



Congleton Town Council

Historic Market Town

Chief Officer: David McGifford CILCA

31st October 2019

Dear Councillor,

Community, Environment and Services Committee – Thursday 7th November 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 7th November 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 26th September 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

Note that these actions are covered in Agenda Item 7- Updates Paper.

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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.

- Question received from John Whitelock re parking enforcement and school clearways
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6. Cheshire Police (Verbal Update)

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

7. Updates Paper from 26th September CES Committee (enclosed)

To receive an updates paper highlighting actions taken on items discussed at the previous Community, Environment & Services Committee meeting.

8. Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group (enclosed)

To receive the notes of the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group held on the 29th August 2019

9. Health and Well Being Working Group (enclosed)

To receive the notes of the Health and Well-Being Group held on the 25th July and 3rd October 2019

10. Mental Health Plans and Aspirations for Congleton (enclosed)

To consider a report on the proposed future working plans of the Health and Well Being Group. Report by Cllr Dawn Allen and Jackie MacArthur

11. Climate Change Emergency Work on an Action Plan (enclosed)

To consider a report on actions related to the Climate Change Emergency declared on the 19th September 2019. Report by Cllr Margaret Gartside and Jackie MacArthur

12. Congleton Integrated Transport Update (enclosed)

To consider an update on the plans for creating a more integrated transport strategy for Congleton. Report by Cllr Suzie Akers Smith, Cllr Kay Wesley and Jackie MacArthur

13. Speed Indicator Device (enclosed)

To consider a proposal to purchase Speed Indication Devices to improve speed awareness in Congleton. Report by Cllr Margaret Gartside and Ruth Burgess

14. Congleton Makers Market (to follow)

To consider a report on the Markets Market in Congleton

15. Congleton In Bloom Working Group (Verbal update)

To receive an update on the results of the North West in Bloom competition announced on the 31st October and 1st November and Cheshire Community Pride competition announced on the 4th November.

16. Penny Farthing proposal for the Park Lane Roundabout (to follow)

To receive an update on the Penny Farthing sculpture proposed for the Park Lane Roundabout

17. Future of Fairs in Congleton (verbal)

To consider a report on the frustrations that fun fairs have accessing Cheshire East sites.

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,
Denis Murphy, Jean Parry and Mark Rogan

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

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

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 26th September 2019

Please note – These are draft minutes and will not be ratified until the next meeting of this Committee on 7th November 2019

PRESENT:

Committee members:

Dawn Allen (Vice Chair)
Martin Amies
Paul Duffy
Margaret Gartside
Amanda Martin
Denis Murphy (Deputy Mayor)
Jean Parry
Mark Rogan
Kay Wesley (Chair)

Non-Committee members

Suzie Akers Smith, Russell Chadwick, Sally Ann Holland (Town Mayor)
Robert Hemsley and James Smith.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Committee member Councillor Suzy Firkin and Non-committee members Cllrs Robert Douglas and Rob Moreton.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 1st August 2019 as a correct record.

CES/20/1920 Resolved to receive the minutes from the meeting held on 1st August 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.

Cheshire East Councillors Denis Murphy and Sally Ann Holland declared an interest via CEC.

4. Outstanding Actions

Note that these actions are covered in Agenda Item 8 - Updates paper.

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.

A letter was read out on behalf of Mrs Chadwick to praise the work that Streetscape had carried out on a public pathway in Mereside Avenue.

6. Cheshire Police

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

PC Helen Hood from Cheshire Police provided updates on:

- a) Meadow Mill Court – ongoing work with Sanctuary Housing to solve the ASB/damage issues.
- b) Covert Operations are on-going
- c) Dementia Friendly Congleton – Increasing the use of Herbert Protocol for persons Missing From Home (MFHs) through Social Media/literature/re-training in force
- d) Operation Spectre – knife crime awareness, PCSOs in schools
- e) Street-a-Week planned mid Oct – Congleton East (Buglawton)

7. Cheshire Without Abuse

To receive a presentation from Saskia Lightburn-Richie, Chief Executive from Cheshire Without Abuse (CWA), on the work that the organisation carries out, the support it gives in Congleton and potential closer working.

CES/21/1920 Resolved to support CWA in its aim to open a centre for one evening and one afternoon a week in Congleton and to set up a group to review how CTC can help.

