date could be organised.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

U.S.A. - Congleton

Members discussed towns in the USA being called Congleton. Members would conduct more research with a view to possibly making contact with youth representatives in the Towns.

Path from Congleton Park

Members commented that they are pleased with the improvements to the path between the park and Eaton Bank, now that the new lighting has been installed. It is well used by pupils from Eaton Bank Academy.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 16th April 2013 at 7 p.m.

Maddy Summerfield (Chairman)

FIONA BRUCE MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Mr B Hogan
Town Clerk – Congleton Town Council
Congleton Town Hall
High Street
Congleton, CW12 1BN



27 March 2013

Our Ref: C/LinkRoad/FB/HC
Please quote the reference on any correspondence

Dear Brian

I stood up yesterday in the Chamber of the House of Commons to make the case for the Congleton Link Road and enclose a copy of my speech.

This was the first opportunity to do so and I had just five minutes; I am following this with a request for meetings with the Transport Minister and you can be assured that I shall continue, as ever, to fight for Congleton in this respect.

The film of my presentation in the House can be found online at <http://www.parliamentlive.tv/Main/Player.aspx?meetingId=12862> at 7.04.21 hours.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Bruce MP
Member of Parliament for the Congleton Constituency
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(HANSARD)

Tuesday 26 March 2013

Mr Deputy Speaker (Mr Lindsay Hoyle): On her birthday, I call Barbara Keeley.

6.33 pm

Barbara Keeley (Worsley and Eccles South) (Lab): Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. (c . .)

I do not know whether any Government Members have birthdays today, but if they do I wish them a happy birthday, too.

6.38 pm

Fiona Bruce (Congleton) (Con): In fact, today is also my birthday! I am grateful for the opportunity, on this jolly occasion, to draw the House's attention to proposals for a Congleton link road that would run from Sandbach road to the west of the town, past the north of the town centre and on to Macclesfield road to the east. The potential benefits have been excellently summed up in an appropriately titled document, "The key to unlocking Cheshire East: Securing jobs and a future for the local economy", which has been compiled by a forward thinking partnership of Congleton business people and the East Cheshire chamber of commerce, collectively called the Link2Prosperity group - L2P.

The road would improve connectivity right across east Cheshire by improving links to Manchester airport, the M60 and the M6, the latter being just 10 minutes away at Sandbach, junction 17, in my constituency. It would also improve connectivity to the rail network, particularly the inter-city connection at Crewe, and would help alleviate heavy traffic problems that the people of Holmes Chapel have endured for 40 years.

David Rutley (Macclesfield) (Con): On my hon. Friend's birthday, she is making a characteristically powerful speech. I agree wholeheartedly that the Congleton link road will be vital in improving connectivity in east Cheshire and to stimulate economic growth. Does she agree that it is also important to have a similar road—the Poynton-Woodford relief road—to help to improve connectivity in the north of our borough?

Fiona Bruce: I absolutely do agree. It is interesting to note that both these roads are priorities in Cheshire East council's draft development strategy.

The Congleton link road would reduce the daily traffic congestion in the centre of Congleton that impedes businesses, residents and school pupils and has been described by Siemens, the town's biggest employer, as "chronic". It would also reduce the consequential high levels of nitrous oxide at pollution hot spots in the town.

The benefits of this road involve far more than traffic improvements alone. Its route north of the town would open up much-improved access to industrial and business park sites that are small, land-locked, in poor condition and under-occupied, which means that existing businesses looking to expand are being forced to relocate. Moreover, the sites offer minimal opportunities for inward investment by new businesses. All this could radically change with the investment in these sites that improved connectivity both locally and regionally would justify. The benefits of opening them up are cited not only in the L2P document but in Cheshire East council's draft development strategy, which states in its foreword that the council has

"a jobs-led development strategy, supported by improved connectivity through sustainable infrastructure such as the...Congleton Link Road".

11 2013

Easter Adjournment

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It goes on to say that the strategy

"seeks to promote the right conditions for jobs growth—by boosting the delivery of existing major employment sites, improving connectivity and identifying new areas for future investment and expansion."

