



Congleton Town Council

Historic market town

Town Clerk: **BRIAN HOGAN**



26th September 2012

Dear Councillor,

Community, Environment and Services Committee – Wednesday 4th October 2012

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Community, Environment & Services Committee, to be held in the Town Hall, High Street, Congleton on **Thursday 4th October 2012 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,

TOWN CLERK

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence. (Members are reminded of the necessity to give apologies in advance of the meeting and to give reasons for absence).
2. Minutes of Last Meeting

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th August 2012 as a correct record (copy enclosed).

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both "personal" and "personal and prejudicial" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.



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4. Outstanding Actions

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CAE/40/1112

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CES/02/1213

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 Clerk to contact McCarthy and Stone to elicit their assistance in the matter.

CES/03/1213

Cllrs P Bates and G Williams determine how to move forward the notion of utilising the Community Payback scheme and report back to the next committee meeting.

CES/10/1213

1. The Town Centre Manager provide an analysis of how effective the scheme has been during the past 12 months for retailers.
2. Approach Local Life to ascertain what additional support they can provide to promote the scheme in Congleton.

5. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

To elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee

6. Boat on the River Dane

To receive a verbal update on progress being made to resolve the issue of the boat on the River Dane.

7. Residents Street Parking (enclosed)

To consider advantages/disadvantages of Residents Street parking schemes (enclosed).

8. 11 million Take Over Day

To receive and consider a verbal report on the 11 million Take Over Day.

9. Astbury Mere Development (e-mail enclosed for items 8 &9)

To consider the notion of requesting pedestrian crossing across Newcastle Road prior to the development being built.

10. Speed Sign on Manchester Road (e-mail enclosed for items 8 &9)

To consider the appropriate area for the speed signage to be placed on Manchester road.

11. Police and Crime Commissioner (enclosed)

To receive correspondence from John Dwyer candidate for Cheshire's Police and Crime Commissioner.

12. Congleton's Children's Centre

To receive a presentation from Congleton's Children's Centre.

13. Local Authority School Governors (enclosed)

To consider whether any councillor wishes to be considered to be a School Governor at Daven Primary School.

14. Resolution to exclude the Public and Press

To consider passing a resolution 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.

15. Cheshire Police

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

To consider carrying out accompanied visits with the Police/PCSO

To Members of the Community and Environment Committee
 Appointed Member, Hon Burgess Mrs M M Williamson
ccs. Other members of the Council and Honorary Burgesses (4) for
 Information; Press (3)

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES
COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 2012

PRESENT: Councillors G S Williams (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)
Mrs D S Allen
P Bates
J S Crowther
G P Hayes
Mrs S A Holland
Mrs A M Martin
D Murphy
Mrs J D Parry
N T Price
E Clarke – Appointed Member

1. APOLOGIES.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D T Brown. Apologies were also received from Cllrs G Baxendale, and D A Parker who are not members of this particular committee.

2. MINUTES

CES/06/1213 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th June 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are requested to declare both "personal" and "personal and prejudicial" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

There were no declarations of interest.

4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

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CES/02/1213

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 Clerk to contact McCarthy and Stone to elicit their assistance in the matter.

CES/03/1213 RESOLVED that Cllrs P Bates and G Williams determine how to move forward the notion of utilising the Community Payback scheme and report back to the next committee meeting.

5. MINUTES OF THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP

CES/07/1213 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th May and 26th June 2012, be approved.

6. BOAT ON THE RIVER DANE

Correspondence from Caroline Simpson CEBC and Mr G Goodwin concerning the boat on the River Dane were considered by the Committee.

CES/08/1213 RESOLVED that:-

1. Cllr D. Brown be requested to take up the issue with Cheshire East to find a solution to the problem.
2. All Cheshire East Councillors to be contacted to lobby Cheshire East re support action to resolve the problem.
3. Cllr N. Price to be given some time to resolve the issue.

7. RESIDENTS STREET PARKING

It was noted that residents street parking schemes had been referred to CEBC Highways Department for consideration and they would examine the under use of parking during the day at Kinsey Street, Park Road and Park View.

CES/09/1213 RESOLVED that the verbal update be received.

8. LOVE LOCAL LIFE

A report on the Love local Life initiative was presented to the Council. It was noted that the scheme has been operating for 1 year and the renewal subscription is now due.

