

## CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015

PRESENT:                      Councillors      Mrs D S Allen  
   P Bates (Vice Chairman)  
   G Baxendale  
   D T Brown  
   J S Crowther  
   Mrs A M Martin  
   D Murphy (Town Mayor)  
   Mrs J D Parry  
   N T Price  
   G S Williams (Chairman)

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G P Hayes and Miss R K Williams.

Apologies were also received from Cllrs L D Barker, G R Edwards and D A Parker who are not members of this particular Committee.

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

**CES/51/1415 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 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 Council.

#### 4. **FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP**

**CES/52/1415 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held of the Floral Arrangement Working Group meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015 be received.

#### 5. **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR WORKING GROUP**

**CES/53/1415 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held of the Floral Arrangement Working Group meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014 be received.

## **6. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

### **CES/41/1415 RESOLVED that:-**

1. The Committee support the notion of introducing a crossing immediately outside the High School.
2. Request the provision of this facility via "Safer Route to School" ad Strategic Highways.

**CES/42/1415 RESOLVED** that the proposal by Cheshire East Council to undertake an initial assessment of need in the area be approved, but, it should be emphasised that such assessments should be extensive and undertaken at appropriate times.

## **7. CHESHIRE POLICE**

Sgt Owens provided an update on Police matters pointing out that there are now 2 Sergeants and 7 PCSOs based in Congleton.

There are some anti-social behaviour problems occurring in certain areas in Congleton including the Park and Princess Street, which the Police are patrolling regularly. Generally though anti-social behaviour is down.

Parking generally and in particular around schools is an issue.

## **8. PROTECTING RECREATIONAL LAND**

Correspondence from the Field in Trust outlining measures to protect recreation land was considered.

**CES/43/1415 RESOLVED that** the correspondence be received.

## **9. CCTV IN CONGLETON**

A report from Cheshire East Council outlining the incidents captured by CCTV in Congleton was considered by members.

**CES/44/1415 RESOLVED that** the report be received and noted.

## **10. COMMUNITY GARDEN LEASE**

The revised lease produced by Cheshire East Council to lease the Community Garden for a 125 year period was discussed. It was noted that the insurers should be informed of the additional asset.

**CES/45/1415 RESOLVED that** the report be received.

## **11. CAR PARKING CHARGES AT THE WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

Correspondence from Cllr Janet Clowes, Cheshire East Council, concerning parking charges at the War Memorial Hospital was discussed by Members. It was noted though that this correspondence had been superseded by a very recent decision by the Hospital Trust to make the first 4 hours of car parking free for patients and visitors.

**CES/46/1415 RESOLVED that** the correspondence be received.

## **12. CONGLETON WATER TREATMENT WORKS**

A report provided by United Utilities who have been monitoring odour emanating from Congleton Waste Water Treatment works in which they pointed out that no odours have been present.

**CES/47/1415 RESOLVED that:-**

1. To receive the report.
2. The Town Clerk to circulate United Utilities contact details to all Councillors.

## **13. BUGLAWTON POST OFFICE**

A letter from the Post office pointing out that the planned changes to Buglawton Post Office would not be proceeding was considered.

**CES/48/1415 RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk write to the Post Office pointing out that the office located at Buglawton is a valuable Community asset and should be refurbished at some point.

## **14. BUS SERVICES IN CONGLETON**

A letter from Fiona Bruce MP relating to a £25m fund to support Community transport was discussed. It was pointed out that Congleton Partnership had expressed an interest, but, apparently the fund has already been exhausted.

**CES/49/1415 RESOLVED that** the correspondence be received and noted.

## **15. PARKS STRATEGY**

A Parks Strategy produced by Cheshire East Council was considered.

**CES/50/1415 RESOLVED** that the Parks Strategy be received and has the full support of the Council.

## **16. SPEED LIMIT MOSS ROAD AND PEEL LANE**

Notification from Cheshire East Council to consider an order to reduce the speed limit to 40 MPH on Moss Road and peel Lane was discussed.

**CES/51/1415 RESOLVED** that the Committee support and approve the order to reduce the speed limit to 40 MPH on Moss Road and Peel Lane.

## **17. MOUNTVIEW CARE HOME**

Correspondence from Cllr J Clowes concerning respite care in Congleton was discussed.

**CES/52/1415 RESOLVED that** the correspondence be received.

## **18. PARISH FOOTPATH REPORT**

A footpath report produced by Congleton ramblers was considered and the 9 actions contained in the report noted.

**CES/53/1415 RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk:-

1. Send a letter of thanks to Congleton ramblers for producing the report.
2. Write to the Public Rights of Way Team, Cheshire East Council, to support the need to resolve the 9 actions identified in the report quickly.

## **19. PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOLS**

Correspondence from Congleton Education Community Partnership and Cllr G P Hayes concerning parking outside schools was considered. It was noted that the Cheshire East Council Legal Team have a backlog of orders to produce for 30-40 schools on the same issue.

**CES/54/1415 RESOLVED** that 2 Councillors liaise with Congleton Education Community partnership and the LAP to produce a list of priorities to present to Cheshire East Council on parking problems at schools.

## **20. ANNUAL CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE PLANS FOR CHESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

The Annual Consultation produced by Cheshire Fire and rescue Service was considered.

**CES/55/1415 RESOLVED** to receive the correspondence.

## **21. SIGNAGE FOR ROOD LANE METHODIST CHURCH**

It was noted that it is difficult for visitors to locate Rood Lane Methodist Church because of the lack of signage.

**CES/56/1415 RESOLVED** that Cllr D Topping and Cheshire East Highways be contacted to request signage to be installed.

## **22. SPEED RESTRICTION MANCHESTER ROAD**

The problems of speeding on Manchester Road was discussed and concerns was expressed at the 30 MPH speed limit.

**CES/57/1415 RESOLVED** that:-

1. Cheshire East Council be requested to install a Speed Indicator Device in the area.
2. The Police be requested to undertake speed monitoring with radar guns.

### **23. DROPPED CURBS**

Cheshire East Council are to introduce “H bar” markings to remind disabled drivers not to park in front of the dropped curb in Swan Bank.

**CES/58/1415 RESOLVED that** Cheshire East Council Traffic Wardens to be requested to suspend parking ticketing until the H-bar marking is introduced.

### **24. TESCO EXPRESS**

Pictorial evidence of HGV delivery vehicle parking outside the Tesco Express at the Waggon and Horses, which causes traffic congestion and is a potential hazard when reversing was considered.

**CES/59/1415 RESOLVED that** the Town Clerk contact the regional Director of Tesco to express our concern and to point out that the Town Council will request Cheshire East Council to impose delivery restrictions on the store of the problems are not resolved.

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

**CES/60/1415 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 the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of private and confidential information or staff matters.

### **26. STREETSCAPE AND STAFFING UPDATE**

The Committee considered a report on the current performance of Streetscape which included staffing issues.

**CES/61/1415 RESOLVED that:-**

1. The report be received.
2. Approval to recruit a Streetscape Operative to replace the employee about to retire.

G S Williams  
Chairman (In the Chair)