The Congleton link road will do just that.

Let me give a case study. The L2P document talks about Senior Aerospace Bird Bellows, which is based at Radnor Park estate, one of the business sites to the north of Congleton. SABB manufactures key aircraft components, and it is Congleton's second largest employer. Key visitors to SABB include Boeing, Airbus and Rolls-Royce. Sadly, as the L2P document states, the condition of Radnor Park estate does not reflect its status as the home of a high-tech, world-class manufacturer. SABB is set to grow; indeed, 100 jobs are about to be attracted to the company very soon. However, if it is to remain in Congleton, it is crucial that Radnor Park estate is improved. Improvements to the Radnor Park site, and indeed to other business sites in the area, could provide knock-on benefits in terms of attracting additional new businesses and much-needed employment opportunities, particularly for young people, that cannot be overestimated. That is why over 60 local companies listed in the L2P document support the link road proposal, including the town's biggest employer, Siemens, which says that

"this new artery has the potential to pump new levels of economic activity into this town."

The proposals are also supported by Congleton town council, Congleton Partnership and the retail arm of Congleton Business Association, which say that there is a need to focus on contemporaneous support for the town centre's public realm and retail sector to ensure that that part of the town flourishes, in conjunction with this redevelopment, just as much as the business parks. I believe that with appropriate creative thinking and investment, the town centre will indeed benefit, not only as a result of the improved traffic flow and access to the town centre, but because it will provide a more pleasant shopping and leisure experience, and, one hopes, increased footfall as a result. Other key supporters include Congleton high school, Eaton Bank school and Congleton Town football club, all of which have ambitious aspirations to develop their facilities—something that could be facilitated by the link road development, with its improved connectivity and release of land.

In association with the link road, there would be additional housing developments. These must be sensitively planned, taking into account the existing communities' views. That is a very important consideration that we must continually be aware of.

I ask the Minister to raise this important local proposal with his colleagues in the Department of Transport in the hope that I, and others, will be able to meet Ministers there in the near future to discuss this project in greater detail.

Homecoming Parade meeting

3rd April 2013

1. Draft itineraries have been issued and the troops will arrive in Congleton at 10am the parade will start at 12 noon. A reception will held in the Town Hall for VIP's at 10.30, then lunch provided for the troops and guests at 12 noon to 12.45pm.
2. Eddie Pickering will advise on what type of food to provide, CEBC will provide £6 per head for the buffet
3. The route was briefly discussed, but, not finalised as Eddie Pickering and the police were not present. Wayne Ashdown would like a copy of our proposed route
4. Don't foresee any issues about road closures
5. Need barriers for the parade, podium and P.A. outside the Town Hall to take the salute
6. CEBC press officer will contact all schools and seek their support on the day, provide press releases, flyers and place information on Twitter and Facebook. Bus and taxi companies etc. will be informed about the street closures
7. Street collections will be allowed, but, CEBC will agree the charities that can collect

14 th June, Congleton	Troops will arrive at 10.00am , the parade will start at 11.00am	Parade	Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cabinet Town Mayor (s) Senior Army Officers Fiona Bruce MP Local Members Local VIPs Freemen	Light refreshments to be provided for Invited guests at the Town Hall from 10.30am . Invited guests to view parade from cordoned off area by saluting area.
14 th June, Congleton	During parade	Salute and formal welcome by Mayor of Cheshire East Presentation of medals by the Mayor		Podium and PA will be provided by Congleton Town Council
14 th June, Congleton	12.00 to 12.45pm	Reception after parade at lunchtime at Congleton Town Hall	Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cabinet Town Mayor	Room booked

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Brian Hogan

From: CLOWES, Janet (Councillor) <Janet.Clowes@cheshireeast.gov.uk>
Sent: 04 April 2013 18:25
To: Brian Hogan
Cc: BROWN, David (Councillor); TOPPING, David (Councillor)
Subject: RE: Mountview, Congleton

Dear Brian

Thank you for your email and thanks also to the Town Council for engaging in the Mountview Consultation process.

I will forward this email to the relevant officers.