CES/10/1213 RESOLVED that:-

1. The Town Centre Manager to provide an analysis of how effective the scheme has been during the past 12 months for retailers.
2. Approach Local Life to ascertain what additional support they can provide to promote the scheme in Congleton.

9. STREET NAMING

A notice from Cheshire East informing the Council that the Borough is passing a resolution to adopt the legislative provisions in relation to street naming throughout the Borough of Cheshire East.

CES/11/1213 RESOLVED that the correspondence be received.

10. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

CES/12/1213 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 discussions of private and confidential information or staff matters.

11. CHESHIRE POLICE

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

It was noted that there were no members of Cheshire Police Force present.

Clir P. Bates outlined a proposal to make use of the probation service Community Payback Scheme. It was noted that the Payback Scheme operating at Astbury Mere during week commencing the 20th August 2012 will be evaluated.

G Williams

Vice Chairman (In the Chair)

Off Street Car Parking Survey

What has triggered this was a strongly worded request (letter) from a resident that Moody Street be turned into resident only parking. We had hoped that the Cheshire East working panel would address this issue but unfortunately – their remit only covered Car Parks and not on street parking.

As you know I, along with others, have always criticised the permit only bays as they seem to be very much underused and a waste of good shoppers parking slots. This letter has galvanised me in to action.

I had previously expected that there were quite a few anomalies but when I look at the data it is not as bad as I first thought that it might be. Nevertheless there are still one or two questions.

What I have found is that there are essentially 4 different styles of regulated on street parking

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| 1 8am to 7pm with a 30 minute stay.
Lawton St., High St., West St. & Swan Bank | Total 55 bays (65%) |
| 2 8am to 6pm with a 60 minute stay
Moody St., Mill St., Moor St & Chapel St (this one is 9-5) | Total 30 bays (65%) |
| 3 8am to 6pm – permit holders only
Market Sq., Kinsey St., | Total 19 bays (20%) |
| 4 8am to 8pm – permit holders only
Worrall St (Dane Housing) & Park Rd
A slight twist on this one is there are also some mixed use bays by the paddling pool offering either 120 minutes or permit holders. | Total 20 bays (10%)

Total 12 bays (33%) |

There are also a number of unregulated parking areas within walking distance of the Town so I have collected data on these also

Howey Lane, Tudor Way, Howey Hill, Priestly Fields, Antrobus St.,
Worrall St., (by Scout hut) & Waggs Rd. Total 160 bays (55%)

The figure in brackets after the number of bays is the actual usage on the day of the survey.

These the queries arising from the survey

- 1 Why isn't Moody St. classed the same as High St & West St.? It is closer to the busy Town Centre than West St but enjoys a longer stay?
- 2 Why is Chapel St. 9-5 – this must surely be an anomaly

- 3 Why are there 5 slots outside Dane Housing (8-8) for permit holders only when there are no houses? These appear to be for commercial use not residential – which must be against the general principal.
- 4 What is the logic for providing the mixed use bays by the paddling pool – why 120 minutes? (I am not against it – but would like to understand the logic).
- 5 Why is Park Road 8-8 when Kinsey St. is 8-6?
- 6 I can't fathom the logic of the different time variations – 9-5, 8-6, 8-7 & 8-8. Can this please be explained?

I conclude that the permit only bays are considerably underused (ave 15%) and are a block to shoppers looking for a short stop to visit the Bank etc causing circulating traffic looking for that elusive slot. Unlike High St. and Lawton Street, the top end of Moody St. is residential and yet only allows 60 minute parking (compare Antrobus St. which is unregulated).

To make better use of our on street Town Centre parking I would suggest that ALL current permit holder only bays are converted to mixed use (as in the Park Rd. Paddling pool area) and that to assist the residents at the top end of Moody St – that area be designated mixed use as well.

Finally, I observed that the non restricted areas, notably Howey Lane, Howey Hill, Antrobus St. and Waggs Rd. were heavily used mostly by all day parkers. These parkers are one of the main reasons given for the introduction of Car Parking charges. Attempts should be made to free up these congested streets (particularly Howey Lane) by introducing mixed use limited parking e.g. 8am - 6pm, 60 minute stay or Residents permits.

