

## CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014

PRESENT: Councillors

P Bates  
G Baxendale  
R I Brightwell  
J S Crowther  
G P Hayes  
Mrs A M Martin  
Mrs J D Parry  
N T Price  
Mrs E Wardlaw

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D T Brown, G R Edwards and G S Williams.

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

**CES/36/1415 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 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 declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Borough Council.

Cllr Mrs E Wardlaw declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 18.

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

**CES/37/1415 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held of the Floral Arrangement Working Group meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> August and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 be received.

#### 5. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

None.

## **6. COMMUNITY PRIDE & IN BLOOM COMPETITIONS**

A report produced by the Town Centre Manager concerning entering the Community Pride and North West in Bloom competitions in 2015 was considered.

**CES/38/1415 RESOLVED** that:-

1. Congleton enters the Community Pride Awards and North West in Bloom Competition in 2015.
2. A thank you event is organised for the volunteers who helped the Town achieve the awards.

## **7. CCTV IN CONGLETON**

Correspondence from Steph Cordon, Head of Committees at Cheshire East Borough Council concerning CCTV provision in the Town and a request for a 3 year agreement of its provision was discussed.

**CES/39/1415 RESOLVED** that:-

1. An agreement for Cheshire East Borough Council to provide CCTV for 3 years be approved.
2. Contribution cost to be £9,250 which is index linked.

## **8. LOCAL COUNCIL CEC AND CHALC CHARTER**

A local Council Charter between Cheshire east Council CHAL and the local councils was considered.

**CES/40/1415 RESOLVED** that the new proposal charter be received and noted.

## **9. PELICAN CROSSING OUTSIDE CONGLETON HIGH SCHOOL**

A request to install a pedestrian crossing directly outside the High School in Box Lane was considered. It was also pointed out that other schools in the Town may also require similar facilities.

**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" and Strategic Highways.

## **10. BROOK STREET CROSSING**

Correspondence from Cllr D Topping concerning the proposed crossing at Brook Street was considered.

**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.

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

A considerable discussion took place in respect of the car parking charges being introduced at the War Memorial Hospital. Concern was expressed at the lack of consultation on this issue and of the excessive level of charge.

**CES/43/1415 RESOLVED that:-**

1. The Town Clerk to write to the Health & Adult Care Scrutiny Committee expressing concern at the lack of consultation by East Cheshire NHS Trust and of the excessive level of charge.
2. Councillors to be encouraged to attend the next meeting of the Health & Adult Care Scrutiny Committee and the meeting to be held at the War Memorial Hospital on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Town Clerk to advise all Councillors of these meetings.

## **12. CAR PARKING CHARGES QUESTIONNAIRE**

The Committee considered the questionnaire responses and report on car parking charges in Congleton.

**CES/44/1415 RESOLVED** that the request to Cheshire East Council to introduce two hours free parking in all car parks in the Town be approved.

## **13. VALE ALLOTMENTS**

During a discussion on Vale Allotments, it was noted that Congleton Sustainability Group had successfully applied to have the Allotments designated as a Community Asset and were now raising funds to acquire the site.

**CES/45/1415 RESOLVED that:-**

1. This matter is referred to the next meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee.
2. The cost of acquiring the land to be identified.

## **14. CONGLETON WATER TREATMENT WORKS**

Correspondence from United Utilities relating to the smell emanating from the waste water treatment works in Congleton was considered.

**CES/46/1415 RESOLVED** that United Utilities to be requested to monitor any smells emanating from the works over a reasonable amount of time and to provide feedback to the Town Council on their findings.

## **15. UNATHORISED TRAVELLER ENCAMPMENTS AND POLCIE SUPPORT**

Correspondence from Cheshire Police confirming that a dedicated police officer to look after traveller affairs was put in place on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

**CES/47/1415 RESOLVED** that the correspondence be received.

## **16. FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL**

A report produced by Jo Money on the outcome and success of the Food and Drink Festival was considered.

**CES/48/1415 RESOLVED that:-**

1. The report be received.
2. The organisers to be thanked for putting on a great event.

## **17. CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The notion of putting on a Christmas Party for aged residents was discussed, although it was noted that it may be more effective for small groups to apply for funding to put on their own local Christmas Party.

**CES/49/1415 RESOLVED** that the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Community, Environment and Services Committee.

## **18. MOUNTVIEW CARE**

A considerable discussion took place on the latest proposal agreed by Cheshire East Council Cabinet to operate a Partnership Agreement with Mountview and Congleton College. This agreement would secure day care provision at Mountview whilst providing an opportunity for young people to receive training and gain employable skills.

Concern though was expressed at the lack of respite care in the Town.

**CES/50/1415 RESOLVED that:-**

1. The Town Clerk write to Cllr Janet Clowes, Care and Health in the Community Portfolio Holder, to explain why there was no consultation with the Town Council concerning the change in status and use of the home.
2. The Town Clerk to request an explanation of what provision Cheshire East Council are going to make for respite care in the Town.