



Congleton Town Council

Historic market town

Chief Officer: David McGifford

20th June 2019

Dear Councillor,

Community, Environment and Services Committee – Thursday 27th June 2019

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Community, Environment & Services Committee, to be held in the Town Hall, High Street, Congleton **on Thursday 27th June 2019 at 7.00pm.**

The Public and Press are welcome to attend the meeting. There may be confidential items towards the end of the meeting which the law requires the Council to make a resolution to exclude the public and press.

Yours sincerely,

David McGifford
CHIEF OFFICER

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

(Members are reminded of the necessity to give apologies in Advance of the meeting and to give reasons for absence).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (Enclosed)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2019 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.

4. Outstanding Actions

- White Ribbon Campaign action plan
- Speed Watch promotion

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5. Questions from Members of the Public

To receive any questions from Members of the Public including those received in writing 7 days prior to the meeting.

6. Cheshire Police (Verbal Update)

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

7. Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group (Enclosed)

To receive the minutes from the Anti-Social Behaviour working group held on the 6th February 2019 and 3rd April 2019

8. Floral Arrangement Working Group (Enclosed)

To receive the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group held on the 21st March 2019, 11th April 2019, and 13th May 2019.

9. Congleton Market Working Group (Verbal Update)

To receive an update from the Congleton Market Working Group

10. Health and Well-Being Working Group (Verbal Update)

To receive an update from the Health and Well-Being Working Group

11. Congleton Green (Enclosed)

To consider a report from Peter Aston, Chairman of the Congleton Sustainability Group on Making Congleton more green

12. Living Streets (Enclosed)

To consider a request from Cllr Akers Smith, Cllr Gartside and Patti Pinto for the Town Council to sign up become a member of Living Streets and take active steps to ensure the pedestrian is considered in all planning applications and activities.

13. Congleton Makers Market (Enclosed)

To consider the findings of recent shops survey into the impact of the Makers Market and suggestions for the future of the market

14. Reducing the Road Traffic Speed Limit on Reades Lane (Enclosed)

To consider a request to support local residents' campaign to get the speed limit on Reades Lane reduced to 30mph

15. Lack of Dropped Kerb by the Citizen Advice Bureau (Enclosed)

To consider a request for a dropped kerb outside of the Citizen's Advice Bureau and a wide review of dropped kerbs across the town.

16. Remembering Marie Johnson (verbal)

To consider a request from friends and family to remember and celebrate Marie Johnson and positive impact that she had on Congleton.

17. Mountview – (to follow)

To receive an update on Mountview

To: Members of the Community, Environment and Services Committee

Cllrs: Kay Wesley (Chair), Dawn Allen (Vice Chair)
Martin Amies, Paul Duffy, Suzy Firkin, Margaret Gartside, Amanda Martin, Jean Parry,
Denis Murphy, Mark Rogan

Ccs: Appointed Members - Mr G Baxendale (Honorary Burgess)
Mr E Clarke (Honorary Burgess)

Other members of the Council for Information; Press (2), Burgess (1)
Congleton Library, Congleton Tourist Information Centre.

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 14th March 2019

Please note - These are draft minutes and will not be ratified until the next meeting of the Community, Environment and services Committee on 27th June 2019

PRESENT:

Committee members

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

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

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Committee Members Cllrs Mrs A L Armit and G P Hayes

Non-Committee Member – Cllr Mrs S Akers Smith (Town Mayor)

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

CES/50/1819 Resolved to receive the minutes from the meeting held on 31st January 2019 as a correct record with the inclusion of 'presented by Cllr Akers Smith' for item 16 Reclaim our Pavements'.

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 G S Williams (Cheshire East Council and Partnership) and Cllr D T Brown (Cheshire East Council and Congleton in Bloom).

4. Outstanding Actions

See item 9 – Updates Paper

5. Questions from members of the Public

Cllr Mrs S A Holland, as Chairman, had been approached by a member of the public to ask what the Council was going to do to remember Marie Johnson. Marie died a year ago had raised thousands of pounds for charities in her lifetime as well as being a great supporter of the arts in Congleton. Marie Johnson's name had already been passed to Cheshire East Council as a potential street name, which the family was happy about. The family didn't want anything placed in the memorial garden.

6. Cheshire Police

An update report was given by PC Helen Weeks – summary as Appendix 1.

7. Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group

CES/51/1819 Resolved to receive the minutes from the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group held 12th December 2018.

8. Floral Arrangement Working Group

CES/52/1819 Resolved to receive the minutes from the Floral Arrangement Working Group held on 23rd January 2019.

- Noted that the first litter-pick of the year, on March 2nd 2019 was very successful and a hoping that even more people will turn out for the next Community Town Tidy on the 6th April, meeting at Astbury Mere from 10.30am – 12.30pm
- Request from the Chairman of Congleton in Bloom for residents to all take a few minutes to clear weeds and any mess in front of their own house or business.

9. Updates Paper

To receive an update on Committee items from Community, Environment and Services on 31st January 2019.

CES/53/1819 Resolved to accept the report. The following actions were commented on:

- a) Need for a team of interested people to create an action plan and drive forward a town-wide campaign against Single Use Plastic.
- b) Need to promote Congleton's three Post Offices.
- c) White Ribbon campaign – next stage is for Richard Walton to come back with a draft plan.
- d) Promote the work of the Speed Watch Volunteers in an article in Bear Necessities and the press.

10. Congleton Market Working Group

To receive an update from the Congleton Market Working Group

CES/54/1819 Resolved to accept the verbal update from the Chief Officer, it was noted that Congleton Town Council has requested a response from Cheshire East Assets about the costs and liabilities that would be associated with a potential transfer of the market to the Town Council.

11. Update of the Refurbished Play Areas for Congleton

To receive an update paper on the refurbishment of three play areas for Congleton – Quinta, West Road and Townsend Road.

CES/55/1819 Resolved to note the report and requested that publicity was generated about Congleton's play areas.

12. Update on the Youth Council Cinema Event

To receive an update on the recent young person's film event held at the Daneside Theatre on Sunday 24th February 2019.

CES/56/1819 Resolved to note the verbal report given by Cllr Mrs S A Holland on behalf of the Youth Committee and to thank all those involved with the successful event.

**Mrs S A Holland
(Chairman)**

Appendix 1: CONGLETON BEAT MANAGEMENT REPORT

National Knife Crime Week

It is currently National Knife Crime Week and as such Congleton Police have been highlighting the dangers of knife crime to local youths. Assemblies have been conducted at both Congleton High School and Eaton Bank Academy for the year 12 and 13 year groups and some presentations have been given to year 8 pupils. Further to this Congleton PCSOs have been highlighting the dangers via social media, Facebook and Twitter. An amnesty bin has been located in the front office of the Police Station, this too is being advertised via social media.

Rise in thefts from vans

There has been a recent increase in offences of theft from motor vehicles in the Congleton area. In reaction to this officers have conducted a large scale leaflet drop highlighting the increase to as many van owners as possible throughout the town. Furthermore Selecta DNA was handed out to victims of car crime.

