

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 20TH MARCH 2014

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

1. **APOLOGIES.**

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

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

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

CES/63/1314 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th February 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.

Cllr D Brown also abstained from voting on items 7 & 12.

4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

MECHANICAL SWEEPING

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.

DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND LEISURE SITES

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.

Cllr Brown commented that the lease cannot be disposed of without public consultation.

5. CHESHIRE POLICE

There was no Police representative present, but concern was expressed at the lack of Police presence at the meeting.

CES/64/1314 RESOLVED that Cheshire Police be requested to ensure that a Senior Police representative attends all meetings of the Community, Environment and Services Committee.

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/65/1314 RESOLVED that:-

1. The report be received.
2. The matter to be raised at the next meeting of the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group.

7. COMMUNITY GARDEN

The notion of making a formal request to transfer ownership of the Community Garden from Cheshire East Borough Council to the Town Council was discussed.

CES/66/1314 RESOLVED that a formal request be made to Cheshire East Borough Council to transfer the Community Garden to the Town Council

8. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS IN CONGLETON

Concern was expressed at the state of some of the footpaths around Congleton.

CES/67/1314 RESOLVED that:-

1. Streetscape will monitor and report on any problems identified with footpaths.
2. Cllr Williams will circulate information to all Councillors on Public Rights of Way and the Schedule of Inspection.
3. Cllr J S Crowther will coordinate data on the 3 monthly inspections and monitoring.

9. PARKING OUTSIDE BARGAIN BOOZE

A letter was considered from a resident concerning inconsiderate parking on the A527 outside Bargain Booze.

CES/68/1314 RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Highways Department.

10. FOOD SAFETY ACT – LUNCHEON CLUB

It was noted that a Food Hygiene Inspection undertaken at the Luncheon Club in Fellowship House awarded an excellent Hygiene Rating of 5.

11. MECHANICAL SWEEPING

The Town Clerk provided a verbal report on the status of discussions with Cheshire East Borough Council concerning the requested transfer of the mini sweeper and personnel to the Town Council. It was noted that this was not going to happen, but, concern was expressed at the possible deterioration in service that may occur if it is transferred to Ansa Environmental Services Ltd.

CES/69/1314 RESOLVED that:-

1. The service level to be carefully monitored.
2. A contingency plan to be prepared if service levels fall.

12. PROPAGATION UNIT LICENCE

A licence to rent the Propagation Unit for a period of 2 years was considered.

CES/70/1314 RESOLVED that:-

1. The Town Clerk to conclude the outstanding anomalies identified with the license agreement which can then be signed, if satisfactory.
2. To ensure all relevant organisations can be involved with the Unit.
3. Proposed Growzone Association Agreement to be presented to the next Committee meeting.

13. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER YOUTH AMBASSADOR

A letter from Martin Eaton, Governance Officer, Office of Police and Crime Commissioner, concerning the visit of the Crime Commissioner's Youth Ambassador to Congleton Youth Council on 10th February 2014 was noted.

14. MANCHESTER ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING

It was noted that work to introduce traffic calming measures on Manchester Road have not started yet. Highways have a budget of £4,000 allocated for this task and it is due to be completed before the end of April 2014.

G Williams
Chairman (In the Chair)