

## CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015

PRESENT: Councillors

Mrs D S Allen  
Mrs A L Armitt  
P Bates  
C Booth  
G R Edwards  
G P Hayes  
Mrs S A Holland (Chair)  
Mrs A M Martin  
Mrs A E Morrison  
Mrs J D Parry  
G S Williams

#### 1. **APOLOGIES.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Adams.

Apologies were also received from Cllr D T Brown who is not a member of this particular Committee.

#### 2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**CES/23/1516 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are requested to declare both “pecuniary” and “non-pecuniary” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Cllrs P Bates, G P Hayes and G S Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Council.

#### 4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

There were no outstanding actions.

**5. CHESHIRE POLICE**

There were apologies submitted by members of Cheshire police for not being unable to attend. However, Cllr P Bates reported that at a recent meeting held with Inspector Dickinson, he had confirmed that Congleton would retain a complement of 6 PCSOs but there was a need to ensure that they active in Congleton.

Some concern was expressed at the difficulty PCSOs were experiencing signing on for their shift at Macclesfield in terms of time lost and transport problems.

**6. FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP**

**CES/24/1516 RESOLVED that** the minutes of the meetings held on 27<sup>th</sup> October and 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were received.

**7. BUGLAWTON POST OFFICE**

Correspondence from the Post Office outlining the changes that were taking place to the Buglawton Post Office were considered.

**CES/25/1516 RESOLVED that** the correspondence be received.

**8. CCTV**

An incident report produced by Cheshire East Council on issues that have been identified in Congleton by CCTV was discussed. It was noted that there are a relatively low number of incidents occurring and that Congleton is a very safe town to live, work and visit.

**CES/26/1516 RESOLVED that** the correspondence be received.

**9. PARKING AT THE WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

A letter from John Wilbraham, Chief Executive of East Cheshire NHS Trust concerning Parking Eye at the War Memorial Hospital was considered.

**CES/27/1516 RESOLVED that** the Town Clerk write to the Chief Executive requesting an explanation of why Parking Eye was selected as the operator of car parking at the hospital rather than using their own resources.

**10. CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY**

The Cheshire Fire Authority Integrated Risk Plan was discussed by members.

**CES/28/1516 RESOLVED that:-**

1. The Town Clerk to complete a response on the proposals.
2. The Fire Authority to be requested to consider providing advance warning when conducting safety calls.

## **11. STREETScape**

A report on Streetscape performance was discussed. Concern was expressed at the cost of cleaning up fly tipping which was costing the Council around £2,500 per month. It was noted that Cheshire East Council are looking to make car parks such as Princess Street more secure.

**CES/29/1516 RESOLVED that:-**

1. The report be received.
2. Fly tipping hotspots to be reported to Cllr G S Williams.

## **12. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC)**

A report on the Police and Crime Commissioner's meeting with Town and Parish Councils was presented to the Committee.

It was noted that concerns related to speed limits should be raised with the local Cheshire East Ward Councillor.

**CES/30/1516 RESOLVED that** the correspondence be received.

## **13. COUNTRY PARK LANDSCAPE**

Cllr Mrs S Akers Smith provided a presentation on ideas to create a cycling and walking country park and was seeking a letter of support for the ideas from the Town Council.

**CES/31/1516 RESOLVED that** a suitable letter of support be presented on behalf of the Town Council and forwarded to Cllr Mrs S Akers Smith.

Mrs S A Holland  
Chairman (In the Chair)