Across the Macclesfield Local Policing Unit as a whole, there was a reported increase in offences of theft from/of motor vehicles which had a keyless entry. This did not particularly affect Congleton but awareness was raised where practical. Within the last few days a male was arrested and charged with two offences of theft of motor vehicle. He is currently awaiting his Crown Court date for sentencing.

Memorial Gardens

Following reports of anti-social behaviour and the plants being pulled up in the Memorial Garden, PCSO SHORE put signs up stating that the police were monitoring the area and since this time no further reports have been received.

Warrants

3 x warrants have taken place under the Misuse of Drugs Act, all of which were positive and the enquiries are on-going for each.

Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group 6th February 2018

Spence Suite 9.30am

Minutes of the Meeting

Present:

Cllr Sally Holland- Chairman- SH
Cllr Glen Williams- GW
Cllr Jean Parry – JP
Cllr Amanda Martin AM

Ruth Burgess RB
Jackie MacArthur JMAC
Julia Pestell Hassell JPH
PC Emma Burns EB

1. **Apologies** - David McGifford DM Penny Jones PJ Richard Christopherson RC Sgt Keith Graham KG, Cllr Paul Bates PB
2. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 12th December 2018 were noted and approved
3. **Outstanding Actions from last meeting.**
 - a) **Postcards for Shops** these have been printed and in the process of being distributed. Cost £38 for 300 copies. Will await for feedback from shops. Could become an annual event.
 - b) **Bollards and Yellow lines** – should be installed in the next 4-6 weeks. It will involve a Sunday road closure. Send a note to the shops about the couriers. Police have been enforcing.
 - c) **CCTV** – JMacA – to chase and see what the procedure is. Application was submitted in early December.
4. **Update on Public Space Protection Order**

No tickets issued. Police and Youth Offending Team have not been made aware or any additional problems. Stay as a regular item.
5. **Drug and Alcohol Abuse Priorities**
 - a) No new areas - Hot Spot Areas - Area behind Well Pharmacy on Park Lane, Congleton Park, cut through to Antrobus Street Car Park from Mill Street.
 - b) Police working on intelligence gathering and building evidence to gain warrants. Number of planned operations in the next few weeks. On-going work. If found guilty and in social housing they can be served notice. Issue with evidence gathering and people being prepared to tell the Police what they know. Councillors can play a role in reporting issues and suspicions.
6. **Anti-Social Behaviour Hot Spots**
 - a) Question raised about Public Toilets in the park – in the winter the toilets are open 8.30am – 3.30pm. In the summer they are open until 6pm. Disabled toilet

works on a Radar Key so if someone has a key they are able to access the disabled toilet at any time. Agreed to monitor, particularly over the summer.

- b) Noted that the three Crewe youths who had their names and pictures in the paper have been behaving since being named.
- c) There was a discussions around the tents and rough sleepers in Crewe and Macclesfield town centre. Good support from the Police and Cheshire East. Watching brief to make sure that it doesn't become an issue in our town.
- d) CCTV request for Park Road – wing mirrors and damage to cars. Problem seems to be late at night but not known who is causing the damage. Need to know the number of incidents and over what time frame. Police to give feedback
- e) Opportunist theft in the park 5th February 2019 in the enclosed play area – bag taken. Police informed.
- f) Watching brief on a group of young secondary school girls (aged 12/13) causing a number of issues. Youth Offending team is aware and speaking with those involved, as well as with schools and parents to try and stop issues escalating.

7. CCTV

Information on the third quarter CCTV reports were received and circulated. The group is keen to see how Congleton compares with other towns in Cheshire East and whether the seasonal changes are expected. JMacA to chase up.

8. AOB

Ruth Burgess circulated some information about the Home Office giving more powers to the Police to deal with illegal travellers communities setting up temporary camps on private land and causing a nuisance to local residents.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Agree to hold meetings every other month, on the first Wednesday of every other month.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday 3rd April 2019 at 9.30am in the Spencer Suite**

Followed by

- Wednesday 5th June 2019
- Wednesday 7th August 2019
- Wednesday 2nd October 2019
- Wednesday 4th December 2019

Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group 3rd April 2019

Spence Suite 9.30am
Minutes of the Meeting

Present:

Cllr Glen Williams- GW
Cllr Jean Parry – JP
Cllr Amanda Martin AM

Sgt Keith Graham KG
Jackie MacArthur JMAC
Cllr Paul Bates (PB)

Apologies - David McGifford DM, Richard Christopherson RC; Julia Pestell Hassell JPH;
Cllr Sally Holland- Chairman- SH

1. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 6th February 2018 were noted and approved
2. **Outstanding Actions from last meeting.**
 - a) **Bollards and Yellow lines** – Yellow lines have been done. Bollards should be in place later in April.
 - b) **CCTV** – JMacA – to chase and see what the procedure is. Application was submitted in early December.
 - c) **Police:** There has not been any other reported damage of the wing mirrors or other damage/ incidents in Park Road.

3. Update on Public Space Protection Order

No tickets issued. No other issues in this area from the Police or from the Street Pastors. Not aware of any major problems with large groups over the last couple of months.

4. Drug and Alcohol Abuse Priorities

- a) Bottom of Brunswick Street and the new cut through to the new development near Brook Street.
- b) Police: Since Christmas five warrants on drugs. Doing lots of work behind the scene on observations
- c) West Street
- d) Shaw Close, Bromley Road, dealing out of cars

- e) Street Pastors, noted concern about teenagers drinking outside of Argos.
- f) Surgeries, 101, Crimestoppers – welcomed increase in people reporting issues and intelligence.

5. Anti-Social Behaviour Hot Spots

- a) Three issues reported weekend of 30th/31st March with the Crewe lads back in town. The breaches will go back to the Youth Offending Team as they are responsible for action against the breach not the police. Update at next meeting. This is the only action related to Crewe gang in the past couple of months. The ring-leader for previous trouble was released from prison last month.
- b) Two Eastern European ladies were charged for stealing purses and mobile phones.

6. AOB

- a) Possible rough sleeper behind Barn Road, but not causing an issue, but to report to CEC Rough Sleeping.
- b) Licensing, noted that there have been complaints from shops about the Lion and Swan and treatment of people coming out from venue and creating mess. Noted that the Kings Arms had to close for a short while due to not having a premises licence. All sorted now.
- c) GW – Noticed there is a number of bus shelters being damaged. Appears to be deliberate. CEC repairing. Police to keep an eye out on this.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Next Meeting: **Expected to be Wednesday 5th June 2019**

FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP

21st March 2019 Spencer Suite, 9.00am

Minutes

Attendees: Bob Edwards- BE, Glen Williams- GW, Amanda Martin- AMartin, Patti Pinto- PP, Margaret Gartside- MG, Jackie MacArthur- JMac, Martha Hayes- MH, David Brown- DB.

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.

