

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

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