

## CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014

PRESENT:                      Councillors      G S Williams (Chairman in the Chair)  
   P Bates (Vice Chairman)  
   L Barker  
   G Baxendale  
   G Brittain  
   D T Brown  
   J S Crowther  
   G R Edwards  
   Mrs A M Martin  
   D Murphy (Town Mayor)  
   Mrs J D Parry  
   N T Price  
   Mrs E Wardlaw

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs D S Allen, Ms L Bours, G P Hayes, and Miss R K Williams.

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

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

**CES/01/1415 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014 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.

Cllrs G Baxendale and D Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Borough Council.

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

None

## **5. CHESHIRE POLICE**

Sgt Thomas provided an update on policing in Congleton and pointed out the following:

- Congleton is to get an extra PCSO making 5 in total.
- Having some crime cars based in Congleton has led to some arrests for drug related offences
- Crime overall is on a downward trend.
- There is a significant demand and drain placed on police resources in Congleton as the station has to look after the whole of the ex-Congleton Borough area.
- Mobile CCTV has helped in dealing with drug related issues.
- Could do with some signs in the Park reminding people that the area is covered by CCTV.
- The Street Pastors programme will start at the end of the month concentrating on young people congregating in the Town.

## **6. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

A letter sent by a resident to Cllr G Baxendale concerning anti-social behaviour was considered, it was noted that this had been passed to the Police who have dealt with it.

**CES/02/1415 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Anti-Social Behaviour Group meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 be received.

## **7. FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP MINUTES**

**CES/03/1415 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were received.

## **8. DISPOSAL OF COUNCIL OWNED VEHICLE**

The members considered a report and recommendation to dispose of the Peugeot van.

**CES/04/1415 RESOLVED** that the Peugeot van DE05 CFF be disposed of by offering it for sale internally at a value of circa £1,500.

## **9. PARKING ALONG BUXTON ROAD**

The Committee considered a proposed prohibition of waiting along a defined area of Buxton Old Road put forward by Cheshire East Traffic and Road Safety Team.

**CES/05/1415 RESOLVED** that the recommendation to install prohibition of waiting on Buxton Old Road has the full support of the Committee.

## **10. PROPAGATION UNIT LICENCE**

A proposed licence for Congleton Growzone Association was discussed.

**CES/06/1415 RESOLVED** that the proposed licence be approved.

## **11. CCTV**

It was noted that Cheshire East Borough Council have withdrawn the contract for the provision and payment for CCTV in Congleton and replaced it with a much simpler letter of understanding.

**CES/07/1415 RESOLVED that** the letter of understanding for the provision and contribution towards the cost of CCTV in the Town be approved.

## **12. PARKING OUTSIDE BARGAIN BOOZE**

Concern has been expressed at problems related to parking outside Bargain Booze on the A527. Cllr D Topping agreed to take this matter up with the Cheshire East Minor Works Committee.

**CES/08/1415 RESOLVED that** the action taken by Cllr Topping be fully supported.

## **13. CHESHIRE EAST HIGHWAYS**

A report from John Tickle, Cheshire East Highways, pointing out the proposed improvement to road gully and drainage performance in the Borough was noted.

## **14. THE WEST AND SHIRES PERMIT SCHEME**

Correspondence from Cheshire East Borough council outlining the new permit scheme for utility companies to operate to was duly noted.

## **15. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

A response from the Police and Crime Commissioner to issues raised at a meeting with Town and Parish Councils in April was considered.

**CES/09/1415 RESOLVED that :-**

1. The report be received.
2. Notion of recruiting Special Constables to be promoted in the next addition of Bear Necessities.
3. Police and Crime commissioner to be reminded of the urgent need to provide Police with IPADs.

## **16. REMOVING LITTER FROM ASTBURY MERE**

It was noted that the Town Council Streetscape Service will in future be emptying litter bins at Astbury Mere.

**CES/10/1415 RESOLVED that** the arrangement be approved.

### **17. MINOR WORKS**

A comprehensive list of minor works to be carried out in Congleton by Cheshire east Borough Congleton was considered.

**CES/11/1415 RESOLVED that** the report be received.

### **18. GREATER MANCHESTER WAYFARER TICKET**

A request from a resident suggesting that the boundary limitations of the Greater Manchester Wayfarer day ticket be extended to Congleton was discussed.

**CES/12/1415 RESOLVED that** the Town Clerk pursue the notion of extending the Wayfarer Ticket to Congleton with Cheshire East Borough Council

### **19. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**CES/13/1415 RESOLVED that** in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, public and press be excluded from the meeting for the matters set out below on grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of private and confidential information or staff matters.

### **20. REPORT ON STREETSCAPE**

The Committee considered an update report on Streetscape activities in the first 5 months of operation.

**CES/14/1415 RESOLVED that:-**

1. The report be received.
2. Hire temporary staff when there is a peak demand, if required.
3. Consider coming to an arrangement with other organisations in the Town who undertake similar tasks to Streetscape.

G Williams  
Chairman (In the Chair)