

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2018

PRESENT:

Councillors

Committee member

Mrs D S Allen
C H Booth (Town Mayor and Vice Chairman)
Mrs A L Armitt
G R Edwards
Mrs J D Parry
G S Williams
A Martin
R Boston

M Walker and DT Brown (Non- Committee member)

1. **Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence (Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apology for absence in advance and to give a reason for non-attendance).

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs S A Holland, Mr G Hayes, Mrs S A Smith, Mrs A Morrison

2. **Minutes**

CES/32/1718 Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Vice 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 S Williams and D T Brown declared a non- pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Council

4. **Outstanding Actions**

There are no outstanding actions.

5. **Cheshire Police**

To receive relevant updates and reports from Cheshire Police

See report from Cheshire Police in appendix 1, additional points raised by councillors below

- DT Brown – ASB in the Summer holidays - PSCO Amie Gillet looking into activities for the youth of Congleton.
- A Martin – West Road Driveway access onto the main road Highways Act Section 184 breach.
- D Allen – Initiative in other area opportunities, Buglawton, Lower Heath

6. **Fenton Close**

To Review correspondence from Mrs S Munroe relating to access and parking issues on Fenton Close

Mrs S Munroe outlined the specific issues raised by cars parking on Fenton Close, which included

- Cars being parked on the grass verge
 - Request for no parking signage on the verge or some form of barrier / bollard
 - Considered that some of the parking was causing an obstruction and creating access issues for residents and emergency vehicles
- Cllr Williams advised
- Parking is not illegal unless parking restrictions are in force or causing an obstruction
 - Officer from CTC and CEC Highways have been observing and visiting area, observations are that vehicles have not been parking illegally or causing an obstruction
 - Formal signage cannot be erected due to the area being an adopted highway.

Action Cllr G Williams to provide further feedback to Cheshire Police and Cheshire East Council and agreed to continual monitoring of the area

7. **Floral arrangement Working Group**

To receive the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group held on the 20th December 2017

CES/33/1718 Resolved to receive the update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager.

8. **Public Realm Update**

To receive an update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager on the progress of the Public Realm Improvements.

CES/34/1718 Resolved to receive and consider the update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager

CES/35 /1718 Resolved to install the image projection unit and delegated the authority to the Town Centre and Marketing Manager for its location.

Councillors also raised concerns re the following

- Bench on a lean, bench to made level by Cheshire East, TC&MM to look into progress on this issue
- Blocked drains still in place to be looked into and added to snag list

- Tactile marking and drop kerb crossing points.

9. **Royal Visit Review**

- **CES 36/1718 Resolved** to receive the update from the Chief Officer which included Correspondence, letters of thanks from Lord Lieutenant and the Royal Household.
- Chief Officer formally thanking staff and councillors for their support in the lead up to the event and on the actual day.

10. **Congleton Park Incident**

To receive a report from the Chief Officer with regards to an incident in the park on the 19th / 20th January 2018

CES/37/1718 Resolved to receive the update from the Chief Officer with support from the Streetscape Development Manager

11. **Public Space Protection Order**

To receive an update on the Public Space Protection order from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager

CES/38/1718 Resolved to receive the update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager

12. **Shop Front Improvement Grants**

To note the progress of the Shop Front Improvement Grant Scheme from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager

CES/38/1718 Resolved to receive the update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager- review in 6 months to look into further improvements.

13. **700 Years of Mayoralty**

To receive an update on plans for the 700 years of mayoralty from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager

CES/39/1718 Resolved to receive the update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager

14. **Sprint Triathlon Update**

To receive an update on plans for the 2018 Sprint Triathlon from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager

CES/40/1718 Resolved to receive the update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager

Chairman

Appendix 1

ASB

- ASB in the Market Square/Princess St area has increased – Beat team are paying extra attention to disperse and deter behavior continuing (worth asking about the PSPO update)
- Drug dealing activity in and around Brunswick St flats/Community Gardens area – again Beat team are paying extra attention to ID offenders, disperse and deter behavior continuing

DRUGS

- Beat Team executed a Warrant executed on Vaudrey Crescent – large amount of cash recovered
- Covert drug operation been undertaken re Cross border drugs team affecting the Congleton area resulting in several warrants and arrests conducted today across Liverpool and Congleton – hope to provide more of an update at the next meeting

31/01/18 – Number of drugs warrants conducted in Congleton and OOF- Merseyside. Multiple arrests made and investigation now ongoing – unable to expand further at this time.

BURGLARIES

- There had been a recent spate of dwelling burglaries in the West Heath area during January – at this moment we are not sure if it is local or travelling offenders committing these offences but does seem to have stopped over the last week or so after more visible patrolling been conducted in that area by the Beat team

VEHICLE CRIME

- No significant increase or patterns – Beat team continue to monitor

RURAL CRIME

- Op.Sentry been conducted to target poaching/theft of machinery within the rural area's – this was a joint operation involving Cheshire/Derbyshire/Staffordshire forces – it was successful in that no patterns of offences reported or noted and will be regular event to provide visibility and re-assurance to the remote and rural communities of the Parish

EVENTS

- On 31/1/18 The Beat team in conjunction with Plus Dane, council and CFB have conducted a neighborhood street-a-week initiative in the Bradwell Grove/Barton Road/Coronation Rd area of Bromley Farm to ID any patterns of ASB or housing issues. The residents spoken to welcomed the visits as such this will be a regular event to provide re-assurance and improve community issues throughout Congleton.

Royal Visit – Positive feedback from members of the public.

FUTURE OPERATIONS

Traffic – TruCam operations

Licensing – Congleton west – partnership with CEC

Street a Week – Congleton West (potentially West Heath area)