8. Updates Paper from 1st August 2019

To receive an updates paper highlighting issues raised at the previous Community, Environment & Services Committee meeting. Note, at the meeting CES/07/1920 was added about resolution to link with Living Streets and agreed that this will be done when Congleton Town Council has further developed its vision on sustainable and integrated transport.

CES/22/1920 Resolved to accept the updates paper report.

9. To Consider Changes to the terms of Reference for the CES Committee

To consider changes to this committee's terms of reference. There was much discussion around the changes. It was agreed that staff would recirculate version three of the Terms of Reference. The acceptance of the new terms of reference would be subject to Town Hall and Assets committee agreeing to include the items related to the Streetscape Services that are being recommended for that committee. These changes would need to be approved at Council.

CES/23/1920 Resolved to accept the changes outlined in version three of the terms of reference for the CES committee for referral to Council.

10. Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group

CES/24/1920 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group held on 13th June 2019.

11. Tree Planting in Congleton

To receive a report to increase Tree planting in Congleton.

CES/25/1920 Resolved to:

- a) Agree in principle to more tree planting as a priority in Congleton
- b) To support Congleton Green by working in partnership and seeking approval for planting
- c) To assist Congleton Green in seeking funds for additional planting
- d) To monitor new developments to ensure that agreed tree planting takes place
- e) Discuss with Cheshire East a maintenance programme for existing trees

12. Congleton Market Working Group

A verbal update was given by the Congleton Market Working Group. It was noted that a meeting was planned with representatives of the market traders on Tuesday 1st October to further explore the potential of managing the market through partnership working.

CES/26/1920 Resolved to receive the verbal update.

13. Integrated Transport Strategy Working Group

To receive a verbal update following the Integrated Transport Strategy Working Group meeting on the 19th September 2019.

Cllr Suzie Akers Smith updated the committee on the discussion at the Integrated Transport Strategy Working Group, where it had been agreed that further research would be carried out into specific areas of transport need in Congleton: -

- Cllr Suzie Akers Smith - Cycling and Walking
- Cllr Sally Ann Holland and CEO David McGifford - Rail
- Cllr Amanda Martin and Cllr Kay Wesley – Bus travel
- Cllr Suzy Firkin – Car

Initial thoughts on the emerging Cheshire East Local Transport Plan to be sent to Cllr Suzie Akers Smith by the 3rd October 2019.

Treatment of Padgbury Lane and other potential routes that could take traffic from the Link Road to the A34 Newcastle Road were raised as a concern and agreed that a meeting would be requested with CEC Highways.

CES/27/1920 Resolved to note the report.

14. Working Towards a Dementia Friendly Congleton

To consider a report from Congleton Dementia Friendly Steering Group with proposals for more Town Council involvement.

CES/28/1920 Resolved to

- a) Ensure Congleton Town Council pays due regard to the needs of people living with dementia when designing schemes or improving CTC assets.
- b) Arrange a Dementia Friends Awareness Session/refresher for staff and Councillors
- c) Cllr Sally Ann Holland would join the Dementia Friends Steering Group.

**Cllr Kay Wesley
(Chair)**

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community, Environment and Services Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	7 th November 2019	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Town Marketing and Events Manager/Deputy Chief Officer		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	7. Updates Paper to Meeting on the 26 th September 2019		
Background	<p>This paper is provided to give Members an update on actions from reports discussed at Community Environment and Services Committee on the 26th September 2019, which are not included on the agenda. These items do not need a full paper but are on-going rather than discharged.</p> <p>The paper is for noting and will not be discussed unless a member has a question.</p>		
Updates	<p>CTC/36/1920 White Ribbon</p> <p>CTC launched our White Ribbon campaign at the Maker's Market on 28th September. We got over 70 people signing the promise to say they would not condone, commit or excuse male violence against women, and there was a lot of support for The White Ribbon initiative in the Town Council. Some people, including a rugby coach and a boxing coach, wanted to get actively involved working with their young people. £20 was raised for the White Ribbon Campaign. The Police have informed us that Christmas time is problematic with respect to this type of violence, so we are running another stall at the Christmas Lights event on 23rd November, to celebrate White Ribbon Day on the 25th November.</p> <p>CES/21/1920 – Cheshire Without Abuse</p> <p>A copy of the presentation was forwarded and discussed with Cheshire East Council Connected Communities team. Cllr Kay Wesley has been assisting in application for funding for support sessions to happen in Congleton.</p> <p>CES/23/1920 - Terms of Reference</p> <p>An updated version was sent to Councillors. Town Hall and Assets committee will be discussing changes to its Terms of Reference on the 14th November and then both Terms of Reference will go to Council meeting on the 5th December as Council has the powers to determine terms of references for committees.</p>		

