

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 9TH JUNE 2011

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

D S Martin (Mayor)

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D T Brown.

2. **MINUTES**

CAE/01/1112 RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 24th March, 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. Councillor G Hayes to undertake this work.

Investigate possible event & prepare report-BH

5. FELLOWSHIP HOUSE USER GROUP MEETING

A copy of the minutes of the Fellowship User Group meeting held on the 22nd March 2011 were considered by the Committee.

CAE/02/1112 RESOLVED: That

1. The minutes of Fellowship House User Group be received.
2. To request copies of further meetings of the User Group.
3. To ask why the name of Fellowship House is being changed.

6. BOAT ON THE RIVER DANE

The issue of the boat which is moored on the River Dane was discussed by the members with all agreeing that it was an eyesore.

CAE/03/1112 RESOLVED: That

1. Councillor Mrs A Martin will champion the project of getting the boat removed.
2. Cheshire East to be contacted to determine what action they have taken so far in having the boat removed.

7. JUBILEE PROJECT

The notion of having a feature in the Town Centre outside the RBS Bank to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was considered.

CAE/04/1112 RESOLVED: That this will be passed to the Partnership Group who have agreed some funding to carry out a feasibility study to construct a feature in the Town Centre.

8. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

CAE/05/1112 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.

9. CHESHIRE POLICE

Sergeant Bradwell provided an update on police matters affecting Congleton and reported that currently there are 3 main areas of concern.

1. Congleton Park

Anti-social behaviour is taking place at the park on Friday and Saturday evenings with groups of youths hanging around the area.

2. Buglawton

There are some youths in Buglawton riding around on bikes causing a nuisance. The police are setting up an operation to deal with this problem.

3. Bearmania

Bearmania has been a great success, but, some bears have suffered some damage, the police are following up a number of possible suspects and are taking the issue very seriously.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was noted that Congleton in Bloom for the past 14 years has been mainly served by the voluntary sector, Mrs Williamson who has been involved in the In Bloom activities for many years commented that this would be her last year and a new champion was needed.

CAE/06/1112 RECOMMENDED: That the notion of championing Congleton in Bloom should be put on the agenda of that committees next meeting.

Councillor D Fletcher
Chairman