- Anna Morrison- AMorrison, Ruth Burgess- RB

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting-** To approve the notes of the meeting held on the 28th February as a correct record.
 - Amendment made to one of the bullet points- RHS not In Bloom
 - After change is made, minutes approved.
2. **Declarations of Interest-** Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non-pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.
 - None

3. **Monthly Working Groups-** with volunteers (Litter picking, weeding, leaf clearing, dead heading etc IYN Sites) – First Saturday of the month 10am -12pm. Next meeting 6th April at Astbury Mere- who is the lead on this? GW to take a lead on this. Need to check with the Astbury Mere Trust as to whether they are happy for us to start here- Action PP. This date falls within the Keep Britain Tidy time. GW requested some of the better quality gloves- JMac/ MH to order.

More litter pickers ordered, Brereton are litter picking on the same day and so will be borrowing equipment from Cheshire East. Streetscape have made a padlocked bin where equipment will be stored. Litter pickers are expensive and so agreed not to give out to volunteers unless committed to litter picking and bringing it back every time. These will be counted in and out each time.

JMac/ MH- to email/ Facebook/ website/ press release etc.

Feedback from 2nd March- over 30 people, went really well, went beyond the park.

Need to make sure to get pictures at the next clean up- Action PP

4. **Grass Verge Maintenance (BE)-** Lorries driving over these and turning the grasses up- GW suggested to report to Cheshire East Highways. Take pictures of this if you see the damage.
Verge along Mountbatten Way- agreed last year that we would seed this area, as a wildflower area- PP suggested to grow wildflower plugs and plant these- before we do this, we need to find out who owns the area as CEH believe this does not belong to them. JMac to check with Richard Cooper & Andrew Kelly about ownership of this land.
There are Cheshire East signs on here that have faded, need to re-do these.
5. **Plastic Recycling- Metal Bear Design- (AMorrison)-** Belmont Engineering waiting on a design for this.
6. **In Bloom Postcards (AMorrison)**
7. **Expenses (JMac)-** Reminder that the Town Council are at the end of year accounts and so if people need to claim expenses, need to do this ASAP (before the end of March).
8. **Budget-** Last year's budget, expenditure £19,500; £12,000 in the budget, an extra £3,000 from the Town Council as being in both competitions in 2018, plus £4,500 sponsorship. Slight overspend.
Throughout the year we need to keep a check on funds so that we don't go over again.
PP mentioned that the Southport awards may set maximum ticket numbers per group, as too many people attended last year.

Sponsorship- Currently not gone out for sponsors yet, JMac is putting a sponsorship leaflet together, once printed, will send out to key contacts. **Leaflet:** change the front cover to have a Welcome to Congleton sign with daffodil signs underneath to make the leaflet more connected to Congleton.

Large Planter Tubs- PP wondered if the large planters could reduce in price and get them all sponsored rather than not all of them being sponsored. See if more Town Centre local businesses would sponsor these and hopefully look after/ weed these themselves.

9. **Feedback from Newcastle Under Lyme In Bloom Trip (JMac/ BE/ DB)-** Initially went to see how they do In Bloom any differently. They keep their main tour as there's, they may dip into the Neighbourhoods, but they keep these separate.

Received funds and so much was donated in kind. They employ an agency member of staff as a dedicated marketing person with set targets to gain a set amount of sponsorship needed to cover the project.

10. **Feedback from North West In Bloom Coordinators Meeting (PP/ MG)-** Well attended, had updates on figures and indicated updates for 2019.

Neighbourhoods- each neighbourhood needs a different name on the form, as if the same name- only get one payment per name, even if different groups.

Social Prescribing- to encourage more people to get out and connected with In Bloom- we have good examples of this with care homes and Margaret's Place etc. Suggested to involve patients in plant ups in certain areas. There will be a Health & Wellbeing discretionary award- BE suggested to get In Bloom posters into surgeries.

Marking Sheets- Out of 100 not 200, each category will be out of 10 not 20- help to make judging more standardised. The new sheet should help to self-evaluate to see where each group is up to. Will be judged on support and sponsorship. This will all be coming out electronically.

- MG suggested to have an In Bloom twitter account as businesses are keen on using twitter and so can gain more followers/ support from this.
- Suggested to keep a volunteer register of hours.
- Local Authority to put forward a park for an award- fill the form in and send off to In Bloom- deadline of 29th March- agreed £50 fee, rather than £100.
- PP & MG spoke to the judges about the length of judging days and discussed about having 1.5 judging days rather than 1 long day.
- Advised that there is now an organisation in place to help with sponsorship towards the railway station- www.communityrail.org.uk – would be good to have planters on the platform- could a Mossley volunteer group look after this? GW to apply for this.
- Residential homes now go as a Neighbourhood and don't have to pay- Astbury Mere Care home shouldn't have to pay this year.
- We can put in a request of when we would like to be judged- MG suggested early July as schools are still in place and we would like children to take part along the route. This is also before Tatton. PP & MG are concerned that when the schools are closed it'd be difficult to get children involved- GW suggested that a responsibility of the B2B groups is that some of the children have to participate on judging day. Ask Mel and Teresa when they think judging should be (early or late July)- try not to have a Monday!

** Beech House are making bird boxes for In Bloom, Heath View suggested they would like some.

11. **Hanging Basket Update (MH/ JMac)-** Currently at 100 baskets, last year in total we had 230, so we have some chasing to do, action MH. JMac to pay for x10 out of the Town Centre budget to put on empty buildings. Check on price of planting up per basket from Ansa. Members of the groups to split the list and target a group of shops each.

12. **In Bloom Stall at Easter Treats Day- 9th April, 10.30am-1.30pm (MH)-** PP & MG interested in planting up, can sort a gazebo and table for this, banner, seeds and litter planters.

13. Competition Entries

- **Cheshire Community Action- Community Pride Award-** Agreed to enter this again, deadline of 5th May.
- **Tatton- 16th-20th July-** MG & PP are doing this, the commitment from CTC/ In Bloom will be getting the plants there and back and insurance for this. Using the community polytunnels to plant up. Once finished there will be a mini garden planted up to show what it looked at Tatton. Buying the plants

themselves and hopefully getting the money back through selling them after Tatton has finished. In Bloom group confirmed as the main sponsor. MG & PP have ordered plants from DJM Nurseries costing just over £300- DB suggested to underwrite this- group agreed.

