

**CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES  
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**PRESENT:**

Committee members

Mrs D S Allen  
C H Booth  
R Boston  
P Broom  
Mrs S A Holland (Chairman and Deputy Town Mayor)  
Mrs A M Martin  
Mrs J D Parry  
G S Williams

Non-Committee members D T Brown, G R Edwards and M A Walker

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Committee Members Cllr Mrs A L Armitt.

Apologies were also received from Non-Committee members Cllrs Mrs S Akers Smith and P Bates.

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

**CES/25/1819 Resolved to** receive the minutes from the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 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 Cllr Glen Williams – (Cheshire East Council)

**4. Outstanding Actions**

None

**5. Questions from members of the Public**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**6. Cheshire Police**

An update report was given by Inspector Penny Jones – summary as Appendix 1.

## **7. Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group**

**CES/26/1819 Resolved to** receive the minutes from the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group held 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

## **8. Floral Arrangement Working Group**

**CES/27/1819 Resolved to** receive the minutes from the Floral Arrangement Working Group held on 27<sup>th</sup> September and 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

## **9. Congleton In Bloom Update**

**CES/28/1819 Resolved to** note the success of the In Bloom team and pass on thanks to all involved.

## **10. Congleton Public Realm**

Rob Welch, Design Team Leader for Cheshire East Highways, gave an update report on improvement works still in progress following the public realm works.

These included:

- Investigating replacing the telescopic bollards
- Installing traffic management solutions on newly paved part of Mill Street/Swan Bank
- Finding a solution to stop vehicles using the pedestrian area as a cut through or parking area during times allocated for loading/unloading only, or a means to enforce penalties on drivers breaking the traffic laws.
- Gaining advice on ways to reduce and remove the staining on the granite slabs

**CES/29/1819 Resolved to** thank Rob Welch for his presentation and to seek further progress reports on these areas of work.

## **11. Congleton Market Working Group**

**CES/30/1819 resolved** to support the aspirations of the market traders by helping to set up a formal group or consortium made up of traders with allocated responsibilities. They would have a constitution, separate bank account and receive all the income and be responsible for all the associated expenditure. As a Town Council we could provide support in developing the consortium and help with any negotiations with Cheshire East Council. This was option two on the paper.

## **12. Congleton Neighbourhood Plan**

**CES/31/1819 Resolved** to receive the report on the Neighbourhood Plan, noting that the consultation exercise runs until the 23 November 2018.

## **13. Congleton Partnership Update**

**CES/32/1819 resolved** to receive the update report from the Congleton Partnership and thank them for all their support for Congleton.

## **14. Congleton Museum**

**CES/33/1819 resolved to** form a small working group (three councillors and the Chief Officer) to look into all the issues. Chief Officer to develop and send out a remit for the group to all councillors.

**15. Single Use plastic**

**CES/34/1819 resolved** that the Town Council carry out an audit of its current plastic use and makes every reasonable effort to reduce its use of plastics, especially single use plastics, as long as the alternative is not more damaging.

**CES/35/1819 resolved** that Congleton Town Council signs up to the Cheshire East Council campaign Life with Less Plastic and through promotional campaigns makes every effort to encourage residents and local businesses to reduce their use of plastics, especially single use plastics.

**Mrs S A Holland  
Chairman**

## **Appendix 1: CONGLETON BEAT MANAGEMENT REPORT**

### **Burglaries Residential**

- No crime patterns identified. Remains considerably lower than recorded rates of 2017

### **Vehicle Crime**

- No crime patterns identified. Remains in a downward trend with recorded rates at some of the lowest since 2015

### **Drugs**

- A number of drugs warrants have been executed with positive results. Further investigations are currently taking place. A number of other warrants are in the planning and implementation process.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

- PSPO – Still only 1 ticket has been issued, although with darker nights and inclement weather due we are anticipating there may be some slight issues to come.
- Crewe Youths have been travelling to Congleton and causing a number of ASB and criminal issues – a number of plans are in place in order to deal with their disorder, including a dispersal order in place and high visibility patrols. Crewe Beat Management Team, British Transport Police and the Congleton Beat Team are working in partnership to prosecute offenders to reduce the behaviour. A number of Criminal Behaviour Orders are in place.

### **Events & Operations**

- Remembrance Day Parades – resources supplied to assist
- Congleton Christmas Lights 24/11/18 – resources supplied to assist
- Christmas Licensing operations – in progress
- Christmas drink/drug campaign in Congleton to support National Campaign
- Rural Crime Operation 28/11/18