



Congleton Town Council

Historic Market Town

Chief Officer: David McGifford CiLCA

24th January 2020

Dear Councillor,

Community & Environment Committee – Thursday 30th January 2020

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Community & Environment Committee, to be held in the Town Hall, High Street, Congleton **on Thursday 30th January 2020 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 7th November 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

See item 8 – Updates Paper from 7th November 2019 CES Committee.

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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 Saville Crowther concerning dog fouling on Box Lane. –A response to be given at 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. Plastic Free Congleton (Enclosed)

To receive a report with recommendations on actions Congleton Town Council should take to help Congleton become an accredited Plastic Free Town.

8. Updates Paper from 7th November 2019 CES Committee (Enclosed)

To receive an updates paper highlighting issues raised at the previous Community, Environment & Services Committee meeting.

9. Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group (Enclosed)

To receive the notes of the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group held on 24th October 2019.

10. Health and Well Being Working Group (Enclosed)

To receive the notes of the Health and Well-Being Group held on 24th October 2019.

11. Congleton in Bloom Group (Enclosed)

To receive the notes of the Congleton in Bloom group held on the 3rd December 2019 and to receive an update on news for the 2020 competitions

12. Congleton Events Calendar for 2020 (Enclosed)

To receive and discuss a report of events planned for Congleton in 2020 including some details on the groups leading on the events.

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 7th November 2019

PRESENT:

Committee members:

Martin Amies
Suzy Firkin
Margaret Gartside
Amanda Martin
Denis Murphy (Deputy Mayor)
Jean Parry
Kay Wesley (Chair)

Non-Committee members

Suzie Akers Smith (from item 14)
James Smith

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Committee members Councillors Dawn Allen Paul Duffy and Mark Rogan and non-committee member Sally Ann Holland (Town Mayor).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2019 as a correct record.

CES/29/1920 Resolved to receive the minutes from 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.

Cheshire East Councillor Denis Murphy declared an interest via CEC and also for item 17 as a Rotarian.

4. Outstanding Actions

Note that these actions are covered in Agenda Item 7 - 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. There were questions from three members of the public

- a) John Whitelock – re lack of response from the 27th June questions around the confusion between the roles of police and Cheshire East Enforcement Officers regards to parking, and the offer for volunteer help with enforcing clear way forward policies at school gates.
- b) Barry Speed – Questions on:
 - Actions to meet the target of planting 30,000 trees in next 5 years
 - Reporting mechanisms for Streetscape.
 - Lack of reports from Congleton in Bloom
 - Climate Change Emergency – who is delivering?
- c) Maurice Walker - concern about lack of action taken to clean up the parking area by the boat on River Dane near the two bears Roundabout/Aldi.

The full questions and the responses can be seen in Appendix A. Responses were handed to Barry Speed who was present, and will be sent to Mr Whitelock and Mr Walker.

6. Cheshire Police

Received a verbal report from a representative of Cheshire Police on Policing matters affecting Congleton.

PC Helen Hood from Cheshire Police provided updates on:

- 1. Operation Headhunted. Police request for community home watch/WhatsApp groups/Congleton Chat's Back to report CCTV/sightings of anyone trying cars or acting suspiciously around parked vehicles to notify the Police.
- 2. Anti-Social Behaviour issues on Woolston Avenue have subsided with one offender referred to Divert
- 3. Homelessness – 5 permanent sleepers in the town centre reduced to one. The final rough sleeper is now interested in accommodation and this should be sorted imminently.
- 4. Operation Storyteller – police operation in December 2019 targeting sexual offences in vehicles in the laybys on the Macclesfield Road.

7. Updates Paper from 26th September CES Committee

To receive an updates paper highlighting issues raised at the previous Community, Environment & Services Committee meeting.

CES/30/1920 Resolved to note the Updates report

8. Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group

To receive the notes of the ASB Working Group held on 29th August 2019.

CES/31/1920 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group

9. Health and Wellbeing Working Group

To receive the notes of the Health and Wellbeing Group held on the 25th July and 3rd October 2019.

CES/32/1920 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Group

10. Mental Health Plans and Aspirations for Congleton

To receive a report on the proposed future working plans of the Health and Well Being Group.

