

## CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2013

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

  Mr E Clarke (Appointed Member)

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

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

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

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

**CES/38/1314 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 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.

Cllr G Baxendale declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Borough Council.

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

##### **CES/34/1213**

The Committee support the “ Responsible Dog Scheme” pilot being introduced at Bromley Farm and will evaluate its success at the next meeting with a view to rolling out the scheme throughout the town.

##### **CES/05/1314**

That the proposed arrangement on CCTV provision be reviewed at the next meeting.

## **5. CONNECTING CHESHIRE**

The project update on rolling out broadband in Cheshire was considered. It was noted that 96% coverage has been achieved so far and the aim is to improve to 98%.

**CES/39/1314 RESOLVED** that:-

1. The project update from Connecting Cheshire be received.
2. Cheshire East to be thanked for providing fibre broadband.

## **6. BOAT ON THE RIVER DANE**

Correspondence from Fiona Bruce MP who took advice from the House of Commons to contact the Canal River Trust, was considered.

It was noted however, that the Canal River trust has no control over this particular area of the River Dane.

**CES/40/1314 RESOLVED** that: -

1. The letter from Fiona Bruce MP be received.
2. The Town Clerk to thank Fiona Bruce MP for her efforts in trying to resolve this matter.

## **7. MANCHESTER ROAD SIGNAGE**

Correspondence from Cheshire East Highways concerning the Speed Signage on Manchester Road confirmed that this work was scheduled for completion at the end of March 2014.

**CES/41/1314 RESOLVED** that the correspondence and verbal update from Cllr G Baxendale be received and noted.

## **8. PEEL BRIDGE**

Cllr David Topping confirmed that Cheshire East Highways would be picking up this matter. It was further noted that the issue had been discussed at the Highways Committee and a scheme was being discussed with Railtrack. It was noted however, that there was already an objection from a nearby resident to any proposed scheme.

**CES/42/1314 RESOLVED** that: -

1. The Town Clerk confirm the Councils' support for the scheme with Cheshire East Highways.
2. The Town Clerk to contact Astbury Parish council seeking their support.

## **9. CARBON REDUCTION SCHEME**

A letter from Cheshire East Council regarding the Street lighting Carbon Reduction scheme was considered.

**CES/43/1314 RESOLVED** that the correspondence be received.

## **10. MAKING CHESHIRE SAFER**

A report on Making Cheshire Safer produced by Cheshire Fire Authority was discussed by members.

**CES/44/1314 RESOLVED that** a working group consisting of Cllrs G. P Hayes and G.S Williams complete the questionnaire provided with the report on behalf of the committee.

## **11. COMMUNITY RIGHTS**

A guide produced by the Department for Communities & Local Government on Community Rights was discussed.

**CES/45/1314 RESOLVED that:-**

1. The Guide be received and noted.
2. The Guide to be placed on the Town Council website.

## **12. TOWN TWINNING**

A letter from the Belgian Town of Quievrain proposing a Town Twinning project was discussed by members.

**CES/46/1314 RESOLVED that :-**

1. The letter be received.
2. Cllr G. P Hayes to set up a small working group to consider this issue and to make appropriate recommendations.

## **13. PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOLS**

A letter from Cllr David Topping confirming that Cheshire East Council are undertaking an assessment to determine the resources required to implement Traffic Regulation Orders outside all schools was considered.

**CES/47/1314 RESOLVED that** the letter be received and noted.

## **14. NO PARKING AT MERESIDE**

The issue of replacing a car parking sign on Mereside was discussed by members of the committee.

**CES/48/1314 RESOLVED that:-**

1. The Town Clerk to raise the matter with Alan Lawson to request the issue is raised at the Highways Meeting of the LAP.
2. New Life Church, via Cllr Mrs A M Martin to be requested to ask churchgoers to not use Mereside for parking.

## **15. FELLOWSHIP HOUSE CONDITIONS OF HIRE**

The Fellowship House Conditions of Hire were considered.

**CES/49/1314 RESOLVED** that the Conditions of Hire be approved for the Town Clerk to sign.

## **16. RURAL FAIR SHARE PETITION**

A letter from Fiona Bruce MP concerning the presentation of the Rural Fair Share Petition in Parliament was discussed.

**CES/50/1314 RESOLVED** that:-

1. The correspondence be received.
2. Fiona Bruce MP to be thanked on behalf of the Council for her efforts in making Parliament aware of this matter.

## **17. CEBC GREEN WASTE COLLECTION**

Concern was expressed by members at Cheshire East Council's decision to cease collection of green waste during the winter. It was noted though that the Borough had amended this decision and residents can place green waste in the in the next two collections of black bins.

**CES/51/1314 RESOLVED** that the verbal report be received.

## **18. VEHICLE ALLOCATION SCHEME**

The Committee discussed the Vehicle Allocation Scheme and Transport and Accessibility Grants Scheme proposed by Cheshire East Council to support community led initiatives to improve access to key areas.

**CES/52/1314 RESOLVED** that Cllr G.S Williams set up a Task and Finish Group to consider this issue and produce a report for the Full Council to consider on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

## **19. CHESHIRE POLICE**

There were no representatives of Cheshire police present.

G Williams  
Chairman (In the Chair)