14. Ansa Recycling Trip- Shotton- 28th March- to make sure that no-one misses out on this.

15. AOB

- Thank you to U3A Knit, Sew & Natter Group for donating £100 towards In Bloom projects- ACTION to send a thankyou letter from the Chairman
- **Meeting with Graham Construction (JMac)-** would like to get involved with In Bloom, they would like to get a photo out of this with the team, wearing Hi-Viz etc. They want to get the message out about what they do and all the environmental aspects. Team of 30 Graham people currently living close to Congleton, would be able to join in with any clean-ups on the early evenings etc. They're putting in over 1000 new trees in the area, could incorporate daffodils along stretches of the road. Looking at more physical involvement rather than sponsorship. They are sponsoring a full page in the next BN.
- **Community Polytunnel-** PP has noticed holes in the polytunnels- needs looking at.
- **Mel Kirby-** willing to come down in the next couple of weeks to take a look at our entry and make pointers on this.
- **Food4Free Garden-** Val has been working on this, ordered a lot of new herbs to put in and weeded etc- this project is self-funding through Food4Free.
- **Community Garden-** PP & MG have put a lot of work into this over the past couple of weeks. Suggested to get new shrubs, need more funding in this area. There is a U3A group that have started on more regular work here. Monday's 2-4pm. Insurances for this- PP/ MG check with U3A if the group is insured to do this- or we need sign the group up to the CTC form and so covered here.
- **Margaret's Place-** thought about adding a food4free area here, after planting, would need maintenance funds to keep this ongoing afterwards.
- **Clayton Bypass area-** the garden here, if this could be tidied up, would like to see it included.
- **Interpretation Boards for the Park-** the play park board is on hold due to possible new equipment, the others need to be signed off, printed and installed.
- **Guided Walks in the Park-** MG suggested a lot of schools are "Forest Schools" and would be interested in getting walking tours put together for people to join; schools and general public etc.

16. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 11th April, Spencer Suite, 9.00am
Sponsorship Meeting: JMac, BE, DB- TBC

FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP

11th April 2019 Spencer Suite, 9.00am

Minutes

Attendees: Jackie MacArthur- JMac, Simon Farrell- SF, Amanda Martin- AMartin, Margaret Gartside- MG, Patti Pinto- PP, Bob Edwards- BE, Glen Williams- GW, Martha Hayes- MH

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.

- Anna Morrison, David Brown, Ruth Burgess.

- 1. Minutes of the Last Meeting-** To approve the notes of the meeting held on the 28th February as a correct record.

Outstanding Items:

- Litter pick went well, PP has pictures and will send over w/c: 15th April 2019.
 - JMac waiting to hear back from Richard Cooper re: wildflowers on MBW
 - Plastic bear bin- picked up by BE & JMac, with AMorrison designs.
 - Postcards- will be sorted with AMorrison
 - Hanging Baskets- up to 150 currently- still to chase some businesses- Library & Fire Station still to come in- Fire Station would also like to plant up a road safety bed again this year. CTC will also pay for 10 baskets to go on empty shops in town.
 - Easter Treats Day- planted 30/35 pots and given out 20 of the calendars- thank you PP for sorting the volunteers.
 - Repairs to the Community Polytunnel- ACTION SF- to look into repairs for this.
- 2. Declarations of Interest-** Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non-pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.
 - None.
 - 3. Monthly Working Groups-** with volunteers (Litter picking, weeding leaf clearing, dead heading etc IYN Sites) – First Saturday of the month 10am -12pm. **Next meeting agreed as 4th May, meeting at Community Garden- GW/ JMac taking a lead on this.**
 - Need to keep an eye on equipment, possibly need to replenish stock borrowed from Ansa, as reported 5 litter pickers went missing.
 - 4. Streetscape Action Plan-** new action plan to be based on last year's template, JMac to confirm sites and actions with Simon and then circulate after the meeting. New actions to be passed to JMac/ MH.
 - 5. Confirmation of entries-** all entries that would like to enter have done. Astbury Mere have sent a form in. JMac contacted North West in Bloom re: the Local Authority Park award- it was communicated to JMac that if the park was judged as a separate award, this could knock out the park as IYN. ACTION- to gain clarity from the judges about if the award is an additional award as well as the IYN. If additional and we can accommodate that judging into the day, agreed to participate in this.
 - 6. Route-** PP suggested two possibilities: BE stated that this would be a conversation with Mel when he comes to visit.
 - 3 hours route and then IYN judged separate.
 - Normal route where all IYN and route are mixed.

7. **Sponsorship Update-** Currently not had a meeting on this/ gone out to the businesses. Still looking at getting a post in to look at the marketing of In Bloom. Some funds have come in as additional to the hanging baskets, for their names to go onto a sponsorship board. Congleton Partnership are currently holding funds for tress on Clayton Bypass- suggested on the central reservation of the section across from McDonalds- speak to Richard Cooper on permissions/ restrictions. SF pointed out that this could be a problem with the watering, as initially would need a lot of attention and this is a difficult area to pull up on. Agreed that this is possibly too late for this year.

8. **U3A Gardening Update-** group doing well, meeting weekly, working on the Community Garden, Margaret's Place and West Road Garden. MG spoken to Readesmoor Doctors Surgery and gained permission to do more work closer to the surgery- Raspberry bushes have been added, there is a lot more spring planting. JMac to get the regular volunteers covered by CTC Zurich insurance.
Food4Free- weeded and dug out, a lot work carried out on the capitol walk garden and planted a lot of herbs etc. There has been a sign designed, ready to print, this needs to be printed in A2- ACTION JMac/ MH to look into the print of a correx board. Also need to gain permissions from Highways to add to the wall next to the library.
Herbs in the centre of town- suggested for the U3A garden group to plant the planters- plants are all ordered. Agreed by Simon to take this job from Streetscape. Hopefully be able to plant before Food & Drink Festival- to coordinate with SF- try and get the order by mid-May.
MG meeting Sue Conway- to chat through the ideas for Lower Heath- hopefully be able to make a group like Buglawton in Bloom.
Mossley- PP talking to the WI in January 2020- maybe able to get more of a working group in that area.

9. **Buglawton in Bloom Update-** Group led by Sandra Bainbridge, meeting and working continuously- the big rockeries have been/ are being replanted. Applying for the RHS insurances to cover them. 4x pallets have been delivered to BIB.

10. **Tatton Garden Update-** purchased almost all the plants, designs all sorted, just wanting for the site acceptance documents to come through- need to send PLI- PP anticipating this document will come through early May and so need to insurance for then.

11. **Congleton Youth in Bloom-**
 - **Back to Back Gardens-** 8x gardens at the moment, theme for 2019 is birds. After Easter need to get the back boards delivered out to the groups- PP to book in this delivery date, BE suggested to get this done on a Saturday, to take a pressure/ job from Streetscape.
 - **West Road with Fire Cadets-** keen to come and help with this garden area, will be clearing the back of the beds. PP gained grant from William Dean Trust to replant this. Rename as Elizabeth Garden- planted with green, white & violet on both sides. PP asking if the cadets want to plant the raised beds at the Fire Station- have Eaton Bank and CHS to plant a bed each.
 - **William Dean Wheel Barrow Challenge-** PP reported that the project is funded and a have a number of groups that would like to join in. For judging day, PP would like these to be displayed on the garden at the back of the Town Hall for judging day. SF suggested to order the wheelbarrows from KG Loaches.
 - **Kids Plant-Up- 11th May-** plants are organised. Planned to bring the pots in on the Wednesday beforehand. PP suggested a date earlier in May- JMac/ MH to ask SF to sort this.
 - **Schools at Care Homes-** PP to find out which schools are going to which care homes- this information will go into the portfolio; Black Firs go to Astbury Mere and Quinta go to Heath View. ACTION JMac to email Alex Thompson to see if there are any other connections.
 - **Quinta School Sunflowers-** Quinta asking to do a sunflower project, for all the children in their schools to grow sunflowers and plant outside their school. Possibility for In Bloom to fund the seeds.

