

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST 2013

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

1. **APOLOGIES.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ms. L Bours and Miss R K Williams. Apologies were also received from Mrs E Wardlaw who is not a member of this particular Committee.

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

CES/12/1314 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th June 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 P Bates declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 10 and 11.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

CAE/02/1213

The Town Council to pursue all options available in order to resolve the problem of the Boat, including S215 enforcement via CEBC, in addition, the Town Clerk to contact McCarthy and Stone to elicit their assistance in the matter.

CES/34/1213

The Committee support the “ Responsible Dog Scheme” pilot being introduced at Bromley Farm and will evaluate its success in 6 months 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. FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP

CES/13/1314 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group meetings dated 18th June 2013 be received.

6. BOAT ON THE RIVER DANE

Correspondence from Deborah Ackerley, Cheshire East Council Enforcement Officer, confirmed that an S215 (Untidy Site Notice) had been issued to the owner of the Boat which comes into effect on 9th September 2013. It was also noted that Mr Morris the Boat owner had made an FOI request to the Town Council asking for all data held by the Council relating to discussion of the Boat on the River Dane

CES/13/1314 RESOLVED that:

1. The correspondence be received.
2. The Committee support and endorse the action being taken by Cheshire East Council.

7. PROPAGATION UNIT

A Licence Agreement produced by Cheshire East Council for the Town Council to use the Propagation Unit was discussed.

CES/14/1314 RESOLVED that the Licence Agreement be approved and adopted.

8. EATON BANK ACADEMY

It was noted that Year 7 students at Eaton Bank Academy were unable to accommodate a visit to the Town Council.

9. EASEMENTS OVER COMMON LAND AND VILLAGE GREENS

Correspondence from Cllr David Topping confirming that there was no plan to change the current designation of Hankinson's Field was considered.

CES/15/1314 RESOLVED that the Town Clerk request a copy of the covenant covering Hankinson's Field.

10. FREE PARKING AFTER 3PM

It was noted that free car parking on one site in Congleton after 3pm is now operational.

11. PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOLS

The Committee considered a number of emails concerning the issue of car parking outside schools in Congleton.

CES/16/1314 RESOLVED that Cheshire East Council be requested to examine car parking problems outside all schools in Congleton and to ensure TRO notices are in place and zig zag and yellow lines are clearly marked.

12. MOUNTVIEW CONSULTATION

The report on Mountview was discussed by members who noted that the report was positive in terms of the quality of service being provided at Mountview, and considered the report a very worthwhile exercise.

It was also noted that Cheshire East Cabinet had agreed to retain the services of Mountview.

13. CHANGES TO PERMIT HOLDERS IN PARK ROAD AND PARK VIEW

Correspondence from Mr T Brough concerning the changes to permit holders in Park Road and Park View was considered.

CES/17/1314 RESOLVED that the correspondence be received.

14. PADDLING POOL

A letter from J Bailey and Friends expressing some concern at safety around the Paddling Pool and surrounding area was considered.

CES/18/1314 RESOLVED that the Town Clerk check with Cheshire East Council and the Police relating to the operation of the ice cream van to ascertain that a suitable trading license exists and to ensure the van is not sited in an area where it could cause an obstruction.

15. RURAL FAIR SHARE PETITION

The Rural Service Network provided a petition requesting Councillors and others to petition the Government to give rural committees a fairer share of the Local Governance Finance Settlement.

CES/19/1314 RESOLVED that a petition for signing be made available in the office and TIC

16. VOLUNTEERS POLICY

An amended Volunteers Policy was considered.

CES/20/1314 RESOLVED that the policy be approved with the following amendments:

1. Add "reasonable" into expenses.
2. Change CRB to DBS.

17. FOOTPATH

Correspondence from Jeremy Condliffe relating to the notion of producing 2 maps for walks around Congleton was discussed.

CES/21/1314 RESOLVED that:-

1. The Council fully support the idea of producing 2 maps for Congleton.
2. Suggested it may be beneficial to link up with Congleton Partnership who are doing something similar albeit with "Apps".

18. NUISANCE AT PRINCESS STREET CAR PARK

Correspondence from both Cheshire East Council and the Police concerning problems on the princess Street car park was considered.

It was noted however, due to the prompt action of the Police, the problem had gone away.

CES/22/1314 RESOLVED that the correspondence be received and the prompt action of the Police commended.

19. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

A letter from the Cheshire Lieutenancy requesting the involvement of the Cheshire Lieutenancy in this year's Remembrance Day Service on 10th November 2013 was discussed.

CES/23/1314 RESOLVED that a representative of the Cheshire Lieutenancy be invited to the Remembrance Day Service.

20. CONGLETON MARKET

The members considered explanations of the two charters covering the Market in Congleton.

CES/24/1314 RESOLVED that the Town Clerk request Cheshire East Council to transfer the current jurisdiction of the Market to the Town Council.

21. CHANGES TO BUS SERVICES IN CONGLETON

Changes to Bus Service provision in Congleton were noted.

22. COMMUNITY ASSETS FUND

Correspondence from Fiona Bruce MP pointing out the benefits in the Community Assets Fund which provides a blend of grants and loans was considered.

CES/25/1314 RESOLVED that the correspondence be received and noted.

23. HEAVY GOOD VEHICLES ON HOWEY LANE

A letter from Mrs J Shatwell concerning heavy goods vehicles using Howey Lane was discussed.

CES/26/1314 RESOLVED that the letter be received.

24. EASTERN CHESHIRE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP (ECCCG)

A letter from Readesmoor Medical Group Practice concerning the financing of the Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group was discussed.

CES/27/1314 RESOLVED that a small group be set up with the three Medical Practices, representatives of the Town Council and MP to examine the funding for ECCCG.

25. CHESHIRE POLICE

There was no representative of Cheshire Police present.

G Williams
Chairman (In the Chair)