

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 15th MARCH 2018

PRESENT:

Committee members Mrs S A Holland (Chairman)
 Mrs D S Allen
 Mrs A L Armitt
 G R Edwards
 G Hayes
 Mrs J D Parry
 G S Williams
 Mrs A Martin

Non- Committee members M A Walker, D T Brown and Mrs S A Smith Mrs A E Morrison

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs L D Barker, R Boston and C H Booth.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2018 as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both “pecuniary” and “non pecuniary” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs G Hays and G Williams – Cheshire East Council.

4. Outstanding Actions

None

5. Cheshire Police (Verbal Update)

To receive and consider a verbal report from a representative of Cheshire Police on Policing matters affecting Congleton.

See appendix 1

6. Floral Arrangement Working Group

To receive the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group held on 15th February 2018.

CES/41/1718 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group held on 15th February 2018.

7. Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group

To receive the minutes from the Anti-Social Behaviour working group held on 15th November 2017 and the draft minutes from the 14 February 2018

CES/42/1718 Resolved to receive the minutes from the Anti-Social Behaviour working group held on 15th November 2017 and the draft minutes from the 14 February 2018

8. Working Groups

To receive a proposal to create Councillor led working Groups to:-

1. Investigate the Town Councils role with regards to Congleton Market.DM
2. Review the CCTV provision for Congleton based on increased Anti-Social Behaviour in the Park and the Community Gardens RB
3. Review the impact of the removal of the Street Sweeping service at weekends currently provided by Ansa RB_

CES/43/1718 resolved to approve the proposal to develop the following working groups with members.

1. Congleton Market – Chairman P Broom, Cllrs Martin, Brown & Walker – Officer D McGifford
2. CCTV – Chairman S A Holland, Cllrs Mrs S A Smith, Mrs D Allen – Officer J MacArthur
3. Street Sweeping – Chairman B Edwards, Cllrs J Parry, G Williams, – Officer R Burgess

9. Public Realm

To receive an update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager.

CES/43/1718 resolved to receive the update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager, with reference to the “snagging” element the following comments were received.

10. Makers Market

To receive a proposal from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager with regards to the introduction of the Makers Market to Congleton.

CES/44/1718 resolved to receive the update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager with regards to the introduction of the Makers market to Congleton.

11. Sprint Triathlon Update

To receive a verbal update on the progress of the Sprint Triathlon.

CES/45/1718 resolved to receive the update from Cllr Mrs S A Smith who advised that plans were progressing well for the Sprint Triathlon on the 22nd April 2018.

12. Bill and Ben Skips

To receive an update on environmental concerns at Bill and Ben Skips.

CES/46/1718 resolved to receive an update on environmental concerns at Bill and Ben Skips.

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/47/1718 resolved to receive an update on plans for the 700 Years of Mayoralty from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager.

14. Paddling Pool

To receive an update on the Paddling Pool and dates of operation.

CES/48/1718 resolved to receive an update on the Paddling Pool and dates of operation.

**Mrs S A Holland
Chairman**

Appendix 1 Cheshire Police report

BURGLARIES/VEHICLE CRIME

6 x TFMV

Several burglaries, however 3 arrested who we believe are linked to these burglaries. 2 charged with burglary offences

DRUGS

Op Tyke - On 1/2/18 drug warrants executed in both Liverpool and Congleton – several arrested.

Op Roadrunner – On 20/2/18 several other addresses identified – 7 Warning notices issues, 4 been evicted or left of own accord. Other 3 being closely monitored.

Closure orders being reviewed

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Town centre started up again – conducting more patrols and working hard to ID those involved and responsible

TRAFFIC

All PCSOs now fully trained on Tru-Cam and out daily

Over next few weeks will be trying to train more Community speedwatch residents

OPERATIONS

Apart from the drugs operations undertaken and ongoing, Op Muddled – to ID persons responsible for vehicle crime/burglaries conducted

Op Sentry to target rural crime

VIOLENT CRIME

Rafs assault 25/2/18 – ongoing investigation – suspects now identified and in process of being interviewed