- **Friendly Faces**- will start a new project of vertical gardening and so need some pallets here- Simon to pick up the pallets from Astbury Mere Garden Centre.
- **Marlfields School**- working on an allotment and will have a school garden at Tatton.

12. Mel Kirby Visit- Need to meet with him in the next 3 weeks- ACTION JMac: to check his availability for a date for him to visit. JMac to communicate back to the group and confirm (in the next 2/3 weeks).

BE suggested a visit from Teresa Potter- PP suggested that she may be busy with the national competitions.

13. AOB-

- **Rose Border on West Street**- GW & PP planted this area with a group of children. Overtime Jean Phillips and some other volunteers have been looking after this. PP suggested to clear the bed and re-plant this, this is cleared and now and waiting to be planted with some carpet roses. Would In Bloom be able to help with this by supplying 12x carpet roses to plant in the bed? ACTION to get prices on the soil, compost and roses.
 - The Town Trust have agreed to pay for a watering system for this area which will be linked to the Cricket Club and will make this area easier to water. Should be the responsibility of the Cricket Club.
- **U3A Open Gardens Day**- feature this within the portfolio.
- **Railway Station**- would need to get permissions to get floral boxes on the platform etc.
- MG thanked Ruth & the Streetscape team for the work of planting daffodils etc. on the Waggon and Horses roundabout.
- **Bees in the Park**- SF not heard anything from Eddie Rush, should be contacting him soon.
- **Floral Plaque in the Park**- planned to be a Bee. Need to get this designed. SF suggested Kernock Plants are good for designing and could look into this- MH to contact.
- **Cenotaph Landscaping**- Funds from William Dean Trust to do this- new rockery and flower beds etc. suggested to have a rosemary be for remembrance.
- **Winter Bedding**- is this going to be offered to people afterwards? Usually May time and will be communicated out to the public to offer them out. Can send a PR to let the public know that this is upcoming and to get a rough idea of how wants them.
- **Visyon Garden**- had a new seat in this garden. Double check with Visyon what their plans are...
- **Section 106 Money**- specie rich grass land in Sandbach/ Congleton area, any suitable land in Congleton? Need to get back to them to get this funding and plant-up. Ask Matt at Astbury Mere or Kel Sherratt who manages Biddulph Valley Way or Adam Linnett- Cheshire Wildlife Trust.

14. Date of Next Meeting- TBC, after meeting with Mel Kirby.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP

13th May 2019 Bridestones Suite, 11.00am

MINUTES

Attendees: David Brown, Bob Edwards, Amanda Martin, Martha Hayes, Ruth Burgess, Patti Pinto, Simon Farrall, Jackie MacArthur, Glen Williams

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.

- Margaret Gartside

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting: To approve the notes of the meeting held on the 11th April as a correct record.

- **Agreed**

2. Declarations of Interest: Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non-pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

- **None**

3. Monthly Working Groups: with volunteers (Litter picking, weeding, leaf clearing, dead heading etc IYN Sites) – First Saturday of the month 10am -12pm.

Update on May 4th: Good turnout, PP has plenty of photos. Advertising went well on the Facebook page.

Next meeting 1st June: Group decided to start from Antrobus Street Car Park. Apologies from DB & PP for this session.

**** At Readesmoor, need to sort posters out for the internal and external noticeboards- PP to sort.**

MAIN JUDGING DAY- 25th July

NEIGHBOURHOOD JUDGING DAY- 9th July

4. Route: needs to be printed landscape with an extra column for a judge's comments box.

- Wheelbarrow Challenge, to be displayed by the bandstand- Graham Construction helping to move these for us, can be stored in the polytunnels overnight.
- Mel suggested more time at Astbury Mere, as need more time to make it a WOW- PP reported that Astbury Mere are entering as a neighbourhood, ACTION RB to ask Jeanie about this. W/C: 16th June, DB to meet with Matt Axeford for a rehearsal.
- PP suggested before taking areas off the tour in order to make more time for Astbury Mere, we should leave the route as it is until early July to see what all the areas look like and which looks the best, before removing any.
- At the end of the judging, to have a 21st birthday cake and all the volunteers together in the park as per 2018 judging.
- Presentation- Send DB a copy of the presentation from 2018- ACTION JMac. We need to make sure not to show items that they will be seeing on the tour. Need to get pictures of Dane-In-Shaw pasture, Bath House, Westlow Mere (Giantswood Lane). Also have a slide for new projects this year; planting at Readesmoor, U3A gardens, Elizabeth Garden.
- PramFit- see if they can be at Astbury Mere on 25th.
- Historian to speak to the judges at the front of the Town Hall- Ian Doughty spoke last year and the judges commented that they liked it.
- Sponsorship- try to get businesses to renew the planters in the Town Centre. Look at a dedicated person to take care of the sponsorship packages.

- 5. Streetscape Action Plan:** This mainly focusses on the route so weeding can begin etc. If anyone does any work on the route, please make a note of this and let JMac/ MH aware, so it can be reported to Streetscape so they know where and what has been done.
Once the winter bedding has been stripped, bags of these will be at the back of the Town Hall to collect and re-use- MH & JMac to make the team aware when these are at the back of the Town Hall.
- 6. Congleton Park Plaque:** MH spoken to Kernocks' for the bee design and plants for the plaque, this has come back costing double than normal. Decided that the Streetscape operatives can design and plant up the plaque making a large image of the In Bloom logo.
- 7. AOB:**
- PP suggested to have some Congleton in Bloom bags printed up- ACTION JMac to talk to Triad about this.
 - RHS theme this year focuses on water- too much/ too little?
 - Railings at West Road Garden (Elizabeth Garden) these have now been exposed and need sanding and re-painting. Cost of hiring a cordless angle grinder- MAC Tool Hire ACTION JMac/ MH.
 - Need to wash down the planters on Mountbatten Way and some of the street signs.
 - Bench by the fairground and bench in Readsemoor, need looking at as these are rusting.
 - Hedge on Clayton Bypass- Streetscape will cut this two weeks before judging day.
 - Wildflower Meadow areas- look into Mereside Avenue, a strip of grass here to plant-up. Also suggested about the top of the bank at Mountbatten Way, undecided whose land this is, possibly too late to seed now, PP suggested it would have to be plug planting.
 - For the 25th July- need to get as many volunteer groups in line to attend on that day- we have a lot of community involvement and so need to show this. This can also come across in the presentation.
 - Litter Bear- waiting on Belmont to quote for this- ACTION BE to chase.
 - Minibus- to be booked for the 25th July- ACTION GW.
 - PP talking to Mossley WI about In Bloom- meeting not until January 2020.