One thing I would mention at this stage is that we do not now have a five-year strategic plan as you describe as we are now in the process of working with our CCGs to develop a full dementia strategy (as part of the Joint Health & Well-being Strategy where dementia care and care of elders are identified as priority areas).

The Mountview Consultation (along with data from the Building based Review and other health data) will feed into this along with relevant data bases that can be found in the JSNA (Joint Strategic Needs Assessment). This important data-base is constantly being added to and 'refreshed'. It is a statutory requirement of the CE Health and Well-Being Board and can be accessed by the public on the CE website - you should find this helpful in your deliberations.

With best wishes

Cllr Janet Clowes

Portfolio Holder: Health & Adult Social Care.

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From: Brian Hogan [bh@congletontowncouncil.co.uk]
Sent: Thursday, April 04, 2013 12:02 PM GMT Standard Time
To: CLOWES, Janet (Councillor)
Cc: BROWN, David (Councillor); TOPPING, David (Councillor)
Subject: Mountview, Congleton

Dear Cllr Clowes,

The Town Council would like to provide a considered response to the consultation currently being undertaken by Cheshire east concerning Mountview. To assist us in this process is it possible to provide the following information which I guess you will have at your disposal when you and your colleagues consider the future of this facility. The information we would like is:-

1. A copy of the 5 year Strategic Plan for Dementia, Respite Care and Learning Difficulties provision
2. A copy of your Care Policy
3. Information on what numbers of beds/places that are available in Congleton and the surrounding area for:-

- a. Dementia
 - b. Respite Care
 - c. Learning Difficulties
4. Information on the cost of providing care in Mountview per person in the 3 areas mentioned above in comparison to other providers

Kind regards

Brian Hogan

Congleton Town Council

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MEETING DATES 2013-14

May 2013

- 23 Planning (7.00pm)
- 30 Finance & Policy (7.00pm)
- 30 Special Council (8.00pm)

June 2013

- 6 Community, Environment & Services (7.00pm)
- 13 Planning (7.00pm)
- 13 Town Hall (7.45pm)
- 20 Council (7.00pm)
- 27 Planning (7.00pm)

July 2013

- 18 Planning (7.00pm)

August 2013

- 22 Planning (7.00pm)
- 22 Council (7.45pm) if required
- 29 Community, Environment & Services (7.00pm)
- 29 Finance & Policy (7.45pm)

September 2013

- 5 Planning (7.00pm)
- 19 Council (7.00pm)
- 26 Planning (7.00pm)
- 26 Town Hall (7.45pm)

October 2013

- 3 Community, Environment & Services (7.00pm)
- 17 Planning (7.00pm)
- 17 Finance & Policy (7.45pm)
- 31 Council (7.00pm)

November 2013

- 14 Planning (7.00pm)
- 14 Town Hall (7.45pm)
- 21 Community, Environment & Services (7.00pm)
- 28 Planning (7.00pm)
- 28 Finance & Policy (7.45pm)

December 2013

- 5 Council (7.00pm)



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Information for Members

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January 2014

- 9 Planning (7.00pm)
- 9 Finance & Policy (7.45pm)
- 16 Council (7.00pm)
- 23 Planning (7.00pm)

February 2014

- 6 Community, Environment & Services (7.00pm)
- 20 Planning (7.00pm)
- 20 Finance & Policy (7.45pm)

March 2014

- 6 Council (7.00pm)
- 13 Planning (7.00pm)
- 13 Town Hall (7.45pm)
- 20 Community, Environment & Services (7.00pm)
- 27 Finance & Policy (7.00pm)

April 2014

- 3 Planning (7.00pm)
- 17 Council (7.00pm)
- 24 Informal Meeting (7.00pm)

May 2014

- 8 Annual Town Meeting (This is not a meeting of the Council, but one convened for the Town's electorate) (7.00pm)
- 15 Annual Council Meeting (7.00pm)

Meetings of Personnel Committee and Strategy Working Group will be convened as Business dictates. Additional meetings for the Congleton Town Hall Committee will be convened as and when required.

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