

## CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2012

PRESENT:                   Councillors    G S Williams (Chairman in the Chair)  
  Mrs D S Allen  
  L D Barker  
  P Bates  
  J S Crowther  
  G.R Edwards  
  G.P Hayes  
  Mrs A.M Martin  
  D Murphy  
  Mrs J D Parry  
  N T Price  
  E Clarke – Appointed Member

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D. Murphy and E Clarke. Apologies were also received from Cllrs M.Hutton D.A Parker and R.K Williams who are not members of this particular committee

#### 2. **MINUTES**

**CES/13/1213 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012 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 D.Brown declared a non pecuniary interest in matters related to Cheshire East Borough Council and abstained from voting on items 5 and 7.

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

##### **CES/40/1112**

A report on the Boat on the River Dane noted that a group of local businessmen had offered to remove the boat at no cost.

##### **CES/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 Clerk to contact McCarthy and Stone to elicit their assistance in the matter.

##### **CES/03/1213**

Cllrs P. Bates and G. Williams determine how to move forward the notion of utilising the Community Payback scheme and report back to the next committee meeting.

##### **CES/10/1213**

1. The Town Centre Manager to provide analysis of how effective the scheme has been during the past 12 months for retailers.

2. Approach the Local Life to ascertain what additional support they can provide to promote the scheme in Congleton.

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

Cllr N. Price provided an update on actions being taken to remove the Boat on the River Dane. It was noted that a letter of consent to have the Boat removed had not yet been signed by the Boat owner.

**CES/14/1213 RESOLVED** that the Town Council pursue all options available in order to resolve the problem of the Boat, including S215 enforcement via Cheshire East.

#### **6. CONGLETON CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

It was noted that the speaker from Congleton's Children Centre was unable to attend because of the change of date of the committee meeting.

#### **7. RESIDENTS STREET PARKING**

A proposal from Cheshire East Borough Council on modifying permit bay parking time in Park Road and Kinsey Street areas was considered.

**CES/15/1213 RESOLVED** that: -

1. To endorse the proposals contained within the report.
2. To congratulate Cllr A. Thwaite and Cheshire East Officers for responding to the need to make better use of the parking bays.

#### **8. ASTBURY MERE DEVELOPMENT**

Correspondence from the Planning Officer who dealt with the development near Astbury Mere, confirmed that the developer was not required to install a pedestrian refuge as a refuge on this part of the road would not meet Safety Standards and as such could not be provided.

It was noted however, that Cheshire East are consulting with local residents about the notion of installing a pedestrian crossing in the area and reducing the speed limit to 30mph.

**CES/16/1213 RESOLVED** that:-

1. To support the notion of installing a pedestrian crossing and introducing a 30 mph speed limit.
2. To propose the 30 mph speed limit should be introduced from Astbury Mere Care Home to the Paul Sheard Auto garage.
3. To contact Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council to advise them of our resolution.

#### **9. TRAFFIC ASSESMENTS**

A report from Cheshire East Highways Department explaining the pilot study being undertaken on parts of the A34 to identify problem areas which may need improvements such as signage or speed limits was discussed.

**CES/17/1213 RESOLVED** that the report be received.

## **10. ELECTRICITY NORTH WEST**

A letter from Electricity North West seeking the view of the Council on the planned investment in the local electricity network over the next 10 years, via a questionnaire, was considered.

**CES/18/1213 RESOLVED** that a team consisting of Cllrs Williams, A.Martin, D.Brown and the Town Clerk complete the questionnaire on behalf of the committee.

## **11. ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT**

A detailed report on the Town Council's Environmental Audit was presented to the Committee for consideration.

**CES/19/1213 RESOLVED** that:-

1. The report be received and noted.
2. The Town Council forge closer links with the Sustainability Group to support deliverability of environmental initiatives.

## **12. MEMBER SATISFACTION SURVEY**

A member satisfaction survey produced by Cheshire East Highways was discussed. The survey is to consider the level of satisfaction with highway services being delivered by Ringway Jacobs.

**CES/20/1213 RESOLVED** that the survey be completed on behalf of the Committee by Cllrs G.Williams, A.Martin, D.Brown and the Town Clerk.

## **13. BANNERS ON MOUNTBATTEN WAY**

A report produced by the Town Centre Manager proposing the installation of banners on Mountbatten Way was discussed.

**CES/21/1213 RESOLVED** that:-

1. Approve the concept of installing banners on Mountbatten Way.
2. Approve the 4 design themes.
3. The Town Council will sponsor up to a maximum of 4 banners if they are not sold to businesses.
4. Cost to be taken from the Tourism budget.

## **14. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

There was no resolution to exclude the press or public.

## **15. CHESHIRE POLICE**

There were no members of the Cheshire Police present at the meeting. However, Cllrs G.R Edwards, G Williams and the Town Clerk will consider whether or not all police matters should be discussed with the public and press excluded.

G Williams

Chairman