Date of Next Meeting: W/C: 16th June- TBC.

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community Environment and Services		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	27 th June 2019 7.00pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Jackie MacArthur – Town Marketing and Events Manager and Deputy Chief Officer and Peter Aston, Chairman of Congleton Sustainability Group		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	11 Congleton Green		
Background	<p>The Leader of Cheshire East Council has called for local action to help tackle ‘the emergency of climate change’ (See Appendix 2). Congleton Sustainability Group, an arm of the Congleton Partnership, has been working on ‘green initiatives’ for Congleton for many years. This group has considered initiatives that Frome in Somerset are carrying out to reduce the carbon footprint of their town and considered similar actions which Congleton could take. These are highlighted in Appendix 1.</p> <p>The Congleton Partnership Executive, which met on the 4th June 2019, agreed to fully support the paper from the Sustainability group.</p> <p>Now the Sustainability Group is looking for support, ideas and input from the Town Council. Peter Aston, Chair of the Sustainability Group will attend the meeting and take questions.</p>		
Next Steps	<p>Councillors are asked to consider the ideas in Appendix one. The top half of each paragraph is the action that Frome is looking to take. The second half of the para is the actions suggested for Congleton by the Sustainability Group.</p> <p>It is recognised that the Congleton Green agenda is huge and there is no one group that would be capable of delivering all these actions. It will need to be a collaborative approach and the Sustainability Group is keen to learn of the views and commitment that the Town Council can offer.</p> <p>Attached: Appendix A – Frome response and Congleton’s suggested response Appendix B - Press release from Cheshire East Council.</p>		
Decision Requested	To accept the report and resolve to take forward any actions that are agreed following the debate on the subject.		

Item 11 Congleton Green – Appendix A: Frome's Response & Congleton's Response

From Frome Town Council website:

What we do:

Amongst the usual work, they have:

- **Work towards making Frome an independent and more environmentally-sustainable town**
- **Promote and support renewable energy and recycling**

Frome Town Council is leading and supporting a wide variety of community projects.

Clean future: On 5th December 2018 Frome Town Council declared a climate emergency and committed to going zero carbon by 2030.

Congleton Green: declare something similar and give Congleton Partnership the task of delivery

Community Fridge: Food waste is responsible for 10% of global greenhouse gas emissions. An estimated 15 million tonnes of food is wasted each year in the UK, enough to fill Wembley Stadium 18 times over. At the same time 4 million people live in food poverty in the UK. To tackle this issue in May 2016 Frome Town Council worked with Edventure and a team of volunteers to set up the UK's first community fridge. A community larder was launched in October 2018 to accommodate items that don't need refrigeration.

Congleton Green: Food waste is a huge issue, experience from the Old Saw Mill suggests that a shop somewhere appropriate with a man with a van could distribute the copious amounts of food wasted each day from the supermarkets. Café's can't use it it fowls the Food Regs!

Co-wheels: Frome's car sharing club Co-wheels is expanding its presence in the town with a second car and residents have the chance to sign up as members for just £1!

Car sharing is the cheaper and more environment friendly alternative to owning a car.

Working with Frome Town Council, Co-wheels will now have two low emission cars in Frome – one outside the Town Hall and another at the Cheese and Grain car park.

Congleton Green task the 5 largest employers in the town to produce transport plans for their employees minimising car movements using public transport and cycling.

EBikes: Ever thought about trying an EBIke here in Frome? Here at Frome Tow Council we are keen on cycling: It is good for health and a good source of sustainable transport. However we recognise that many people are put off using a bicycle in Frome because of the hills.

The solution? The town now has a couple of electric power assist bicycles available for people in Frome to hire. The electric assistance helps to reduce the strain of cycling up hills and makes cycling more fun. Provided by Frome Town Council and available at Cycology Bikes Tuesday – Saturday 9am – 5pm for either half day (£5) or whole day (£10) hire.

Congleton Green: Deliver SAS's Cycling Plan

Energy: Cutting costs and carbon

Here are some of the things we're doing to help cut costs and carbon, reduce fuel poverty and make the town more energy resilient:

1. Working in partnership with CSE we have a team of energy volunteers who do regular advice sessions and can visit vulnerable homes to help them cut their energy costs.
2. We keep people informed about insulation offers and grants when they are available. Winter Warm Bundle can help you work out what support you might be eligible for.
3. We have use of a thermal imaging camera to pinpoint areas where local homes are leaking heat
4. We work with FRECo and a team of energy specialists to support local schools to cut carbon and costs, engaging and empowering the students and staff to support this. We are currently working with Selwood Academy, Frome College and St Johns Primary School.
5. We put solar panels on the Cheese and Grain saving 560 tonnes of carbon dioxide and helped them switch to low energy LED lighting.
6. We have worked with Fair Frome, Frome Renewable Energy Co-op and others to tackle fuel poverty, enabling 250 people to switch energy supplier and save on average over £200 a year.
7. We helped organise Frome Open Homes to showcase ways to cut carbon and costs. The event was attended by over 600 people, 97% of whom said they found their visit inspiring and useful.
8. We co-organise regular events such as – Improve Don't Move and One Planet Sunday.
9. We are a founding member of Frome Renewable Energy Co-op (FRECO) who raised £300,000 in just five days through community shares in May 2015. They have now installed 150kw of solar on Frome Medical Practice and 50kw on Frome Football Club's new community stand (which we also helped secure funding for).
10. We are working with other partners to explore opportunities for hydro power along the river Frome and Anaerobic Digestion for local farms

Congleton Green: Our versions of 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 10.

Improve Don't Move: On Saturday 8th June Frome Town Council are hosting a free 'Improve Don't Move' event to showcase ways to refurbish your home to cut costs and carbon.

The event offers an opportunity for local residents to speak to architects, designers and contractors who specialise in home renovation, redesign and improvements so you can improve your home rather than selling up and buying elsewhere.

Congleton Green: Organise an annual Town Hall exhibition and workshops: how to become carbon neutral in your home and work.

Plastic Free: On 13th December 2017 Frome Town Council unanimously agreed to become a 'single-use' plastic-free council. This will be done by phasing out the use of unrecyclable single-use plastic products in all council activities by April 2018.

Congleton Green: We know in CSG how complex this subject is but create initiatives that capture people's imagination: bear plastic litter bins, reuse of black plastic garden stuff for instance.

Reducing Waste: Here are some of the things we're doing to improve resource use in Frome:

- We set up the UK's first Sharing Shop in partnership with Edventure. A Library of Things now has over 300 members and 500 items to lend. It also offers weekly skill sharing events and an annual sharing festival.

Congleton Green: Love the Sharing Shop idea, link it with the waste food shop?

