

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 25TH MARCH 2010

PRESENT: Councillors R. Boston
D Brown
Mrs L Daniels
Mrs J Whitehurst
Mrs M M Williamson (Appointed Member)

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor D Martin.

2. **MINUTES**

CAE/53/0910 RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 11th February 2010 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.

There were no declarations of interest.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

There were no outstanding actions.

5. **TOWN TOILETS**

The committee considered a report on the current state of the Town Toilets and noted that the Facilities Manager was checking them on a regular basis, however, it was noted that the toilets were still in a poor state.

CAE/54/0910 RESOLVED:-

1. That the report be received.
2. That thanks be passed on to the Facilities Manager for his diligence in checking the toilets
3. That the Town Clerk write to CEBC to request that the Toilets be upgraded to a higher standard and that the décor should be appropriate for the visibly impaired and be D.D.A compliant.

6. ONE STOP SHOP

The Clerk provided a verbal report on The One Stop Shop. It was noted that they have now relocated to the Library and so consequently work has now started to install the Tapas Bar into the Town Hall.

CAE/55/0910 RESOLVED:-

1. That verbal report be received.
2. That members continue to monitor the service provided in the Library for the One Stop Shop and report any concerns to Cllr D Brown.

7. GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

The Committee considered a report setting out the arrangements for the World record Frisbee attempt planned for 22nd April 2010, and noted that volunteers are required to help run the event.

CAE/56/0910 RESOLVED:-

1. That the report was received.
2. The Clerk circulate the request for support for the event to our councillors.

8. COMMUNITY PRIDE AWARD

An update on progress on the Community Pride Award was considered by the members and some concern was expressed at the state of the Town Centre which looks dingy and is full of discarded chewing gum.

CAE/57/0910 RESOLVED:-

1. That the Clerk write to Cllr Menlove (copy Cllr J McCrae and J Nicholson CEBC) requesting that CEBC undertake a deep clean in the Town Centre in April.
2. To ensure that the flower beds in the Town Centre are planted with high quality plants before the Easter break.

9. ON LINE CALENDAR FOR CONGLETON

The Committee noted that the Town Councils Website now contains a calendar of known events that take place throughout the year in Congleton which could assist in preventing more than one event taking place on the same day.

CAE/58/0910 RESOLVED:-

1. That the report be received.
2. The Calendar show details of the date of the Mayor Making Ceremony

10. **A.O.B**

1. Noted that the path from the Co-Op in Buglawton to Foster Road is difficult to navigate because of its poor state and it was thought that the Town Council had set aside £5000 to improve the path.

CAE59/0910 RECOMMENDED:-

- i. To contact CEBC about ascertaining whether the footpath can become a right of way.
 - ii. To determine whether £5000 has been set aside for the purpose of upgrading the path.
2. It was noted that a number of councils including those in Sheffield, Stockport and Knowsey have been brightening up their open spaces by planting sheaths of flowers. CEBC have also taken up this initiative and it was noted that this is a pilot scheme being undertaken at Astbury Mere in a few days time.
 3. Cllr Whitehurst commented that there is going to be a Summer Ball event organised once again this year to be held on Friday 2nd July. Proceeds of the Ball will be donated to a charity to be determined or possibly the Team Olympics 2012.

CAE60/0910 RECOMMENDED:-

1. That the Town Council support the notion of holding a Summer Ball.

Mrs S A Holland
Chairman