

## CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017

#### PRESENT:

Councillors

Mrs D S Allen  
Mrs S Akers Smith (Deputy Town Mayor)  
L D Barker  
C H Booth (Town Mayor and Vice Chair)  
R Boston  
D T Brown  
G R Edwards  
G P Hayes  
Mrs S A Holland (Chairman)  
Mrs A Martin  
Mrs J D Parry  
G S Williams

#### 1. **Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from committee members Mrs A L Armit and non-Committee members P Bates and H Richards.

#### 2. **Minutes of Last Meeting**

**CES/25/1718 Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 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 S Williams and GP Hayes declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Council.

#### 4. **Outstanding Actions**

None

#### 5. **Cheshire Police**

To receive and consider a verbal report from a representative of Cheshire Police.

Main points raised as follows

- Main incidents are around vehicle crime and burglaries
- With regards to drug issues there have been 2 warrants served and there is proactive patrolling of known areas
- Traffic matters – police will be targeting motorists in the lead up to Christmas

## 6. Proposed Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation

To receive a report from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager on the current consultation on a proposed PSPO for Congleton and to agree a response.

**CES/26/1718 Resolved** that Congleton Town Council should respond to the Public Consultation via a letter rather than the survey monkey. The response should include: In broad agreement with the order and the items suggested in the order but believe that ball games and skateboarding are only a problem if reckless or ruthless and causes a threat to others. Scooters and Bikes should also be included. That the part of the pedestrian area should be removed as it is a thoroughfare linking the two main areas of the evening economy - Lawton Street and Swan Bank - and many people under the influence of intoxicating substances pass through this area. That fines should be used as a last resort would prefer to see behaviour courses or community work offered first and fines if the offender does not turn up. The Town Council also wanted to make sure the Scarborough Development, the likely future landlord of the area, had been consulted.

## 7. Public Realm and Highway Improvements Update

To receive a verbal update/presentation on the progress of the Public Realm Scheme.

**CES/27/1718 Resolved** to receive the verbal update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager

## 8. Congleton In Bloom

To receive an update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager on the 2017 campaign and an update for 2018.

**CES/28/1718 Resolved** to receive the update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager

## 9. Update on Congleton Triathlon, Closed Cycling Event and the Cycling Legacy

To receive a report and updates on the above cycle related activities.

**CES/29/1718 Resolved** to receive the update on Congleton Triathlon, Closed Cycling Event and the Cycling Legacy

## 10. Active Cheshire – A Blueprint to tackle physical inactivity in Cheshire and Warrington

To receive a report and discuss a potential response.

**CES/30/1718 Resolved** to Welcome the report and organise a Strategy Working Group to look in more detail about how Congleton could turn some of the great principles in the strategy into an action plan for the town.

## **11. Christmas Lights Switch On**

To receive a progress report from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager on the Christmas lights switch on event.

**CES/31/1718 Resolved** to receive the progress report from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager on the Christmas lights switch on event.

## **12. Treo Statue**

To receive a report from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager now that the statue is in situ.

**CES/32/1718 Resolved** to note the report

**Cllr Mrs S A Holland  
(Chairman)**