CES/33/1920 Resolved to receive the report and support the work proposed by the Health and Wellbeing Group and ensure the work stream is included in the emerging business plan.

11. Climate Change Emergency Work on an Action Plan

To receive a report on actions related to the Climate Change Emergency declared on 19th September 2019.

CES/34/1920 Resolved to support the following actions:

- a) Officers to investigate carrying out an environmental audit into the Town Hall and Town Hall assets and work practices, with a paper to Finance and Policy if necessary for funding purposes.
- b) To support Congleton Green in bringing forward further measures to support the Climate Change Emergency
- c) To organise Sustainable Living in Congleton (SLIC) training for councillors and staff early in 2020.

12. Congleton Integrated Transport Update

To receive an update on the plans for creating a more integrated transport strategy for Congleton

CES/35/1920 Resolved to form an Integrated Transport Working Group to develop proposals and actions based on the items listed in the paper and report back to a future CES committee. Councillors on the group to include Cllrs Amanda Martin, Suzy Firkin, Margaret Gartside, Kay Wesley and Suzie Akers Smith.

13. Speed Indication Devices and Speed Cameras

To receive a proposal to purchase Speed Indication Devices to improve speed awareness in Congleton.

CES/36/1920 Resolved to support the Lower Heath Speed Watch request for a Speed Indicator Device that collects data, is transferrable to other sites and solar panelled. To recommend to Finance and Policy that a SID is procured from SIDSigns for £1382 plus Vat subject to recommendations from current users of this model.

14. Congleton Makers Market

To consider a report on the Maker's Market in Congleton.

CES/37/1920 Resolved for the Makers Market to continue in Congleton on the last Saturday of the month, with continued efforts to do whatever is reasonably possible to accommodate the needs of all the Congleton shops and businesses.

15. Congleton In Bloom Working Group

To receive an update on the results of the North West in Bloom competition (announced on the 31st October and 1st November 2019) and Cheshire Community Pride competition announced on the 4th November 2019.

CES/38/1920 Resolved to note the update given on the success of the In Bloom team in 2019 and to congratulate and thank the volunteer teams and streetscape staff for all their hard work and efforts.

16. Penny Farthing proposal for the Park Lane Roundabout

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

CES/39/1920 Resolved to support the project to obtain a Penny Farthing sculpture for the Park Lane roundabout and for officers to proceed with gaining legal agreements and funding.

17. Future of Fair in Congleton

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

CES/40/1920 Resolved to write to Cheshire East Council expressing concerns about the impact that their additional consultancy charges to check paperwork are having on the ability to bring fair rides into Cheshire East for either community or commercial purposes.

**Cllr Kay Wesley
(Chair)**

Appendix A

Responses from the Public for CES Committee on the 7th November 2019

1. Question from John Whitelock

The Town Council has received a letter from John Whitelock concerned about the lack of formal response and a proper answer to his two questions raised at CES in June. One question was around the confusion between what traffic offences the Police deal with and the traffic offence that Cheshire East Civil Enforcement Officers deal with and whether there was a way the two organisations could work together more closely. The second question was around if volunteers were able to get involved in volunteering for the school clearways programme run by Cheshire East.

Mr Whitelock has written to express concern that other than hearing that the questions had been passed on, he has not received an answer to the questions and the lack of a response was not included in the updates or matter arising so has left him feeling in limbo waiting for a final response.

Answer: Firstly I would like to apologise to Mr Whitelock for the Town Council not getting him a timely response and keeping on top of checking for responses. I am pleased to say that we have now received more facts from both Cheshire East Council and the Police and a detailed response will be sent.

To summarise this response, although the Police and Cheshire East Civil Enforcement officers do collaborate on high priority problem areas, such as at school parking, they have different powers. CEC Civil Enforcement Officers deal with civil issues whilst the Police deal with criminal issues such as obstruction, dangerous and unsafe parking, and moving traffic violations. All the duties that the Civil Enforcement Officers can deal with can be seen at online https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/car_parks_and_parking/penalty_charges/parking_contraventions/parking_contraventions.aspx

The Police need to balance the risk with their resources available and react accordingly. The Civil Enforcement Officers are not able to step in and perform criminal parking duties which are not a high priority for the police.

