

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 2013

PRESENT: Councillors G S Williams (Chairman in the Chair)
Mrs D S Allen
P Bates
G Baxendale
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 Ms. L Bours, G.P Hayes (Town Mayor) and Miss R.K Williams.

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

CES/01/1314 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st March 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 relating to Cheshire East Borough Council.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

CAE/02/1112

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/24/1213

The Town Clerk to write to all Congleton Cheshire East Councillors asking for their support to lobby Cheshire East to take whatever measures are necessary to have the boat removed.

CES/33/1213

1. The Town Clerk to contact Cheshire East to expedite the improvement work on the boat.
2. Cllr D.Brown will provide an update at the next committee meeting on Cheshire East's work in the area.

4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS continued..

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.

5. FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP

CES/02/1314 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group meetings dated 4th April and 2nd May 2013 be received and signed by the Chairman.

6. BOAT ON THE RIVER DANE

It was noted that Cheshire East Enforcement Officers are currently working on a report to the Authority to take action via an S215 notice. The report has to go to Legal then requires an authorising signature before processing the notice.

CES/03/1314 RESOLVED that the action being taken by Cheshire East Borough Council be approved and endorsed.

7. PROPAGATION UNIT

The Committee considered a report on leasing the Propagation Unit from Cheshire East Borough Council on a peppercorn lease. It was noted that there were some matters still to resolve on the issue with the Borough Council.

CES/04/1314 RESOLVED that:-

1. The report be received.
2. The amended Lease Agreement to be received at the next meeting.

8. CCTV

A report on the future of CCTV provision in the Town was considered, and concern was expressed at the short sighted view being taken by Cheshire East Borough Council concerning the provision of CCTV.

CES/05/1314 RESOLVED that:-

3. The report be received.
4. That the proposed arrangement on CCTV provision to be reviewed at the next meeting.

9. EATON BANK ACADEMY

A group of letters addressed to the Town Mayor produced by students of Eaton Bank Academy on Global Warming were considered.

CES/06/1314 RESOLVED that:-

1. A letter of thanks to be sent to the Academy.
2. The students to be invited to discuss the issues and concerns they raised on Global Warming with a select number of Town and Youth Councillors.

10. MERCIAN MARCH & LINK WITH QUIEVRAIN

A summary of the arrangements for the Mercian March which takes place on the 14th June 2013, together with a request for the Town Council to consider linking with Quievrain to honour the bravery of the Cheshire Regiment in 1914 were discussed

CES/07/1314 RESOLVED that:-

1. The Town Council to provide suitable refreshments to the Mercian Regiment after the March on 14th June 2013.
2. To forge a link with Quievrain via Mayor TE Pickering (Ret'd).

11. HILARY AVENUE ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

The Hilary Avenue Allotment Society provided notice of a change of Secretary.

CES/08/1314 RESOLVED that:-

1. The notice of change of Secretary be received.
2. A letter of thanks to be sent to the retiring Secretary for all her sterling work.

12. PCSO PARTNER LEVEL SERVICE AGREEMENT

A PCSO Partner Level Service Agreement for the provision of 4 PCSOs in the Town for a further 3 years was considered.

CES/09/1314 RESOLVED that:-

1. Clarification be sought for the need for a clause on TUPE.
2. Document to be updated to include Congleton Town Council where appropriate.

13. EASEMENTS OVER COMMON LAND AND VILLAGE GREENS

Documents produced by NALC on Easements Over Common Land and Village Greens, as well as a paper on Village Greens produced by Friends of Coombe Wood were considered.

CES/09/1314 RESOLVED that the Town Clerk write to Cheshire East Borough Council to seek assurances that Hankinson's Field will remain a green open public space.

14. HS2

A report on HS2 produced by Paul Nuttall MEP was noted.

15. WAR MEMORIAL

A report on the refurbishment programme for the War Memorial was discussed.

CES/10/1314 RESOLVED that:-

1. The report be received.
2. That the Town Council registers the land on which the War Memorial is located and the surrounding land.

16. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

There was no resolution to exclude the Public and press.

17. CHESHIRE POLICE

Sgt. Russel Thomas outlined the key points contained within the PCSO Partner Level Service Agreement and pointed out the vital role that PCSOs play in policing the Town.

It was also pointed out that comparatively speaking, Congleton's anti-social behaviour problems are far less than many other nearby Towns and certainly there are far less night time economy problems.

It was also noted that Cllr P. Bates had spent 2 nights on patrol with a PCSO and that other Councillors intended to take the opportunity to go on patrol with the Police. Concern was expressed at the parking issue around Marfields School and other schools in the area. It was noted that zig zag lines near schools were ineffective and that the Borough Council ought to replace them with double yellow lines.

CES/11/1314 RESOLVED that:-

1. The report from the Police be received.
2. Cllr Baxendale to raise the issue of installing double yellow lines instead of zig zag lines at all schools with Strategic Highways.

G Williams
Chairman (In the Chair)