	<p>CES/25/1920 - Tree Planting</p> <p>Work in progress and will be reported to a future meeting. A stand about tree planting was included at the Green Fayre on the 26th October.</p> <p>CES/28/1920 – Dementia Friendly Congleton</p> <p>Initial dates set aside for an awareness session have been allocated for Business Planning priorities, so new dates will be offered for January.</p> <p>CES/26/1920 - Congleton Market</p> <p>Awaiting further information from Cheshire East Council</p>
Proposal	To note this report.

Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group
Spence Suite 3.30pm
Minutes of the Meeting 29th August 2019

Present:

Cllr Kay Wesley (Chair)
Cllr Rob Moreton (RM)
Cllr Denis Murphy (DM)
Cllr Sally Ann Holland (SAH)
Glen Williams- (GW)
Julia Pestell Hassell CEC (JPH)

Cllr Amanda Martin (AM)
David McGifford (DMG)
Jackie MacArthur (JMacA)
PCSO David Bell (DB)

Apologies – Richard Christopherson CEC, Ruth Burgess,

AGENDA

1. Minutes from the meeting held on the 13th June 2019 accepted as a true record - agreed minutes of meeting but not induction to be copied for CES
2. **Matters arising:**
 - Visit to CCTV – JMacA to send out suggested times and dates - looking at 12/13th Sept or 19th/20th Sept
 - Press release written to go out after the visit – JMacA to send to KW to add a quote
 - Still waiting for feedback from Youth Council/Youth Forum re things they would like to see ASB working group helping them with.
3. **PSPO for the market and Victoria Street**

PSPO is still be working well. Police reported that the area covered by the PSPO has been quiet in terms of ASB compared to previous years. Many of the young people who caused issues in the past are now working. It has been made difficult for the Crewe gang to come to Congleton. Issues have been more with older people drinking in the market area.

The PSPO will need to be reviewed and reapplied for after three years. JPH to report back on the process. Concern raised that the lack of issues in the area may make it difficult to prove the need for a future PCSO.
4. **Drug and Alcohol Abuse:**

St Peter's Church and Priestly Fields. Police are aware and watching the areas. Users are finding more out of the way places to go rather than in very public places. Various issues on-going and the Police are aware and building evidence.

Issues raised in June and July regards homeless people have largely been resolved

5. Anti-Social Behaviour

Theft from Car Park meters in the town centre – someone has been caught and likely to be charged.

6. Market Street Toilets

Concern raised about the state that certain members of the public are leaving the toilets in. This has become so bad that the company that cleans them has withdrawn their weekend services. Agreed to get some photos and let the public know what the Council deals with via social media/press.

7. CCTV

Database incidents for the first quarter were received
Noted that CEC had put a temporary CCTV camera on Barn Road. The CCTV manager reported good results. JMacA to chase up the figures and use to help draft a letter with DM to send to the PCC with a further request for funding towards a permanent CCTV camera for this area

8. AOB

- Havannah Street – Parking on double yellow lines. – being passed to CEC Wardens to take action. Also need to have action around a long-term trailer.
- Complaint about 101 number. Callers put off by a 2-minute introduction. DM to write to PCC to express concerns that it is off putting and too long to wait before you can press for options.
Action to raise awareness of ways to report crimes, incidents, suspicions to the Police in addition to 101. – JMacA to investigate and work with KW on a poster/social media/ Bear Necessities.
- Sgt Keith Graham is leaving at the end of August and will be stationed in Macclesfield. Sgt Paul Brunton will take over
- PCSO Jess Shore is leaving Congleton West mid- September. PCSO David Bell will be working Jess's beat.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Thursday 24th October – 3.30pm – 5pm
Thursday 9th January - 3.30pm – 5pm
Thursday 5th March - 3.30pm – 5pm

Other meetings may be called if needed.