Regards the offer to volunteer at the school gates, we have been told by the Enforcement Team that this is not possible. Only employees of Cheshire East who have been trained as Civil Enforcement Officers and who have been trained and DBS enhanced checked carry out this work. In order to issue a fine the contravention has to have been witnessed by a Civil Enforcement Officer and they are not able to act on 3rd party evidence. However CEC is currently recruiting for Five Civil Enforcement Officers to bring them up to a complement of 24-26 officers.

2. Letter from Barry Speed 4.11.19

I am concerned that there are no written reports for the following activities:

Barry, Thank you for your questions

2a) Tree planting

We understand that the target is to plant 30,000 trees in 5 years, so might expect to see a plan for achieving the first 6,000 trees this autumn. From casual conversation at the Green Fayre I learnt that green spaces have been identified in the town, but that these would only have capacity for 2,000 trees. Clearly this is worrying if true, and I think the public would expect a clear written statement in the form of a report, to give us the facts, and some plans as to how the public could help with the initiative.

To achieve this target we need to be working with key stakeholders and as many partners as possible, certain councillors and officers will also be involved. A working group has been established and has 8 members, this is a sub group of the Congleton Sustainability Group which links back to the Council via the Congleton Partnership. Any updates we receive as a council will be reported back to this committee, however I would suggest it is a bit early for the council to receive written reports or a plan at this stage.

2b) Streetscape

I did ask David previously if Streetscape gave reports to Committee, and he assured me that reports were dealt with in an as-required manner to Cheshire East, as the contract for the bulk of the work is with Cheshire East. However, I have discovered that Streetscape did in fact provide written reports to the Town Committee up until the end of 2015, but couldn't find them beyond that date. Given that Streetscape accounts for the bulk of Council employees and accounts for the largest single expenditure in the budget, can I ask if these reports can be restarted. Note, as far as I can tell, Ruth does an excellent job within the constraints and demands put upon her, simply that reports should be in place in any business as part of proper transparency and accountability.

The Chief Officer has already organised a presentation for Councillors to attend next week which will outline how the Service currently operates and proposals on how and where it reports to Council.

2c) In-Bloom

I was surprised to see there is no written report from In-Bloom, given that there has been no report since late Spring, and that the bulk of work is carried out over the summer. Again, it appears that In-Bloom activities consume a significant amount of Council expenditure and manpower, and should merit a reasonably regular written report.

The minutes of the In Bloom (Floral Arrangement) working group meetings are received by the Community Environment & Services Committee. The majority of preparation work and decisions are made by late Spring and are recorded in the minutes. There will be ad hoc operational meetings after this period but that is mostly to ensure the various voluntary activity is being supported by the working group members.

Congratulations to the In Bloom team for once again winning Gold Standard in the North West in Bloom Competition and being nominated to be the North Wests representatives for the 2020 Britain in Bloom Competition.

2d) There is a report regarding the Climate Change Emergency. However can I ask if the following can be clarified: Which organisation is tasked with coordinating the actions in response to the declared emergency – is this Congleton Green? And can we have clarification of who is the chairperson of Congleton Green.

It is envisaged that Congleton Green will coordinate the actions 4-7 identified within the report, and as also stated within the report Councillor Margaret Gartside is the Town Councillors representative and will be initial Chair of the group. One of the first items for the group is to agree its terms of reference, following that we should be able to give you a definitive position in terms responsibility for the overall coordination of actions.

3. Question from Maurice Walker

It has now been twelve months since vehicles were parked on the plot of land near to Aldi and opposite to the Boat. We now have a mobile home which has been parked there for a considerable time and the whole area is getting to look untidy and an eyesore for the town. This is also becoming a safety issue as vehicles rot away and children use the area as a play-ground. I would like to know what action the Town Council are prepared to take to remedy this blot on the landscape. I hope it is not to be ignored like the boat issue and just tolerated. It is time this problem with the land-owner was addressed before we have a much larger problem to deal with.

