

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2013

PRESENT: Councillors G S Williams (Chairman in the Chair)
Mrs D S Allen
P Bates (Vice Chairman)
Ms L Bours
D T Brown
J S Crowther
G R Edwards
Mrs A M Martin
D Murphy
Mrs J D Parry

Mr E Clarke (Appointed Members)

1. APOLOGIES.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Miss R K Williams.
Apologies were also received from Cllrs G Baxendale, G Brittain, D A Parker and N T Price who are not members of this particular Committee.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

CES/28/1314 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th August 2013 to be 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.

Cllr D Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Council and abstained from voting on item 14.

4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

CES/34/1213

The Committee support the "Responsible Dog Scheme" pilot being introduced at Bromley Farm and will evaluate its success in 6 months with a view to rolling out the scheme throughout the town

CES/05/1314

That the proposed arrangement on CCTV provision be reviewed at the next meeting.

5. FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP

CES/29/1314 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group meetings dated 9th July and 2nd September 2013 be received.

6. BOAT ON THE RIVER DANE

It was reported that the owner of the boat had lodged an appeal in the Magistrates Court against the S215 notice. A court date to hear the appeal is awaited, reported the Town Clerk.

CES/30/1314 RESOLVED to receive the report on the Boat on the River Dane.

7. RAILWAY BRIDGE AT PEEL LANE

It was noted that both the Police and Network Rail had responded to correspondence from the Town Council concerning problems at the railway bridge on Peel Lane. It was noted that Traffic Calming Measure were ultimately the responsibility of Cheshire East Council.

CES/31/1314 RESOLVED that :-

1. Cheshire East Council be requested to conduct a speed survey of vehicles passing down Peel Lane and request them to remove the route from Sat Nav systems.
2. Local Cheshire East Council Ward Councillors to be requested to raise the issue on the Local Traffic Committee.

8. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

It was noted that Mrs M Williamson will represent the Cheshire Lord Lieutenancy at Remembrance Sunday.

9. CAMPAIGN AGAINST LONELINESS AND ISOLATION

Correspondence from Cheshire East Council concerning the Campaign Against Loneliness and Isolation was considered by the Committee.

CES/32/1314 RESOLVED that the correspondence be received.

10. CONGLETON POST OFFICE

Correspondence from the Post office on Mill Street concerning the proposed change to a new main style branch was discussed. It was noted that during the refurbishment work, the Post Office will be closed from 14th October to 23rd October 2013.

CES/33/1314 RESOLVED that the correspondence be received.

11. PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOLS

Correspondence from a number of sources including the Police and Cheshire East Council relating to parking outside schools was considered.

It was noted that Cllr David Topping, on behalf of Cheshire East Council, had agreed to look into the matter to see what could be done.

CES/34/1314 RESOLVED that the correspondence be received and proposed solutions noted.

12. COMMUNITY SPEED SYSTEMS

The notion of introducing a Speed Indicator Device (S.I.D) was considered by Members.

CES/35/1314 RESOLVED that :-

1. The Town Council borrow a S.I.D from Cheshire East Council to evaluate its effectiveness.
2. The matter to be evaluated again at the meeting of the Community, Environment & Services Committee planned to take place on 6th February 2014.

13. NAMING OF 3 STREETS IN CONGLETON

A considerable debate took place on the naming of 3 new streets in the area Brook Street.

CES/36/1314 RESOLVED that: -

1. Local schools to be invited to suggest names for the streets.
2. Cllrs to consider producing a name bank for future use.

14. BRIDESTONES 2

It was noted that there were some contractual difficulties being experienced with the land lease document being prepared by Cheshire East Council and Scarborough Developments which revolved around a termination clause.

Two possible remedies to this dilemma have been proposed, one was to bring in a third party Arbiter, a second was to transfer the lease of the Public Square, at no cost to the Town Council.

CES/37/1314 RESOLVED that to accept in principle the notion of the Town Council taking over the lease of the Public Square.

15. CHESHIRE POLICE

Sgt Thomas provided an update on policing matters in the Town. He pointed out that in August crime fell, particularly anti-social behaviour. There has been a concern about begging in the Town, but, an individual is being dealt with through the courts.

The Police are being vigilant about drug related issues, but, when incidents occur residents need to report the matter officially to the Police.

The Police consider that alcohol related incidents are a much bigger problem in the area and place a drain on Police resources.

Travellers are causing a problem once again at Barn Road, but, it is the responsibility of the Local authority to take appropriate action to have them moved on. If such people commit offences, they will be dealt with, but, the Police will need clear identification on who committed the crime before they can take action.

Residents should be encouraged to report all incidents using the appropriate numbers to report crime

- **Advice on anti-social behaviour, crime prevention, neighbour disputes. Safer Cheshire East Partnership – 0300 123 5030.**
- **To report anti-social behaviour/neighbour issues to Plus Dane:**
 - **0800 169 2988 (free from most UK landlines)**
 - **0300 123 4560 (local rate from a mobile phone)**
- **Noise Nuisance – Environment Health 0300 123 5015.**
- **998 to report a serious crime or a danger to life issue.**
- **101 to report non-emergency incidents to the Police.**
- **Crimestoppers (anonymously) on 0800 555 111**

CES/38/1314 RESOLVED that the report from the Police be received.

16. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

There was no resolution to exclude the public and press.

G Williams
Chairman (In the Chair)