Health and Well-Being Working Group
Thursday 25th July 2019
Minutes of Meeting

Present:

- Cllr Dawn Allen (Chair)
- Cllr Mark Rogan
- Cllr Suzy Firkin
- Cllr Margaret Gartside
- Jackie MacArthur

- **Apologies** - Cllr Suzie Akers Smith, Cllr David Brown, Cllr Kay Wesley,

Minutes - Approved minutes of meeting of the 20th June 2019

Matters Arising:

1. **Objective of the H&W Being Group** – looking at the provision of Mental Health provision and the role of that the War Memorial Hospital can take in meeting the needs of the service.

2. **Active Congleton** – Suzie Akers Smith will continue to work on this agenda.

3. **Adult Mental Health** - need to understand the gap and what is missing. What is being done in the short and medium term? Suggest that there needs to be a discussion with each of the doctor surgery practice managers, the War Memorial Hospital and Macclesfield hospital, Adult Mental Health team, CEC Councillor in charge of Adult Social Care from Cheshire East, Cheshire East Communities team, Police team to gain further information and knowledge of the scope of the issue.
 - a) Practice managers – put together a questionnaire of subject areas where it would be useful to have a greater understanding. MR to produce a first draft and circulate to the team. Aim to get the questionnaire out in August and a follow up meeting in September.

 - b) Team to work on getting as many stats as possible on mental health issues in Congleton during July/ August and to circulate information found to the group.

4. Tartan Rug

A brief discussion on the findings shown. Concern expressed about Congleton being in the highest percentile in the country for hospitalisation through self-harm and to find out more about this. The figure supports the work that the group wishes to progress on Mental Health.

5. Wirral Model of Health

Nothing to report on this, but the group wishes to keep it on the agenda and to look at for a future model.

- 6. Mountview** - service is moving to Overton House from week commencing 29th July. All staff and users of Mountview are moving together -so continuity of care and the care has remained in Congleton. This is good news.

We still need to establish making sure that Overton House is fit for the future and the building is correct and that we can have continuity of care services at West Care Day Service. Also need to ensure that the Mountview Building continues to be useful for Congleton. Action to find out the plans are for Mountview.

- 7. Living Well Consultation** – encourage group to have explore this on-line consultation. Two group members – Cllr Suzy Firkin and Cllr Mark Rogan are aiming to attend a consultation session in Macclesfield in August.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: SUGGEST THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER AT 3.30pm

Health and Well Being Working Group

Minutes Thursday 3rd October

Spencer Suite, Town Hall

Present:

Cllr Mark Rogan

Cllr Suzie Firkin

Cllr David Brown

Cllr Dawn Allen (Chair)

Cllr Margaret Gartside

Jackie MacArthur

Guest: John Saville Crowther

Apologies: Cllr Suzie Akers Smith

1. Agreed minutes of the meeting of the 25th July 2019
2. **Feedback from Well Being Fayre** – Fayre held on the 1st October. 55 groups attended. 180 members of the public. Good mixture of stalls. Clear that greater communications is needed both for the public and within the various groups and organisations to increase awareness of what services are available locally.

The Fayre was organised by the Senior Forum of the Congleton Partnership.

3. **Mental Health Models** – discussion around the 'Wirral Partnership' Model and the benefit of having local centres where people suffering from mental health issues can drop in and see a professional. Feedback from the three doctors surgeries in Congleton identified that around 1/3rd of the morning calls are from people suffering from various levels of anxiety, depression or grieving with patients needing longer appointment times. Group would like to explore how Congleton residents suffering from mental health issues could have a place to go to see a professional.

Many of the larger programmes around helping people with mental health issues are located in Crewe and Macclesfield. This is far from ideal for people in Congleton with mental health issues, barriers include physical cost, time to travel, emotional energy and confidence needed to travel out of area, lack of easy peer support networks.

4. **Living Well Web Site** – owned by Cheshire East - agreed that we need to do a review of the Congleton entries and make sure up to date. Explore whether Congleton could reproduce a Congleton Living Well page sign posting local people to local services/ Add information to CTC website. JMacA and KW

5. **Funding Streams for Mental Health** – need a better understanding of the system and how it works. To arrange a meeting where NHS, CEC, CCG can explain the system. Arrange a meeting where we can have a discussion with the partners who are commissioning mental health services for Congleton and gain a better understanding of the system. JMacA to sort
6. **Younger Age Group Support** - could Visyon extend its range to support young people upto the age of 25. SF to have a discussion with Visyon.
7. **Mantra for the group:** Suggestion:

We want:

- A front line, mental health safe space for adults

Which is:

- A drop in centre
- Professionally staffed
- In Congleton

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be a round table meeting with people responsible for commissioning services. JMacA to arrange and communicate date.