Thank you for your question. The land referred to is in private ownership and as such the Town Council has no jurisdiction that can force the owner to remove vehicles parked on his private land or force him to clean it up. The Town Council has referred the matter to Cheshire East Council who does has powers using a Untidy Land Notice (Section 215 of the Town and Country Plan Act) to force the landowner to clean up an area that is considered detrimental to the visual amenity of an area. This site is in a prominent area of town. Cheshire East has had some success using a 215 notice on this area in the past which has led to a couple of vehicles being removed. We have been informed that Cheshire East Council will visit the site and see if the poor condition reported warrants legal action.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community and Environment Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	30 th January 2020	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Heather Seddon – Community Lead, Plastic Free Congleton		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	7 Plastic Free Congleton		
Current Status	<p>In September 2019 Plastic Free Congleton was launched. It is a group which aims to raise the awareness of single-use plastic usage, and to encourage its reduction in the town. The group has already met four times.</p> <p>The ultimate aim of the group is for Congleton to achieve Plastic Free Community status. Across the UK, there are now 660 Plastic Free Communities which have attained this status.</p> <p>Plastic Free Congleton already has the support of the Congleton Sustainability Group and the Congleton Partnership.</p>		
Background Information	<p>Plastic pollution is one of the biggest environmental threats of our age. Plastic blights our beaches and it reaches every part of our oceans, harming our wildlife.</p> <p>Plastic Free Congleton will use the framework of the parent group 'Surfers Against Sewage', a marine conservation charity, which campaigns to protect the oceans, beaches and wildlife. Reducing the use of avoidable single-use plastic items in our daily lives, such as plastic straws, plastic bottles, and plastic cutlery will ultimately reduce the quantity of plastic which is accumulating in our environment and harming our wildlife.</p> <p>There are five objectives which are required for Congleton to achieve plastic-free Community Status:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local Governance – Congleton Town Council to pass a resolution supporting the journey to Plastic Free Community Status, committing to plastic-free alternatives and plastic-free initiatives. 2. Local Businesses – At least 12 local businesses in Congleton to sign up to the scheme to become a Plastic-Free Champions. 3. Plastic Free Allies – Widespread community engagement – spreading the plastic free message to a diverse audience. Community spaces to sign up to the scheme, e.g. Places of Worship, Community Halls, Scout Huts. Schools are encouraged to sign up to the Plastic Free Schools action plan. 4. Plastic Free Rallies – at least two community events arranged and open to the public each year, e.g. litter picks, fundraising activities. 		

	<p>5. Steering Group - Local group to meet at least twice a year to discuss progress.</p>
Next Steps	<p>Plastic Free Congleton asks Congleton Town Council to consider the following actions to help the town achieve Plastic Free Community Status for the town:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Positively support the activities and aims of Plastic Free Congleton 2. Appoint the Chair of Congleton Green, or a representative of the working group, to sit on the Plastic Free Congleton Steering Group 3. Create a plan, within three months, for the removal or replacement of at least three items of single-use plastic from Council managed premises, e.g./ plastic cups near the water cooler, plastic plates and cutlery when serving food together will a plan for the reduction of other single-use plastic items for the future. 4. Participate in, and give assistance to, the organisation for at least two community events in the town -e.g. Litter picks. 5. Assess the adequate provision of litter bins, especially around the waterways in the town, and ensure that they are regularly emptied. To consider the provision of plastic recycling bins to maximise plastic recycling wherever possible. 6. Inspect the town regularly for littering and including areas around the town's rivers, canals and brooks. 7. Assist Plastic Free Congleton to locate suitable sites for terracycling bins in Congleton. 8. Create and publish a list of all recycling and terracycling sites in Congleton. 9. Encourage the use of compostable disposables for events held in the town, by adding suitable wording to contracts. The use of single-use plastics is strongly discouraged.
Proposal	<p>To recommend that Council passes a resolution to support Plastic Free Congleton Group on its journey to achieve Plastic Free Community Status.</p> <p>To work with Plastic Free Congleton on the 9 action points above.</p>

