

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2014

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

 Mr E Clarke (Lay Member)

1. APOLOGIES.

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

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

CES/53/1314 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st November 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.

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

4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

None.

5. BOAT ON THE RIVER DANE

The correspondence from Deborah Ackerley was noted concerning the amended S215 (Untidy Site) Notice which will be re-issued to the Boat owner on 8th February 2014.

CES/54/1314 RESOLVED that the correspondence be received.

6. PEEL BRIDGE

Information from Cllr Rhoda Bailey confirmed the remedial work that is scheduled to take place at Peel Bridge in early March.

CES/55/1314 RESOLVED that the correspondence be received.

7. CCTV

A report of a meeting which took place with Cheshire East Borough Council concerning CCTV provision in the Town was considered as was the notion of acquiring a mobile CCTV Unit in conjunction with the Police.

CES/56/1314 RESOLVED that:-

1. That the report be received and an early meeting with Cheshire East Borough Council to consider CCTV provision be requested.
2. The notion of acquiring a portable CCTV Van Unit to be pursued in conjunction with Cheshire Police.

8. CHESHIRE EAST HIGHWAYS

The report from Cheshire East Highways concerning the programme of works planned for the early months of 2014 was noted.

9. STREETSCAPE SERVICES

A report outlining the replacement equipment required by Streetscape Services was considered.

CES/57/1314 RESOLVED that:-

1. The cost of equipment purchased to be depreciated over 5 years.(via an EMR)
2. Ancillary equipment required amounting to circa £16,000, to be approved subject to agreement by the Finance and Policy Committee.
3. Consideration on whether to purchase a new or second-hand Ride on Mower to be passed to the Finance and Policy Committee.

10. MECHANICAL SWEEPING

The committee considered the necessity to have the Mini Sweeper as an integral part of the Streetscape Operations in the Town.

CES/58/1314 RESOLVED that:-

1. The Town Clerk and Council Leader to raise the matter with the Chief Executive of Cheshire East Borough Council.
2. Cllr D Brown to raise the matter formally on behalf of the Town Council with Cheshire East Borough Council.

11. SUPPORT FOR NEIGHBOURS CREDIT UNION

Cllr D Murphy pointed out that the Congleton Credit Union had been serving the needs of Congleton residents for many years but wasn't on the Cheshire East recommended list.

CES/59/1314 RESOLVED that Cllr D Drown would raise the matter with the Finance Policy Development Group who produced the Cabinet Report on Credit Unions dated 7th January 2014.

12. DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND LEISURE CENTRE SITES

The Committee considered at length the notion that Cheshire East was out sourcing Leisure Centres and setting up Leisure Trusts.

As part of this process there was concern raised that any development of the Congleton leisure Centre should not be at the expense of sacrificing Hankinson's Field.

CES/60/1314 RESOLVED that:-

1. Cllr D Brown to request Cheshire East Borough Council to justify why Hankinson's Field needs to be included in the disposal of Leisure Centre Assets.
2. To request Cheshire East Borough Council to appoint a Congleton trustee on the trust Board that is being set up.

13. DOG FOULING

An extensive report produced by Cllr G Williams on the actions and successes achieved by the Bromley Farm Development Trust to reduce dog fouling in the area was discussed.

CES/61/1314 RESOLVED that:-

1. Cllr G Williams to be congratulated on his initiative.
2. To encourage the support of the setting up of similar action groups in other parts of the Town.

14. MOUNTVIEW CAREHOME

It was noted that a decision to close Mountview Care Home is not likely to be taken in the foreseen future.

15. MINUTES OF THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT GROUP

CES/62/1314 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 31st October 2013 be received.

16. CHESHIRE POLICE

There were no members of Cheshire Police present at the meeting.

G Williams
Chairman (In the Chair)