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community, Environment and Services Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	7 th November 2019	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Town Marketing and Events Manager/Deputy Chief Officer and Cllr Dawn Allen, Chair of Congleton Health and Well Being Working Group.		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	10. Mental Health Plans and Aspirations for Congleton		
Background	<p>The Health and Wellbeing Working Group has met three times since May and held one round table discussion with officers from Cheshire East Council and NHS Clinical Commissioning Group to understand future plans for the delivery of mental health services in Congleton.</p> <p>This paper has been written to update Councillors on the work of the group and to seek Committee support for the direction of the working group.</p>		
Current Situation	<p>Health and Well Being is a vast subject and the working group is focussing its efforts into improving mental health support in Congleton. The group is keen to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. help remove the stigma associated with mental health so that mental health is recognised and treated in with the same importance as physical health2. make it easier for local people to find help and support for mental health issues through working with others to ensure effective communications of services available.3. Create a safe space in Congleton where people can get professional support for mental health issues when it is needed4. support the development of the Congleton Health and Well Being Fayre 2020 <p>The Working Group will do this through</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Taking every opportunity to work with Mental Health professionals, support groups and organisations to promote mental health initiatives and where appropriate encourage Congleton to be used as a pilot town for new services.b) Make use of the communication channels available to the Town Council to better signpost the availability of mental health support.c) Welcoming the new Mental Health All Ages Strategy and the emergency Five Year Health Plan and work with commissioning partners to help introduce new practices in Congleton as early as possible.d) Cllr Suzy Firkin will be the group's representative on the Health and Well Being Fayre organising group.		
Recommend that	Recommend that CES notes this report and supports direction of the Health and Well Being Group for 2020 including ensuring this work stream is included in the emerging Business Plan.		

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COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community, Environment and Services Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	7 th November 2019	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Cllr Margaret Gartside and Town Marketing and Events Manager/Deputy Chief Officer		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	11. Climate Change Emergency – work on an Action Plan		
Background	<p>On September 19th Congleton Town Council declared a Climate Change Emergency at Council (CTC 33/1920)</p> <p>At this meeting the Town Council resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Publicise this initiative to at the Congleton Green Fair on 26th October 20192. Appoint Cllr Margaret Gartside as Lead Councillor on Climate Emergency3. Pledge to make Congleton Town Council carbon neutral by 2025;4. Call on Cheshire East, and the national government to provide the powers and resources to make the 2025 target possible;5. Continue to work with partners across the town and region to deliver this goal through all relevant strategies and plans6. In all discussion, debate and decision-making procedures ensure that climate impact is thoroughly considered and recorded;7. Report to Council within three months with the initial actions the Council needs to take to address this emergency		
Current Situation	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The first Green Fayre held on the 26th October was a success, with around 300 visitors attending the Town Hall to visit the 25 stalls. Many pledges and ideas were given at the event which will be considered by Congleton Green. In light of the success of this event another has been provisionally booked for 31st May 2020.2. Cllr Margaret Gartside is taking the lead for the Town Council.3. The first step to making the Town Council carbon neutral will be to accurately work out our current Carbon Footprint. To do this it is suggested that the Town Council brings in a professional to carry out an environmental audit, assess the current footprint and help advise on a reduction plan.4. It is proposed to encourage Councillors and Officers to attend Sustainable Living in Congleton (SLIC) training early in 20205. Items 4- 7 from the declaration will continue to be worked on via the Congleton Green Working Group, set up in conjunction with Congleton Sustainability Group. Proposals from this group which affect the Town Council will need to be considered and where appropriate incorporated into the Town Council policies and business plan.		

