

## CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2015

PRESENT:                      Councillors      Mrs A L Armitt  
   P Bates  
   C H Booth  
   P Broom (Vice Chair)  
   D T Brown  
   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 Cllrs N Adams and ex-officio committee member Mrs E Wardlaw.

Apologies were also received from Cllrs Mrs S Akers Smith, J G Baggott, and H Richards who are not members of this particular Committee.

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

**CES/10/1516 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 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, D T Brown, 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 no members of Cheshire Police present at the meeting.

**6. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR WORKING GROUP**

**CES/11/1516 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015 were received.

**7. FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP**

**CES/12/1516 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> July and 5<sup>th</sup> August 2015 were received.

**8. SUPPORTING YOUNG CARERS IN CONGLETON**

Kieran Hatton of the Young Carers Support Network provided an illuminating presentation on the plight of young carers in Cheshire and in Congleton.

It was noted that Kieran would be applying for a grant from the Town Council to support young carers in Congleton.

**9. PARKING EYE**

It was noted that the parking charges levied by the Parking Eye system were similar to the previous scheme however, there was some confusion as to how the system works, resulting in motorists being fined.

A number of residents expressed concern at the methods used by Parking Eye and had taken this matter up with Fiona Bruce MP who is going to raise the issue in Parliament.

**CES/13/1516 RESOLVED that:-**

1. The Town Clerk to write to Fiona Bruce MP offering the Town Council's full support in her endeavours to raise this issue in Parliament.
2. The Town Clerk to write to East Cheshire NHS Trust to express concern at the introduction of Parking Eye at the War Memorial Hospital and to seek assurance that the 4 hours of free parking will remain a permanent feature.

**10. STREETSCAPE REPORT**

A report on the operation of the Streetscape Team was presented to the Committee. The members commented that it was apparent that the Town looked much tidier and the Streetscape Team ought to be congratulated for their efforts.

**CES/14/1516 RESOLVED** that to receive the report.

**11. VISIT TO CONGLETON WATER TREATMENT WORKS**

A report produced by Cllrs C Booth and Mrs A M Martin was considered.

**CES/15/1516 RESOLVED** to receive the report.

**12. REVISED STATEMENT OF GAMBLING PRINCIPLES**

In accordance with the Gambling Act 2005, Cheshire East Council reviewed its Statement of Principles and produced an overall document for comment. It was noted that the Committee had no comments to offer.

**CES/16/1516 RESOLVED to** receive the revised Statement of Principles.

### **13. BUS SHELTER IN BUXTON ROAD**

The disused bus shelter on Buxton Road is in a poor state and should be removed. However, due to the efforts of Cheshire East Councillors G P Hayes and G S Williams, Transport Solutions, who are responsible for the bus shelter, have raised an order with ANSA to have the shelter removed and this will be actioned in the next few weeks.

**CES/17/1516 RESOLVED to** receive the verbal report.

Mrs S A Holland  
Chairman (In the Chair)