

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 2011

PRESENT: Councillors G S Williams (Vice-Chairman)
 J S Crowther
 G R Edwards
 G P Hayes
 D A Parker
 Mrs J D Parry
 N T Price
 Mrs M Williamson
 D Brown

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Fletcher and Mrs S A Holland.

2. **MINUTES**

CAE/18/1112 RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th October, 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.

Councillor D T Brown declared a personal interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Borough Council.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

CAE/41/1011

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

5. **SCHOOL TRANSPORT**

The committee noted that Helen Cadwaller, John Nicholson’s P.A. did confirm that Cheshire East had informed the various schools of the changes to subsidies for school transport although the Head Teacher of Eaton Bank did report that she was not informed.

CAE/19/1112 RESOLVED: That the update on school transport be noted.

6. BOAT ON THE RIVER DANE

A report produced by the Town Clerk and Councillor Mrs A Martin concerning action to resolve the Boat on the River Dane was discussed. It was noted that the Environment Agency is still awaiting information from the boat owner to confirm the status of the anchorage.

CAE/20/1112 RESOLVED That:-

1. The report be received.
2. The matter to be referred to the Communities & Environment Committee in three months time.

7. SPEEDING ON LEEK ROAD

An analysis of vehicle speeds produced from the Speed Indicator device sited on Leek Road was presented to the committee.

It was noted that 35% of vehicles had exceeded the 30mph limit.

CAE/21/1112 RESOLVED That:-

1. The report be received.
2. The Clerk to contact Councillor A Thwaite to provide an update on proposed traffic calming on the road.

8. PLUS DANE HOUSING PRIORITIES

It was noted that a number of residents in Congleton had raised concerns at what was perceived to be an influx of families moving in from the conurbations of Manchester and Liverpool into Plus Dane Housing accommodation.

It was also considered that there might be an opportunity to influence CEBC's Cheshire Home Choice Policy.

CAE/22/1112 RESOLVED That:-

1. Councillor D Brown will request a summary of the current arrangements that Plus Dane operates when determining housing allocation from the Managing Director, M. Doran.

9. FUNDING OF PCSO's

Correspondence from the Chief Constable of the Cheshire Constabulary seeking further support for the funding of PCSO's in Congleton was considered.

CAE/23/1112 RESOLVED:-

That the committee recommend that suitable funding be included in the 2012-13 budget and that this then to be referred to Finance & Policy Committee for consideration.

10. BEAT THE WINTER

A report from Cheshire East requesting Town and Parish Councils to sign upto 'Help the Vulnerable People this Winter' was considered by the committee.

CAE/24/1112 RESOLVED:-

That the Town Council will act as a conduit for reporting vulnerable people and will pass on its details to appropriate organisation and Social Services.

11. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

CAE/25/1112 RECOMMENDED: That 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.

12. CHESHIRE POLICE

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

There was no representative of the police in attendance.

To consider the problem of drug taking in Congleton.

CAE/26/1112 RESOLVED:-

That the Town Clerk contact the Police to request a written report on the problem of drugs in Congleton.

Councillor G S Williams
(Vice Chairman in the Chair)