Solar Streets: New Solar Streets Project Launched for Frome

Local solar installer IDDEA is working with Frome Renewable Energy Co-op and Frome Town Council to offer significantly discounted solar for Frome households. Director Ian Dunstone said 'A 4 kw solar pv system to generate clean electricity would usually cost around £6000. If ten households sign up in Frome, we can reduce this to £3750, including a £50 donation to a local community solar project via FRECo. People who recommend the scheme to a friend will also receive £100 if the installation goes ahead.'

Congleton Green: Great idea but I think this needs rethinking in light of FiTs being cancelled.

The Green Directory: The Green Directory is full of suppliers and businesses to help you improve your home and make it more comfortable and environmentally friendly.

Congleton Green: Great idea list on Congleton Partnership website?

Transport Strategy: Transport has a huge impact on our lives, on the environment and on the local economy. Whilst it is not an area that town and parish councils usually get involved in, there are some key actions that can be taken that can help to increase active lifestyles, reduce air pollution and enhance the local economy.

Congleton Green: Get behind the CEC Transport Strategy?

Prepared by Peter Aston, Congleton Sustainability Group June 2019

Item 11 – Congleton Green Appendix B: CEC Press Release

Council leader calls for action on 'climate change emergency'

23 May 2019

The leader of Cheshire East Council has called for local action to help tackle 'the emergency of climate change'.

A notice of motion tabled by the authority's new leader Councillor Sam Corcoran, which was seconded by Councillor Quentin Abel and backed by a unanimous vote of full council, called for a Cheshire East environmental strategy to be brought forward 'as a matter of urgency'.

The motion also called for the council to be carbon neutral by 2025 and said the local authority 'will work to encourage all businesses, residents and organisations in the borough to reduce their carbon footprint – by reducing energy consumption and promoting healthy lifestyles'.

Cllr Corcoran's notice of motion follows Parliament's declaration earlier this month of an 'environment and climate emergency'.

Councillor Sam Corcoran said: "The council recognises the importance of climate change and wants to reduce its carbon footprint even further. The key things we can do are to reduce the number of buildings we hold, improve the efficiency of our energy systems, promote recycling, increase the use of renewable energy and ensure we use vehicles efficiently in the delivery of our operational services.

"The council plans to bring forward a draft environment strategy in July, which will outline the steps the council can take to improve its impact on climate change and the environment."

Councillor Craig Browne, deputy leader of the council and leader of the Independent group, said: "Climate change is an important issue and we must all do what we can, both as a council and as individuals, which is why I am supporting this motion. However, if this issue is to be seriously addressed, then it will need more agreement and co-operation at the national and international level."

Councillor Janet Clowes, group leader for the Conservative group, said: "Climate change is a global issue that demands collaborative action at international levels. However, individuals and organisations still have a vital role to play.

"Cheshire East Council has embraced this challenge and is already scheduled to launch its own environment strategy over the summer, building on its current 42 per cent carbon footprint reduction (achieved in 2016) and aiming to reduce it by a further 20 per cent by 2020."

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community, Environment and Services Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	27th June 2019 7.00 pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Cllr Suzie Akers Smith, Cllr Margaret Gartside and Patti Pinto		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	Living Streets Conference - An update of their findings and recommendations that will encourage people to walk more and to create a nicer environment in Congleton in particular the town centre.		
CURRENT STATUS	The Living Streets conference took place on March 29th 2019 attended by the above representatives on behalf of Congleton Town Council. They would like to update the committee on their findings.		
BACKGROUND INFORMATION	<p>The legacy of designing our towns around cars rather than people has left us less healthy and our roads more congested. We want to create a walking town, safe and inviting to people of all ages, where children can walk safely to school and communities have quality spaces to thrive.</p> <p>The negative impact on car-centric lifestyles creates a social burden. The reduction in physical activity and the rise of obesity are two reasons why today's children are the first generation not expected to live as long as their parents. Regular exercise has never been more important and best done when it fits nicely into our daily routine. We are also increasingly aware of the devastating cost of air pollution, caused by motor vehicles, to our health and the cause of over 5000 pedestrians killed or seriously injured on Britain's roads each year.</p> <p>The time has come for a more effective approach. Towns and cities are beginning to realise that by encouraging more people to walk, and reducing the number of car journeys, they can create a healthier, more equal society.</p> <p>Such policies around Make walking safe, Change behaviour and celebrate streets, Make walking a priority, design streets as places to enjoy are just a few of the things that if Congleton Town Council adopt, can be used to improve Congleton's pedestrian offering not only for walkers, but for wheelchair users, mobility scooters, parents with children and pushchairs. Creating a nicer, cleaner environment to enjoy our town.</p>		
PROPOSAL	To receive a report on the Living Streets conference, for the town to become a member of Living Streets and to make positive steps towards becoming a walking town based on examples of best practice from Living Streets and other towns and cities. Use best practice examples when planning future design of pedestrian walkways and reducing traffic in the town centre, to create a calming, more pleasant experience when visiting Congleton town centre.		

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COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community Environment and Services		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	27 th June 2019 7.00pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Jackie MacArthur – Town Marketing and Events Manager and Deputy Chief Officer		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	13. Congleton Makers Market		
Background	<p>Congleton Makers Market is run by an independent company called the Makers Market. The company started hosting monthly market in Congleton in April 2018. They also hold monthly markets in 18 other locations across Greater Manchester, Cheshire and Staffordshire.</p> <p>The Town Council and Cheshire East Council approved the idea of the monthly artisan market. The intention was to create a monthly event that would increase footfall into the town centre, bringing more people into the town and giving existing shops and businesses the opportunity to showcase their business. The Makers Market made it clear that their intention was to complement what was already on offer in the town centre and not to compete with existing traders.</p> <p>Advice was sought by the traders and others on the best time of the month and best day to hold such a market. There was pros and cons for both the Saturday and the Sunday. It was settled on the last Saturday of the month.</p> <p>Some concerns have been raised by some traders that rather than helping their business, the Makers Market gives them a worse day and have asked about the market being moved to Sunday instead of a Saturday.</p> <p>The Makers Market hold a premises licence to hold a market on Congleton's pedestrian area on either a Saturday or Sunday.</p> <p>We know from the footfall cameras that were installed in the pedestrian area as part of Big Data Small User Project that footfall increased by around 3,000 – 4,000 movements on Makers Market Saturdays. However greater numbers of people in the pedestrian area does not necessarily equate to greater spend in the businesses.</p> <p>A survey of local shops was carried out to gauge their opinions on the market. The results are not conclusive. This paper highlights the results of the survey and actions currently being taken. Councillors are asked to note the report and comment on the findings.</p>		
Details			

