

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH AUGUST 2014

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

1. **APOLOGIES.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ms L Bours.

Apologies were also received from Cllr Mrs E Wardlaw who is an ex-officio member of this particular Committee.

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

CES/15/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th June 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 T Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Borough Council.

Cllr N T Price declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9.

Cllr D Murphy declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 16.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

None

5. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR WORKING GROUP MINTUES

CES/16/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th July 2014 to be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP MINUTES

CES/17/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th June, 16th July and 28th July 2014 be received and signed by the Chairman.

7. DISABILITY PARKING ON SWAN BANK

The issue of disability parking on Swan Bank was considered with some concern being expressed over the possible confusion of signage.

CES/18/1415 RESOLVED that Cheshire East Borough Council be requested to put "H" marking on dropped kerbs in the area of Swan Bank.

8. PARKING ALONG BUXTON OLD ROAD

Correspondence from St John's Church, Buglawton was considered concerning the proposed introduction of limited vehicle parking in the area. It was noted however, that Cheshire East Borough Council was still in the process of undertaking consultation to the original proposal.

CES/19/1415 RESOLVED that the correspondence be received.

9. CONGLETON FOOTBALL CLUB

A lengthy discussion took place on the need for Congleton Football Club to build a new stadium in the area.

CES/20/1415 RESOLVED that:-

1. The committee support the notion of Congleton Football Club moving to new premises.
2. The Committee would welcome an update from the Club as plans develop.

10. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Correspondence from the Police and Crime Commissioner on the roll out of digital tablets was considered.

CES/21/1415 RESOLVED that the Police and Crime commissioner be requested to roll out the use of digital tablets to the Police Force based in Congleton now.

11. CHESHIRE EAST ANNUAL GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION SHUTDOWN

Information from Cheshire East Borough Council concerning the shutdown of green garden waste collections was noted.

12. ALTERNATIVE SERVICE DELIVERY OF CEBC FUNDED SERVICES

Correspondence from Cheshire East Borough Council relating to the alternative funded service and details and contact numbers were noted.

13. CONSULTATION ON THE HARMONISATION OF TAXI FARES

Consultation proposals emanating from Cheshire East Borough Council concerning the harmonisation of taxi fares across the Borough was discussed.

CES/22/1415 RESOLVED that:-

1. The Chairman set up a small working group with delegated power to make proposals to CEBC.
2. The Working Group to contact a number of taxi companies to gain a cross section of their views on this subject.

14. UNAUTHORISED TRAVELLER ENCAMPMENTS

Considerable concern was expressed at the chaos caused by travellers occupying unauthorised sites in and around the town.

CES/23/1415 RESOLVED that:-

1. Cheshire East Borough Council be requested to introduce a suitable bye law to speed up the removal of unauthorised encampments.
2. Request information from Cheshire East Borough Council on the provision of authorised sites.
3. Request Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable of Cheshire Police to restore the position of having a dedicated officer looking after such problems.
4. Cheshire East Borough Council to be requested to look at proactive solutions to keep out unlawful encampments.

15. ANIMAL BOARDING LICENCE

A resident provided a short statement concerning problems being experienced with her next door neighbour who had been granted an animal boarding licence in a residential home.

CES/24/1415 RESOLVED that the Committee support the resident in trying to resolve the dispute and suggest that she contact Fiona Bruce MP as well as the Ombudsman In her quest to have the matter resolved.

16. CONGLETON CREDIT UNION

CES/25/1415 RESOLVED that Congleton Credit Union be allowed to use the Town Council logos on its publicity banner.

G Williams
Chairman (In the Chair)