

## CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2014

PRESENT:                    Councillors    Mrs D S Allen  
   G S Williams (Chairman in the Chair)  
   G Baxendale  
   D T Brown  
   J S Crowther  
   G R Edwards  
   G P Hayes  
   S A Holland  
   Mrs A M Martin  
   D Murphy (Town Mayor)  
   Mrs J D Parry  
   N T Price

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P Bates, Ms L Bours and Miss R K Williams.

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

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

**CES/26/1415 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014 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 G Baxendale and D T Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Borough Council.

#### 4. **LIFESTYLE CENTRE**

Cheshire East Council provided a presentation on the proposed Lifestyle Centre for Congleton. The notion is to bring "Well Being" into one place and as a consequence provide assets to meet public needs by joining up services from various sectors.

There is a process in place for a publication consultation and other stakeholders are also being approached for a view.

Information on the consultation is available on the Cheshire East Council website, consultation forms will also be available at the Tourist information Centre, Library, GP Surgeries and Schools.

**5. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

None

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

**CES/27/1415 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**7. CYCLING IN BRIDGE STREET**

Concern was raised at cyclists riding through the pedestrian area which is closed to vehicles at certain times. It was noted that Cheshire east Council will install "cyclist dismount" signs in the area.

**CES/28/1415 RESOLVED that:-**

1. To support the installation of cyclist dismount signage.
2. Publicise good cycling behaviour through the Town Council website, Bear Necessities and through cycling groups.

**8. CONGLETON BUS SERVICES**

The changes to restore the 2012 bus timetable in Congleton were considered:

**CES/29/1415 RESOLVED that:-**

1. The report be received.
2. The revised timetable to be monitored.

**9. WEST HEATH POST OFFICE**

Correspondence from the Post Office concerning the modernisation of the West Heath Post Office was considered.

**CES/30/1415 RESOLVED** that the correspondence be received.

**10. HS2**

A report on HS2 proposals for the North West were commented upon by members.

**CES/31/1415 RESOLVED** that the report be received and the effect of HS2 on Congleton to be monitored.

#### **11. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

Correspondence from the Police and Crime Commissioner detailing actions arising out of a meeting with Town and Parish Councils dated 29<sup>th</sup> July 2014 was considered.

**CES/32/1415 RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### **12. STREET NAMING SUGGESTION SCHEME**

Correspondence from Cheshire East Council on the Street Naming Suggestion Scheme was noted.

#### **13. BROOK STREET CROSSING**

Residents commented that they were concerned at the safety of children crossing the road in this area.

**CES/33/1415 RESOLVED** that :-

1. Request Cheshire East Council to provide a Crossing Attendant.
2. Request Cheshire East Council to consider what other road safety measures could be introduced to support safer crossing.

#### **14. WAYFARER TICKETS**

It was noted that Manchester City Council have been approached to consider introducing Wayfarer Tickets in Congleton, but, it was also noted that the previous M.P had tried unsuccessfully for a number of years to have this facility introduced.

**CES/34/1415 RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk approach Fiona Bruce MP to request her assistance in pursuing this matter.

#### **15. PARTNERSHIP CONSULTATION**

The amended Congleton Partnership Constitution was noted.

#### **16. HIGHWAYS LIAISON**

The notion of setting up a small Highways Liaison Committee was considered.

**CES/35/1415 RESOLVED** that:-

1. Highways related matters of concern to be reported to and progressed via Cheshire East Borough Council Ward Councillors.
2. If no progress is being made, the exceptions to be then raised at the Community, Environment and Services Committee.

## **17. BUDGET**

Members were asked to consider issues they would like to put forward for inclusion in the 2015-16 budget.

Items proposed included:-

1. Spend Indicator Devices.
2. Public Toilets.
3. Review of Streetscape needs.

G Williams  
Chairman (In the Chair)