Proposal	<p>Propose that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Officers investigate organising an environmental audit into the Town Hall and Town Council assets and work practices, with a paper to Finance and Policy if necessary for funding purposes. 2. That the Town Council support Congleton Green in bringing forward further measures to support the Climate Change Emergency 3. That officers organise a SLIC training for early in 2020
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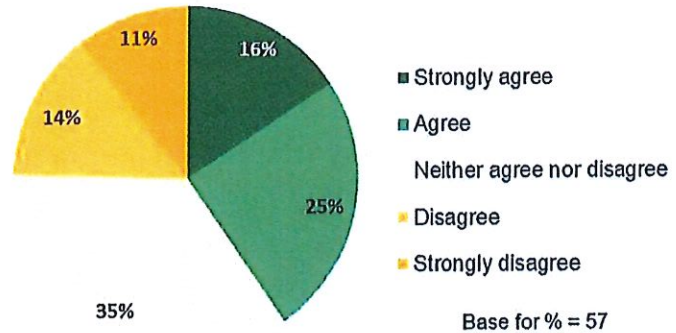
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community, Environment and Services Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	7 th November 2019	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Cllr Suzie Akers Smith, Cllr Kay Wesley and Town Marketing and Events Manager/Deputy Chief Officer		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	12. Congleton Integrated Transport Update		
Background	<p>This paper is provided to give Members an update on actions taken around Integrated Transport and to agree the next steps.</p> <p>An Integrated Transport Strategy Working Group was convened on the 19th September and agreed that it is a top priority to rethink transport in Congleton and avoid a large influx of cars with all the new housing that is being built. The Congleton Link road also provides an opportunity to re-plan our transport infrastructure and there was an opportunity for further feedback into the emerging Cheshire East Local Transport Plan. Councillors discussed the need to optimise walking, cycling and public transport use.</p> <p>Councillors have already heard reports from the Living Streets initiative and consulted the Integrated Transport foundation and Transport for New Homes.</p> <p>There is now a recognised need to move forward with issues discussed previously. These include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Concerns about the poor quality of the majority of Transport Plans being submitted as part of development proposals and a need to write guidelines explaining what we expect to see in their Transport Plans to support public transport and active transport in Congleton.b) Deliver on the Action to sign up to Living Streets by developing a strategy for Congleton, and include this within the 2020/2021 Business Planc) Work with partners to reduce/ stop Pavement Parking in Congleton. (raised via work with the RNIB and Living Street initiatives)d) Consider Issues raised through consultation around the recently adopted Local Transport Plan 2019- 2023. Note the consultation on this document closed on the 25 June 2018. CEC Summary of the Congleton comments can be seen in appendix one).e) Work with CEC on the promised <i>‘Town-based delivery plans which will be consulted on prior to any decisions, covering all aspects of local transport plan including parking’</i>. Taken from the CEC press release of 24th October 2019f) Develop the Draft Cycling Master Plan for Congleton		
Proposal	To allocate 4-6 councillors to form an Integrated Transport Working Group to develop proposals and actions based on items a-f and report back to future CES committees.		

Congleton

Out of the 57 respondents who indicated a view, 41% agreed that the LTP document identifies the unique challenges in Congleton and 25% disagreed, see figure 4.

Figure 4.
Agreement/ disagreement that the
LTP identifies the unique challenges
in Congleton (excluding don't know)



37 respondents specifically identified Congleton when providing an open comment within the LTP questionnaire or via e-mail/ letter response. The most frequently commented on theme in Congleton, as shown in table 6, was the 'road network' (54 references) in regards to 'road safety' and 'traffic and congestion'. Specific concerns were raised about the safety of pedestrians on narrow footpaths, problems caused by parked cars and general traffic and congestion levels in and around the town.





Table 6. What do you feel are the key transport challenges in your local area? - Congleton