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community and Environment Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	30th January 2020	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Town Marketing and Events Manager/Deputy Chief Officer		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	8 Updates Paper from 7th November 2019 CES Committee		
Background	<p>This paper is provided to give Members an update on actions from reports discussed at Community Environment and Services Committee on the 7th November, 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>Councillors held a stall at the Christmas Lights Switch on the 23rd November as part of raising awareness for the White Ribbon Day on the 25th November. 70 additional people made the pledge at this event. On the 25th November the Town Council promoted the campaign through Social Media. The Chief Officer is planning a staff training session before the end of February. The team is developing a campaign plan and this will come to a future CE committee.</p> <p>CES/21/1920 – Cheshire Without Abuse</p> <p>The group – with the help of CE Chair – has been applying to various organisations for funding support and is waiting for responses. This is a long-term on-going project.</p> <p>CES/23/1920 - Committee Terms of Reference</p> <p>This was approved at Council on the 5th December and is now part of the Constitution.</p> <p>CES/25/1920 - Tree Planting</p> <p>The aim is to plant 30,000 trees in five years. This is being worked on by Congleton Green. By the end of February this year 678 trees will have been planted including 181 at Quinta Park and 137 at Marshall Grove. These have been funded independently of CTC, mostly via Cheshire Wildlife Trust.</p>		

	<p>CES/28/1920 – Dementia Friendly Congleton</p> <p>An awareness session for Councillors and staff has been planned for Thursday 6th February from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. The Dementia Friendly Congleton team continues to work hard. More than 1000 people in Congleton have been through an awareness session. 19 business have been awarded Dementia Friendly Congleton stickers and the latest quarterly activity booklet publicises more than 40 activities suitable for those living with dementia and their carers.</p> <p>CES /34/1920 - Climate Change Emergency</p> <p>Congleton Green group are meeting on the 6th February with Cheshire East lead officer on Climate Change to understand what actions Cheshire East Council is proposing to take, which will help with developing a work programme for Congleton. Congleton Green will then meet on the 13th February to develop its terms of reference and objectives to take actions forward.</p> <p>Congleton Sustainability Group has been working on a shortened version of the Sustainable Living in Congleton programme to deliver to Councillors.</p> <p>CES/35/1920 – Integrated Transport Strategy</p> <p>This group will be meeting in February.</p> <p>CES/36/1920 – Speed Indication Device</p> <p>The expenditure was approved at Finance and Policy Committee and the camera has been ordered.</p> <p>CES/39/1920 - Penny Farthing</p> <p>Still sorting legal agreements</p> <p>CES/40/1920 – CEC Charging Policy for checking Fairs</p> <p>Jackie MacArthur and Congleton Rotary meet with two directors at Cheshire East to explain further the impacts that the charging policy was having on Community events. We believe Cheshire East fully understood the issues and said they would be working to resolve it and that we can expect something from them in February.</p>
Proposal	To note this report.

Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group
Spence Suite 3.30pm
Minutes of the Meeting 24th October 2019

Present:

Cllr Kay Wesley (Chair)	Cllr Amanda Martin (AM)
Cllr Rob Moreton (RM)	Glen Williams- (GW)
Cllr Sally Ann Holland (SAH)	Jackie MacArthur (JMacA)
Tyler Cartwright – Youth Council (TC)	Stg Paul Brunton (PB)

1. **Apologies** – Ruth Burgess, Cllr Denis Murphy (DM)) Julia Pestell Hassell CEC (JPH)

2. **Notes of the meeting on the 29th August 2019** accepted as a true record

3. **Matters arising:**

- Visit to CCTV centre was useful and good coverage in the press
- 101 issues – Paul reported that rather than phoning 101 can report on-line, system has clever programmes that will link similar reports – can contact on <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

4. **PSPO** - no update for this meeting, but also not aware of any issues

5. **Youth Issues**

Linking with Youth Forum and Youth Council – aware that while there are a number of activities planned, there is a lack, or a perceived lack, or placed for young people (14-17) to 'hang out' – looking for a location to hold events or just a place to go on a monthly basis. Suggestions – Young Pretender, Wild and Wild, Rumba, Bojangles, Cotton Club, Bamboogie, Cygnet Club concert room. To work with Tyler Cartwright. Action Kay – to find out about Longton Youth Hang out organised with the Police.