Bob Edwards

On Street Parking

Location	Landmark	Parking Times	Length of Stay (mins)	Bays or max capacity	In use on the day	Individual Usage	Total Usage
Lawton Street	Purple Pakora	8am to 7pm	30	24	19	79%	
High Street	Poundstretchers	8am to 7pm	30	12	7	58%	
West Street	Staffs Knot	8am to 7pm	30	14	8	57%	
Swan Bank	Three Way	8am to 7pm	30	5	4	80%	
Moody Street	Moody Hall	8am to 6pm	60	5	4	80%	
Moody Street	Vets	8am to 6pm	60	8	6	75%	
Mill Street	Opposite Boat	8am to 6pm	60	4	0	0%	
Moor Street	Bakers Coaches	8am to 6pm	60	4	1	25%	
Chapel Street	Church	9am to 5pm	60	9	6	67%	65%
Market Square	Museum	8am to 6pm	Unlimited	5	2	40%	
Kinsey Street		8am to 6pm	Unlimited	14	2	14%	
Park Road	Park end	8am to 8pm	Unlimited	15	1	7%	
Worral Street	Dane Housing	8am to 8pm	Unlimited	5	1	20%	
Park Road	Paddling Pool	8am to 8pm	120	12	4	33%	20%
Howey Lane		No restrictions		28	20	71%	
Tudor Way		No restrictions		12	0	0%	
Howey Hill		No restrictions		37	8	22%	
Priesty Fields	Nortek	No restrictions		10	4	40%	
Antrobus Street		No restrictions		35	22	63%	
Worral Street	Scout Hut	No restrictions		16	16	100%	
Waggs Road	Methodist Church	No restrictions		22	18	82%	55%

Brian Hogan

From: Bob Edwards <bobed@sky.com>
Sent: 19 September 2012 16:28
To: 'JohnJane'
Cc: Brian Hogan
Subject: RE: Urgent items in Town Council Meeting.

John – it's up to Brian to make a decision on this (I'm OK with it).
I have therefore copied him in on this reply so that he can consider it.
Bob

From: JohnJane [<mailto:jsj.crowther@talktalk.net>]
Sent: 19 September 2012 14:14
To: bobed@sky.com
Subject: Re: Urgent items in Town Council Meeting.

Hi Bob,

Could you please tell me if it would be ok for me to raise 2 items under item 12 Urgent Items, at tomorrows Town Council meeting?.

1) I wish to raise the issue concerning Astbury Mere development. The conditions was that a pedestrian crossing be applied across the busy Newcastle Rd prior to the development being built. I am getting lots of concerned residents asking me about this for which I don't have an answer for.

2) The speed restriction signage on the Manchester Rd was to be relocated further away from residential area, this has still not yet been carried out. The reason it was delayed was due to legal wranglings from last January. If Gordon Baxendale is at the meeting tomorrow I could just remind him about it rather than raise this under item 12.

See you tomorrow Bob.

Kind regards,

John

JOHN DWYER

Conservative Candidate for Cheshire's
Police and Crime Commissioner



Mr B Hogan
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10th September 2012

Dear Mr. Hogan

A new Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire - the views of your Town Council matter to me

The first ever election for a Police and Crime Commissioner to serve Cheshire, Halton and Warrington will be held on 15th November 2012. Police and Crime Commissioners will mean that, for the first time, local residents will be able to hold someone to account for policing in their area. The new PCC will work to bring communities closer to the police, build confidence and restore trust in the policing system. However, research has shown that, at the moment, most people are not aware either of this new post or of the election.

This role will involve close liaison with Town Councils across the Cheshire Constabulary area as the Police and Crime Commissioner will need to establish what the local policing needs are. As the Conservative candidate in this election, I believe it is important, at an early stage, to engage with Town Councils and to help them gain a clear understanding of what the role is and how they will be able to make a full contribution to the policing plan I will be tasked with developing if elected in November.

To that end I would like to invite representatives from your Town Council to a presentation evening I have arranged as follows:

Wednesday 17th October 2012

7.30pm

Toft Cricket Club, Booths Hall, Chelford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 8QP

I really would appreciate the opportunity to engage with your Town Council on this important new role and hear firsthand what the views and needs of your community are. If you are able to attend the meeting, please let me know how many seats you would like allocating to you using the contact details below. In the meantime, I have enclosed a simple survey with this letter which I hope you will feel able to complete so I can work hard to reflect your priorities going forward. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to discuss these issues further.

