

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 2011

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

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D S Martin, L D Barker and Miss R K Williams who are not members of this committee.

2. **MINUTES**

CAE/14/1112 RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 1st September, 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

1. That the Clerk request a breakdown of the statistics produced on affordable housing as it relates to Congleton. Still awaiting response from CEBC.
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.
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.
4. **CAE/09/1112 RESOLVED:** That the boat on the River Dane be considered again at the November committee meeting.

5. **SCHOOL TRANSPORT**

Councillors stated that they would like information on what is going to happen to the School Transport Service, and how CEBC is helping schools with commercial agreements. Two bus companies have agreed to continue providing a service, but the subsidy runs out at the end of October. Families with children out of school need to know what's happening. Councillors will be informed about what is happening before the end of October.

CAE/15/1112 RESOLVED That:-

1. The correspondence be received.
2. The Town Clerk to clarify with Cheshire East what is going to happen when the subsidy runs out at the end of October.

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

CAE/16/1112 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.

7. **CHESHIRE POLICE**

PCSO Carol Raynor attended the meeting and explained how PCSO's operate in dedicated areas, and undertake a 5 week rota, days, night and evening. Four PCSO's have their own beat but still have responsibility for the Town Centre.

Hotspots – problems with drugs emanating from people coming in from outside the area, this is a police priority, police are targeting the drug dealers.

Congleton Park, under age drinking on Friday evening, with large groups of youths gathering which the police are targeting. Motorbikes are another issue in the Park. Motorbikes are also causing a problem in Princess Street.

The Zig Zag lines should ideally be repositioned outside the school at Waggs Road. Police will issue fines for parking outside the school if they are causing an obstruction.

Young people cycling on pavements is an issue, over 16 years can be issued with FPN's, but, difficult to apply any penalties below this age.

CAE/17/1112 RESOLVED That:-

1. The report be received from PCSO Carol Raynor.
2. The Town Clerk to contact Cheshire East Ward Councillors D Topping and R Domleo to request them to raise the matter of repositioning the Zig Zag lines outside the school in Waggs Road.

Councillor D Fletcher
Chairman