6. **CCTV Feedback**

Discussion around growth of CCTV cameras. Operators at the HQ suggested that local people would benefit more from a camera in West Street as big part of evening economy and not covered. Ideally so can see down to the Lion and Swan but could also be turned to see down Antrobus Street – Jackie Mac to contact SH from CCTV about possibility of trialling a temporary camera to see if it is beneficial. Police to help with stats on building a case for a camera in West Street. Would businesses help?

7. **Drug and Alcohol Hotspots**

No new areas – Police continue to monitor areas that are known to be hotspots. Moody Hall has become an issue and has been reported to Cheshire East Council void and vacant team – concern that people are getting into the building to drink, take drugs, hide away. Could do with being properly boarded up as concern about the safety of the building and anyone going into it.

8. Anti-Social Behaviour Hotspots

There has not been a spike in ASB since the last meeting – main areas remain quiet. Police, Plus Dane and Cheshire East Council working on an issue in Woolston Avenue where there has been three incidents involving young people.

9. Rough Sleepers

Congleton Police are visiting at least twice a day – but unless breaking the law nothing the Police can do. The current rough sleepers by Argos have been offered accommodation, but not all chosen to take it up. Hoping they can be persuaded to take the bed space being offered. Concern about reports of making fires - Police will check. Largely co-operative group and very few issues raised by businesses or public to the Police.

10. Street a Week

The Police are planning a Street a Week for Buglawton St Johns area in November – will knock on 100 – 150 doors to check on people and give them a chance to talk about anything that is worrying them. Group of around 8 to go out – work in teams of two – something for ASB members to join in the future?

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

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
Special Meeting to meet with Cheshire East and NHS CCP Group
Minutes Thursday 24th October 11am
Bridestones Suite, Town Hall**

Present:

Cllr Mark Rogan

Cllr Suzie Firkin

Cllr Kay Wesley

Cllr Dawn Allen (Chair)

Jackie MacArthur

David McGifford

Guests: John Saville Crowther, Guy Kilminster, Cheshire East Council,
Muktadir Khan, Cheshire East Council, Jamaila Tausif NHS Clinical Commissioning Group.

Apologies: Cllr Suzie Akers Smith, Cllr Margaret Gartside, Cllr David Brown

1. Agreed minutes of the meeting of the 3rd October 2019 for purposes of going to the CES Committee, although actions need to be discussed at next full meeting
2. Cllr Dawn Allen opened the meeting and welcomed the guests. This meeting was organised for the Health and Well Being Working Group to speak with Cheshire East and the NHS Clinical Commissioning Practice to understand the wider picture of commissioning Mental Health Services for the area. Noted that CCP in the process of merging from 4 CCPs to one.
3. Presentation from Jamaila Tausif – Associate Director of Partnerships and Strategy for the CCP (presentation sent to group on the 24/10/19)
 - 50% of children experiencing mental health issues by age 14 will have life-long issues
 - Children in environments with abuse more likely to suffer from MH
 - Across Cheshire opening a All Age well-being hub – this will be in Winsford - people can be referred by GPs or self-referral.
 - Single Advice Line opening 5-11pm on weekdays and 12 -8pm at weekends
 - Also a 'You in Mind' online platform designed by young people for young people
 - £75k going into the emotionally Health Schools project to enhance MH services. 132 secondary schools across the area.
 - Need to deliver as directed by NHS England, but also consider the needs of the community – local variations in need as identified in health profiles.
 - Mental Health delivered at five levels. Funding is being withdrawn by CCP for level one. Level one delivered through advice sites such as Living Well.

Level 1 – Prevention and Promotion

Level 2 – Recognition in Primary Care

Level 3 – Assessment/Primary Care Interventions

Level 4 - Secondary/Specialist Services

Level 5 – Specialist (in-patient services). Complex patients

- 94% of mental health users dissatisfied – services not good enough and need improving.
- £50 million deficit in Health Care Funding in CEC areas. Promises centrally of more funds
- Suicide prevention courses have been run for friends, families, employers – 500 people in CEC area trained in the past years
- Access to Psychological Therapies set to include in the next three years – CCG looking at issues and invited John Saville Crowther and Cllr Mark Rogan to join a working group.

FUTURE PLANS

Further development of Community Crisis hubs – planning started. Hubs will be open 10am – 12 midnight and run by third sector providers. First one in Chester in January – Congleton H&WB group to arrange a visit. H&WB group asked if the War Memorial hospital could accommodate site for Congleton?