Theme	Count
Bus Transport	19
Issues with current service: limited use if passengers have a long walk to stops at both ends of their journey	1
Additional service requirements: greater service required to the railway station, West Heath, Bunclawton, Mossley, key employment sites, Macclesfield hospital	10
Impact of bus reductions: A loss service to a number of residential areas, especially on the west side of Congleton despite the development activity taking	2
Named service: 38, 42, & 315, limited potential if passengers have a long walk to access them	6
Road Network	54
Traffic and congestion: General concerns about congestion as well as specifically: Bunclawton, Padgbury Lane, Rood Hill.	19
Named roads: A number mentioned including Padgbury lane, Rood Hill, Moss Road junction, Albert Place, Mountbatton Way.	13
Network management: Impact of the Congleton Link Road might have on a number of junctions including Padbury Lane and Mountbatten Way. Potholes were also raised as an issue.	2
Road safety: concerns about HGVs & regarding a road crossing at Black Firs Primary School.	8
Car parking: Railway station requires increased car parking/ park and ride facility. Town centre parking also noted as an issue.	12
Active and Smarter Travel	32
Smarter Choices: Congleton had electric vehicle rapid charging units located in Princess Street Car Park which has been sold to a private company, the facility should be retained.	1
Cycling: Promote cycling routes, need links to town centre & cycle parking at train station. Cycling provision not fulfilled by developers.	18
Walking: Promote walking routes, closure of certain roads to provide traffic free environment (Wagg Street).	13
Public Transport Information and Ticketing	12
Integration: Train and bus times need to co-ordinate with each other especially at critical peak times.	7
Information: Real-time electronic information points at bus and rail stations, changes of timetables need to be advertised more clearly.	4
Ticketing: Difficultly finding the most cost effective ticket for long journeys (rail).	1
Rail Transport	18
Current service: Investment in facilities including the: building, parking and cycle provision. Overcrowding at peak times.	7
Additional service: Should be expanded / improved to the following areas: Crewe, Manchester, Winsford and London. Improvement of service at key commuter times.	11
Other	25
Developments: Level of development and amount of traffic this would bring & lack of infrastructure to support it.	21
Air quality: General concerns about air quality especially due to the number of developments in the area and the lack of sustainable transport options.	4
Total number of references	160
Total number of respondents leaving a comment	37

Crewe

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community Environment and Services		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	7 th November 2019 7.00pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	R Burgess – Streetscape Development Manager and Cllr Margaret Gartside		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	13. SID – Speed Indicator Device		
Current Situation	There are many types of SIDs in Congleton, below is a table of the type and locations and we wish to make the council aware of the various types and locations :		
	Type	Location in Congleton	Image
	Fixed Speed Indicators Devices	1 x Buxton Road near to Jct of Buxton Old Road – as you travel to Congleton Town 1 x Park Lane side of 32A– as you travel to Congleton Town 1 x Newcastle Road opposite Astbury Garage – as you travel to Congleton Town 2 x Padgbury Lane one in each direction	
		2 x Leek Road one in each direction (Flashing 30)	
		1x Leek Road by Railway Bridge (Slow Down Flashing when going above 30mph)	
	Speed Cameras	1 x Park Lane 1x Buxton Road	
Community Speedwatch	Furthermore, we have Congleton Community Speedwatch which comprises of three speedwatch groups with volunteers who monitor the speed of motorists at set locations across Congleton town. Speed Watch groups typically go out for one hour per week in their areas.		
	Lower Heath has 4 volunteers and they use a Bushnell Radar Speed Gun which simply displays the speed of the vehicle and does not record. This group mainly go		

	<p>out on A34 Manchester Road. Lower Heath are very keen for a SID which they are applying for funding for from the TC.</p> <p>West Heath currently has 3 volunteers although there may soon be another 2 giving a total of 5. This group has the same type of Bushnell Speed Gun. They mainly cover Padbury Lane, Newcastle Road, Sandbach Road and Holmes Chapel Road all in 30mph zones.</p> <p>Mossley who operate mainly from Moss Road, Reade's Lane, Leek Road, Canal Road and Biddulph Road.</p>								
<p>Quotes</p>	<p>We have sought quotes to for another SID which have the following specification the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collects data • Transferrable to other sites • Solar powered <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Company</u></th><th><u>Cost</u></th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Unipart doorman</td><td>£2345.00 +vat</td></tr> <tr> <td>Traffic technology</td><td>£3235.00 +vat</td></tr> <tr> <td>SIDSigns.co.uk</td><td>£1382.00 +vat</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Cost</u>	Unipart doorman	£2345.00 +vat	Traffic technology	£3235.00 +vat	SIDSigns.co.uk	£1382.00 +vat
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<p>Budget</p>	<p>We have and Earmarked Reserve (EMR) of £8,779 for traffic calming/crime prevention. Note there has been some previous discussions about utilising this budget for additional CCTV in areas where there is anti - social behaviour</p>								
<p>Decision Requested</p>	<p>To support the Lower Heath Speedwatch groups request for a SID as specified above and to recommend to Finance and Policy its approval to procure the SID from SIDSigns.co.uk £1382 plus VAT subject to recommendations from current users of this model</p>								