I look forward to hearing from you and meeting you in October.

Yours sincerely

John Dwyer

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Conservatives

TOWN COUNCIL SURVEY

Keeping in touch with the views of local communities in Cheshire, Halton and Warrington

Please let me know your views on police and crime issues as you see them affecting your Town Council and the community it serves.

If elected as Cheshire's first Police and Crime Commissioner I am determined to be a strong advocate for local communities across the Force Area and would appreciate your thoughts on these important issues.

Please take a few moments to fill out this survey and return it to me at the address below. *Many thanks.*

John Dwyer
Conservative Candidate for Cheshire's Police and Crime Commissioner

Survey completed on behalf of:

Town Council:

Contact:

Email:

How we use your data Some data we receive from you will probably comprise personal data about you and may include sensitive personal data. The types of information we may collect about you will probably include your name, address and contact information and information about your ethnic origin, political opinions, and religious, philosophical and other beliefs. The data you provide will be retained by the Conservative Party ("the data holders") in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998 and related legislation. The data holders will use the data we collect for the following purposes: (i) to improve our understanding of political life in the United Kingdom; (ii) to compile and provide anonymous statistics about voters in the United Kingdom; (iii) to facilitate our operation as a political party; (iv) contact you in the future by telephone, text or other means, even though you may be registered with the Telephone Preference Service, without asking for further permission. Your data will not be sold or given to anyone not connected to the Conservative Party. If you do not want the information you give to us to be used in these ways, or for us to contact you, please indicate by ticking the relevant boxes: Post Email SMS Phone

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Please use the reverse of this form if you would like to expand on any of the questions in this survey or email John with your views.

1 How aware are you of the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections in November?

- Very aware
- Quite aware
- Unaware
- Don't know

2 How effective do you regard Cheshire Constabulary to be in dealing with crime issues in your area?

- Very effective
- Effective
- Ineffective
- Don't know

3 If you could identify ONE priority for police action within your community, what would this be?

- Police officer visibility
- Anti-social behaviour
- Tackling drug users/ dealers
- Detecting crime and arresting offenders
- Road safety
- Other (please specify)

4 If anti-social behaviour is a problem in your community, which types are of most concern? (Please tick all those which apply)

- Abandoned cars
- Graffiti
- Litter / fly-tipping
- Vandalism
- Street drinking
- Noise pollution

5 What are your priorities for policing in your community?

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DATE: 28 August 2012 OUR REF: LA YOUR REF:

Dear Mr Murphy

Reappointment of Local Authority Governors to School Governing Bodies

Daven Primary School

I write to remind you that your term of office as a Local Authority appointed governor comes to an end on 6/12/2012 and to ask whether you would wish to be considered for reappointment for a further four year term of office.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the time and effort that you put into your role as a governor. I appreciate that this is difficult in the context of other commitments and am aware that as things are continually changing in education the role of volunteer school governor becomes more challenging rather than less, although I believe this also increases the opportunity for governors to make a genuine difference in the lives of the children and young people in our schools.

I very much hope that you do wish to be reappointed. If you are in any doubt about this please contact me to discuss it, if you wish.

I appreciate that you have not been asked to complete an 'application form' for the role in the past. However Cheshire East elected members have agreed a new appointment procedure, intended to bring clarity and transparency to the process. In line with the new procedure I do need to ask you to complete the attached application form and sign the code of conduct for Cheshire East Local Authority Governors. I would greatly appreciate it if you could complete the form and return it to the address above. If you would prefer to complete the application form electronically it can be downloaded from the Cheshire East Council website at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/governors and emailed to schoolgovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk.

The next meeting of the appointments panel is on 19th October 2012 and you will be contacted shortly after this date to inform you of the outcome of that meeting.

If you do not wish to be considered for reappointment I would be grateful if you would return the tear off slip at the bottom of this letter, telephone me, or email schoolgovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could contact me, either with your application or your decision not to be reappointed by 5th October 2012 in order for me to inform the meeting of the panel on 19th October 2012.

Many thanks for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding this issue, and thank you once again for all you are doing for the children and young people in Cheshire East schools.

Yours sincerely



Ruth Agnew
Principal Officer, School Governance Team
Phone: 0300 123 5036
Email: schoolgovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Mr D Murphy

Daven Primary School

I do not wish to seek reappointment as an LA Governor at the above named school

Signed _____