Introduction of a band 7 mental health first contact practitioner, one in each of the 17 Care Communities (Congleton is in a Care Community known as CHOC which is Congleton and Holmes Chapel) – which will give the GPs a person to refer patients to. This should be in place within 18 months.

ACTION - come up with better name than Community Crisis Hub

Public Health England useful sites:

Every Mind Matters – <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

Time to Change - - focus on mental health of workforce <https://www.time-to-change.org.uk/>

Cheshire East 5 year plan Mental Health for All Ages

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/health-matters/health-conditions/mental-health/mental-health.aspx>

Cheshire East Connected Communities

Looking at Mental Health

Young People

Social Isolation

Muka lead person for Congleton and will be invited to join the Congleton Health and Well Being Group.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 5th December 2019

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

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REPORT FROM	Town Marketing and Events Manager/Deputy Chief Officer		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	11 Congleton In Bloom Group		
Background	Notes of the In Bloom December 2019 meeting are attached. The January 2020 meeting notes will be signed off at the February In Bloom meeting and come to the next meeting. This paper is to update members of events since the December meeting		
Updates	<p>On the 22 January RHS Britain in Bloom confirmed that Congleton will be in the large towns' category of the National Finals 2020. The judging will take place between 3rd and 14th of August.</p> <p>The other 9 towns in our group are:</p> <p>Dunstable, Representing East Anglia Royal Tunbridge Wells, representing the South East Chesham, representing Thames & Chiltern Exmouth, representing the South West Boston, representing East Midlands Colwyn Bay, representing Wales Mirfield, representing Yorkshire Penrith, representing Cumbria Ballymena, representing Ulster</p> <p>The judging criteria has changed to put a greater emphasis on Community and Environment. The marks are now 30% based on Community Involvement, 30% based on environmental responsibility and 40% on horticultural excellence.</p> <p>In 2019 Congleton has nine It's Your Neighbourhood. In 2020 this is looking likely that it will rise to 15 It's Your Neighbourhoods, which is great news for the town.</p> <p>Monthly Saturday town tidies will begin in Saturday 1st March and continue through the summer. There will also be an additional tidy on Saturday 21st March as part of National Spring Clean.</p> <p>A competition will be launched in February to get designs for new stickers to encourage people to use the bins and not drop litter.</p>		
Proposal	To note this report.		

CONGLETON IN BLOOM COMMITTEE

Tuesday 3rd December, Campbell Suite, Minutes

Attendees: David Brown, Ruth Burgess, Bob Edwards, Margaret Gartside, Martha Hayes, Amanda Martin, Patti Pinto, Glen Williams

