

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 22ND MARCH, 2012**

PRESENT: Councillors D Fletcher (Chairman)
 G Baxendale
 D T Brown
 J S Crowther
 G R Edwards
 G P Hayes
 Mrs A M Martin
 D A Parker
 Mrs J D Parry
 G S Williams
 Mrs M M Williamson
 Co-opted member

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor N T Price. Also, received from Councillor L D Barker and Councillor Mrs E Wardlaw who are not members of this particular committee.

2. MINUTES

CAE/35/1112 RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th February, 2012 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 G Baxendale and D 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. Noted this is now being dealt with at the next Youth Council meeting.

5. UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENT BARN ROAD

The committee considered the disruption that the traveller’s encampment caused to businesses on the Barn Road Estate. It was noted that Cheshire East Borough Council have installed double yellow lines on the road and this ought to give police the power to remove traveller’s who are illegally parking.

CAE/36/1112 RESOLVED: That the situation at Barn Road be continued to be monitored.

6. CHESHIRE EAST FLOOD DEFENCES

Correspondence from Diane Bramhall of Cheshire East Borough Council relating to the siting of CCTV cameras on the flood defences in the area was considered.

CAE/37/1112 RESOLVED: That the correspondence be received and noted.

7. FELLOWSHIP HOUSE LUNCHEON CLUB

A list of duties and responsibilities for the Fellowship House Luncheon Club Sub-Committee was presented to members.

CAE/38/1112 RESOLVED: That the list of duties and responsibilities for the Fellowship House Luncheon Club Sub-Committee be approved.

8. NATIONAL GRID

Correspondence from National Grid detailing the work being carried out in the areas on overhead power cables was considered.

CAE/39/1112 RESOLVED: That the correspondence be received.

9. BOAT ON THE RIVER DANE

A report on the Boat on the River Dane produced by Councillor Mrs A Martin was presented to members. It was also noted that a group of local businessmen had offered to remove the boat at no cost. Some concern was also expressed at the state of repair of Weavers Cottages.

CAE/40/1112 RESOLVED That:-

1. The report be received.
2. Councillor G Baxendale to contact the planners at CEBC to ascertain what can be done about the Weavers Cottage's.
3. Councillor Mrs A Martin to contact the local businessman to identify the status of the offer to have the boat removed.
4. Mrs Williamson to discuss the notion of a "Smartest Shop Project" with the Partnership and LAP.

10. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

There was no resolution to exclude the press and public.

11. CHESHIRE POLICE

There were no members of the police present.

12. A.O.B.

Mrs Williamson reported on the status of the Jubilee Celebrations planned in the Town.

1. All 16 schools in Congleton have planted Jubilee trees.
2. A Jubilee Art competition has been arranged with 5 categories.
3. 2 x wrought iron gateways commemorating the Jubilee are being produced for the Community Garden.
4. On the 4th June there is a Love-i-lee Jub-i-lee event in the Park.
5. A floral plaque is being planted in the Park.
6. There will be a floodlit beacon placed in a prominent position in Congleton which will be lit at 10.15pm on the 4th June.
7. A Jubilee avenue of trees will be planted alongside the A34 at West Heath in November.

D Fletcher
Chairman