

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 19TH NOVEMBER 2009

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs S-A Holland (Chairman)
C Anstice
R. Boston
D Murphy
Mrs J Whitehurst
Mrs M M Williamson (Appointed Member)

E Clarke (Mayor)

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors: D Brown (Deputy Mayor), Mrs L Daniels, D Martin.

2. **MINUTES**

CAE/31/0910 RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 8th October 2009 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Councillors D Murphy & Mrs J Whitehurst declared personal interests in item 6.
Councillors D Murphy & Mrs J Whitehurst and Mrs Williamson declared personal and prejudicial interests in item 12.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

CAE/12/0910 Training & development through Business Link
CAE/11/0910 Regeneration funding bid to Cheshire East
CAE/22/0910 Members were advised that the footpath from Jackson Rd to Congleton Park was not a formal right of way, but part of Congleton Park. The condition had been referred to Cheshire East Council.

5. **PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE SUSTAINABILITY GROUP**

Rebecca Pointon, Scientific Officer with Cheshire East Council, gave a presentation on air quality within the Town.

CAE/32/0910 RESOLVED: That the Town Council assist with the spraying of "Activa" to reduce No2 levels in the Town's Air Quality Management Areas
Rebecca was thanked for her most interesting and informative presentation.

6. **POLICING OF EVENTS**

The report of the Change Management Consultant was noted.

7. **CARBON FOOTPRINT**

The report of the Change Management Consultant was noted. The Council's Carbon Footprint for the year ending 30th September 2009 had now been calculated at 163.74 tonnes carbon equivalent. The main factors contributing to this were Energy 76%, Waste 4%, Travel 19% & water<1%.

CAE/33/0910 RECOMMENDED: That the Council sign up as an organisation to 1010UK and aim to reduce its carbon footprint by between 6-10% during the next year.

8. **UPDATE ON REGENERATION FUNDING & DELIVERY**

Members considered a report by the Change Management Consultant on progress with projects and some which may not be completed in the current year.

CAE/34/0910 RESOLVED: That funds of £4650 be transferred from other projects which either no longer need contributions from the Town Council or will not proceed at present to tree planting at Back Street Car Park as part of the greening of Mountbatten Way.

9. **COMMUNITY PRIDE AWARDS & NORTH WEST IN BLOOM**

A report from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager was received on the results and feedback of the two competitions

CAE/35/0910 RESOLVED: That the Town Council thanks the Handy Persons for their excellent work with the notice Boards.

CAE/36/0910 RESOLVED: That Cheshire East be thanked for its work on Congleton Park, the Roundabouts and War Memorial Gardens as well as general street cleanliness, but that improvements to the cleanliness of the public toilets be requested.

CAE/37/0910 RESOLVED: That Congleton in Bloom and Buglawton in Bloom be congratulated on their achievements and thanked on behalf of the Town for their hard work.

CAE/38/0910 RESOLVED: That the town Council make a copy of the judges comments available to the operators of the Railway Station and request their help in improving the area.

CAE/39/0910 RESOLVED: The Town enters the Community Pride Awards again next year and consults with partners about North West in Bloom awards.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. It was noted that the piling up of refuse sacks in Kinsey Street from properties which were not on wheel bins had been referred to and auctioned by Cheshire East Council.

2. Copies of the Congleton Shopping Guide were now available for Members.

11. **RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

CAE/40/0910 RESOLVED: That the Council resolve to exclude the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, from the matters set out below on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of private and confidential information or staff matters.

PART TWO –ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

12. **CONGLETON COMMUNITY PROJECTS TRUST**

CAE/41/0910 RECOMMENDED: That Finance & Policy Committee provide some additional financial support to Congleton Community Projects Trust if this can be accommodated within the Grants Budget.

13. **BUDGET 2010/11**

CAE/42/0910 RECOMMENDED: That Finance & Policy Committee be advised taht Committee have no further recommendations to make on the draft budget.

Mrs S A Holland
Chairman