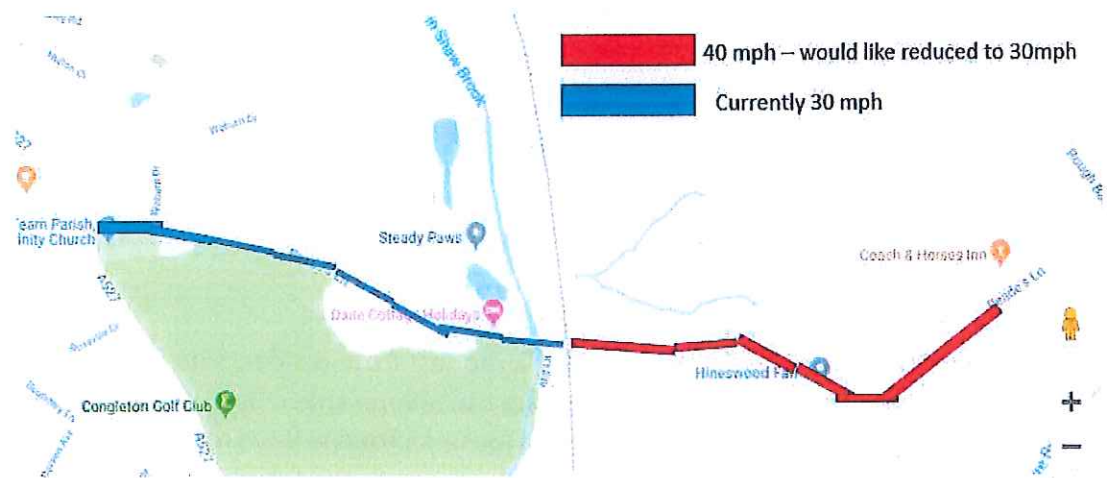
	<p>Survey Monkey survey was sent out to shops and businesses in the High Street, Pedestrian Area, Little Street, Victoria Street, Swan Bank and Mill Street. This was sent out via email and paper copies were delivered to those who do not often respond via email.</p> <p>There are 105 operating businesses in this area. 41 of the businesses responded – 13 in the pedestrian area, 15 in the High Street, 4 in Little Street, 2 in the Bridestones, 3 in Swan Bank and 3 in Mill Street. The majority that responded were retail shops or cafes. One bar, one bank and one charity shop and two hairdressers or beauticians responded</p> <p>Of these, 8 reported that the Makers Market has had a very positive impact, 8 a positive impact, 7 a very negative impact, 6 a negative impact and 11 said it had made no impact. Overall 28 thought the Makers Market was a good addition to the town, 8 thought it wasn't and 6 weren't sure.</p> <p>When asked about the future potential changes for the Makers Market the views remained mixed:</p> <p>Should the Makers Market change location 9 agreed or strongly agreed, 20 disagreed or strongly disagreed</p> <p>Should the Makers Market move to a Sunday 22 agreed or strongly agreed, 14 disagreed or strongly disagreed</p> <p>Should the Market stay as it is 15 agreed or strongly agreed, 15 disagreed or strongly disagreed</p> <p>Should we increase the number of Maker Market style events 12 agreed or strongly agreed, 15 disagreed or strongly disagreed</p> <p>Should we decrease the number of Makers Markets 7 agreed or strongly agreed, 13 disagreed.</p> <p>Many comments were received, both positive and negative. All but one trader agreed that their comments could be shared with the Makers Market so that they can see if individual issues can be addressed. The Makers Market has been copied into the relevant comments from businesses to see if actions can be taken to resolve their issues. The shops that haven't responded – especially those located within the immediate surroundings of the Makers Market - are being approached again to try and gain as full a picture as possible.</p>
Decision Requested	To note this report

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community Environment and Services		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	27 th June 2019 7.00pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Jackie MacArthur – Town Marketing and Events Manager / Cllr Rob Moreton		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	14 Reducing Road Traffic Speed Limit on Reades Lane		
Background	<p>The Town Council has received a request from residents on Reades Lane looking for the Town Council's support in getting the 30mph speed limit on Reades Lane extended as far as the Coach and Horses Public House on road safety grounds.</p> <p>Cheshire East Council as the Highway Authority is responsible for setting speed limits on local roads. This is carried out in accordance with the Speed Management Strategy (September 2016) www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/pdf/highways/speed-management-strategy.pdf</p> <p>The Town Council can use its local knowledge to ask that an area is reviewed by Cheshire East Council.</p>		
Details	<p>Reades Lane is the road from Mossley crossroads leading towards Leek/Timbersbrook. This is a 30mph road until High Trees, just before the railway bridge. The road then becomes a 40mph for 0.6 miles which makes it difficult for residents living in the 12 houses and one lane to get out of their drives.</p> <p>There have been three Road Traffic Accidents including one fatality in the past five years in this area. According to the local postman and residents, there has also been several near misses along this stretch of road.</p> <p>The residents are requesting that the Town Council asks Cheshire East to review the speed limit along this stretch of road. They appreciate that there is not 600m of continuous house frontage, however considering the number of actual road traffic collisions and near misses, they believe it is reasonable to ask for the 30mph limit to be extended for the 0.6 miles from the 40mph sign to the fork in the road at the Coaches and Horses.</p> <p>It could also be argued that on the descent into the town this 0.6 mile stretch of road is confusing. Although it is a 40 mph road, there are four slow signs painted onto the road and three signs indicating bends and a 30 mph limit.</p> <p>Speed limits are a key source of information to road users, particularly as an indicator of the nature of risks to be expected so it would alert drivers to the dangers in this area.</p>		

See attached map showing the 30 mph and 40 mph zones and the area where the extension is being sought.



**Decision
Requested**

To request, on behalf of the residents, that Cheshire East review the Speed Limit on this section of Reads Lane with a view to extending the 30mph zone as far as the split in the road at the Coach and Horses Inn.

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community Environment and Services		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	27 th June 2019 7.00pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Jackie MacArthur – Town Marketing and Events Manager and Deputy Chief Officer and Cllr Dawn Allen		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	15. Request for a Dropped Kerb by the Citizens Advice Bureau, Lawton Street and wider review of Dropped Kerbs in Congleton		
Background	<p>A recent visit by wheelchair to the Citizens Advice Bureau was made difficult by the lack of dropped kerb on the Citizen Advice Bureau (CAB) side of Lawton Street close to the CAB centre. There is a dropped kerb by the League of Friends Hospital charity shop and another by Bradshaw House, but nothing on the south side of the road in between these two ends. On the northern side of the road there are dropped kerbs opposite the League of Friends and Bradshaw House. There is also a dropped kerb for an entrance to a yard opposite the Citizens Advice Bureau.</p> <p>A conversation with members of staff at the CAB centre established that the lack of a dropped kerb is an issue for a number of users.</p> <p>Dropped kerbs are a duty of Cheshire East Council and there is an allocated budget for dropped kerbs. The Town Council has been asked for support in lobbying Cheshire East for a dropped kerb at this site.</p>		
Details			
Decision Requested	To write to Cheshire East Council supporting the request for a dropped kerb in front of the Citizens Advice Bureau building, Lawton Street and for Congleton Town Council to conduct a wider review of the appropriateness of dropped kerbs across the town and draw up a list of suggested improvements/actions required for the next Community, Environment and Services Committee.		

