

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 1ST SEPT 2011

PRESENT: Councillors

G S Williams (Vice-Chairman In the Chair)
G R Edwards
G P Hayes
D A Parker
Mrs J D Parry
N T Price
J S Crowther
Mrs D Allen
D Brown
Mrs A Martin

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Fletcher, D S Martin and Mrs M Williamson.

2. **MINUTES**

CAE/07/1112 RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th June 2011 be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

There were no declarations of interest.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

CAE/41/1011 That the Clerk request a breakdown of the statistics produced on affordable housing as it relates to Congleton. Still awaiting response from CEBC.

CAE/48/1011 RECOMMENDED:

1. A feasibility report on a possible project be developed for the Pedestrian area to align with the Public Realm Strategy.

Investigate possible scheme & costs, prepare report-BH

2. A feasibility report on a possible project be developed for a shelter in Congleton Park. The Youth Committee to be consulted on this project.

Investigate possible scheme & costs, prepare report-BH

3. A report be produced on a possible event to mark the Diamond Jubilee on the Bank Holiday weekend in June 2012.

To be considered further to identify a Council champion.

5. FELLOWSHIP HOUSE

A report produced by Joanne Speed of Visyon about the progress in refurbishing Fellowship House was considered.

CAE/08/1112 RESOLVED:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Council completely support Visyon taking over Fellowship House which includes keeping existing users in place.

6. BOAT ON THE RIVER DANE

The report produced by the Town Clerk and an additional report produced by Cllr Mrs A Martin was considered by the committee. It was noted that CEBC had undertaken a considerable amount of work in trying to resolve the problem of the boat located on the River Dane.

It was noted that the matter has been passed over to the Environment Agency to progress.

CAE/09/1112 RESOLVED:

1. That the reports be received.
2. That the matter to be considered again at the November committee meeting.

7. SCHOOL TRANSPORT

A report produced by CEBC which outlined modifications to the Borough's original proposal to remove the subsidy for school transport was considered.

CAE/10/1112 RESOLVED:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Clerk to write to the appropriate officers of CEBC to ascertain what the plan is for transport subsidies to Eaton Bank School.

8. CONGLETON SUSTAINABILITY GROUP

A report produced by Congleton Sustainability Group outlining the Carbon Reduction Plan 2011 for Congleton was considered by the members.

CAE/11/1112 RESOLVED:

1. That the report be received.

9. BUDGET 2012-13

The Town Clerk pointed out that now is an opportune time to start to consider the requirements for next years' budget and that members would need to take into account utility costs incurred at 18-20%, inflation running at 5% and the need to fund salary increases after 2 years of wage freeze.

CAE/12/1112 RESOLVED:

1. That the verbal report be considered.

10. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2011-09-06

A report was produced by the Town Centre Manager explaining the arrangements for the Christmas Lights Switch On, which will take place on Friday 25th Nov 2011 as advised.

CAE/13/1112 RESOLVED:

1. That the report be received.

11. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

There was no resolution to exclude the press and public.

Councillor G Williams
Vice-Chairman