1. **Apologies for absence:** Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apology for absence in advance and to give a reason for nonattendance.
 - Jackie MacArthur & Anna Morrison
2. **Discussion on feedback from results/ marking sheets:**
 - Suggested to possibly walk the perimeter of Astbury Mere, as Wilmslow walk around Lindow Common- although were the marks from seeing more of the site or speaking to the ranger? Either way, decided that we need to make more of Astbury Mere. Add more into the portfolio for Astbury Mere e.g.- diversity.
 - U3A Project- PP suggested to make Margaret's Place an IYN that the U3A group will enter- good to have them as volunteers for sustainability of projects etc.
 - New for 2020- Wheelbarrow Challenge- with GOLD barrows! Also the Cenotaph area.
 - DB suggested on the tour to get off at the bus station so that the judges can see all of this area and walk down to Mountbatten Way to get a better view of that too and the Dutch Wall- this will only be the case if the Food4Free garden and the back of the Fairground car park are maintained and looking good.
3. **2020 plant discussions and decisions:** ACTION RB to send out a detailed list of plants to group.
4. **AOB:**
 - Streetscape team will be growing the hanging baskets in the polytunnels themselves this year.
 - Agreed that CIB will make up the remainder amount of baskets for the library so that this area is full- it is usually half and half.
 - Fire Station roundabout beds will be slightly raised at the back this year.
 - ACTION JMac- to update group on the Penny-farthing statue for Park Lane roundabout.
 - ACTION RB- to inform GW on sizes of plant orders.
 - Agreed to add primulas around the tree planters in the pedestrian area over the winter.
 - Herb planters in the Town Centre will include more vibrant herbs and not strawberries this year.
 - ACTION RB- to send PP the colours used for the bears roundabout so that PP can design a planting scheme for the bears wheelbarrow- to include more height this year.
 - Main park plaque will be Mossley WI in 2020.
 - ACTION RB- to scan and send the park designs to the team- designed by the Streetscape team.
 - X8 trees have been planted (PP & MG) along Obelisk Way (5/10ft tall).
5. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 7th January 2020, Spencer Suite, 9am.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community and Environment Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	30 th January 2020	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Town Marketing and Events Manager/Deputy Chief Officer		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	12 Congleton Events Calendar for 2020		
Background	<p>This paper is provided to give Members an update on the larger public events taking place in Congleton in 2020 along with details of the organisers. It also contains details of events in discussions for the coming year and beyond. It does not include details of charity events, concerts, performances, displays and exhibitions. As we become aware of these events they are included on the What's On Calendar.</p>		
Calendar of Events	<p style="text-align: center;">Key Events – Annual Established Events</p> <p>Congleton Swimathon (February) – organised by Congleton Rotary and raising funds for charities</p> <p>Congleton Unplugged (March) - run by the Congleton Jazz and Blues Team (volunteers). This group is in the process of becoming a Community Interest Company. 40 gigs in a wide range of Congleton Town Centre venues. Free for the public. Town Council provides some sponsorship funds</p> <p>Easter Activities (April) – Shops Easter Egg Hunt - run by the Town Council from 3rd April to 20th April. Easter Treats day – games in the Town Centre on April 7th. Easter Service in the Town Centre – Good Friday – Churches partnership.</p> <p>Hidden Talent Theatre (May) Congleton Community Projects – this has developed over the years. In 2020 it involves workshops for young people to create all aspects of a play over a number of weeks then perform to an audience</p> <p>Green Fayre (May) – Organised by Congleton Sustainability Group and Congleton Town Council/ Congleton Green group. The first fayre was held in October 2019. Seeking permission to extend the event into a closed High Street in front of the Town Hall to showcase sustainable transport including electric vehicles.</p> <p>Food and Drink Festival (June) now in its 12th year – organised by Congleton Community Projects along with a dedicated FDF team. This year the group has invested a great deal of time in making the event more environmentally friendly.</p> <p>Teddy Bears Picnic (June) – set up in 2008 by Congleton Town Council and 'the bear team'. Aimed at bringing the town's pre-school children and parents/carers together. Since 2018 it has been run by Ruby's Fund.</p>		

Brass on the Grass (June – August) – Friends of Congleton Park – due to logistical reasons, the group is going to put on three Brass on the Grass events on the first Sunday in the month, showcasing a number of bands at each concert, rather than committing to concerts on most Sundays.

Congleton Pride (July) – organised by the recently formed Pride Group. This is their second year and the group is planning for a larger all-day event and an evening event.

Play Day (August) – organised by Community Projects and the Town Council to celebrate National Play Day – games in the Town Centre and a chance to promote summer holiday activities and play areas.

Jazz and Blues Festival (August) – Organised by Jazz and Blues group volunteer team. Attracts thousands of people to Congleton’s pubs and venues for some excellent music. Now in its 11th year.

Congleton Duck Race (September) – organised by Congleton Lions – fundraiser.

Congleton Heritage and Antiques Festival (September) – returning for its second time – a two-week festival organised by a voluntary group with the aim of highlighting Congleton’s heritage and also linking in the Heritage Open Days. The town council adds support to this event.

Congleton Half Marathon (October) – organised by Congleton Harriers – raises money for good causes and attracts around 500 runners. Now in its 36th year.

Congleton Well-Being Fayre (October) – organised by the Congleton Partnership, grown year on year.

Congleton Green Fayre (October) – organised by Congleton Sustainability Group and Town Council/Congleton Green group – held for the first time in 2019.

Congleton Bonfire and Fireworks (November) – organised by Congleton Rotary raising funds for local charities.

Congleton Remembrance Sunday (November) – organised by Congleton branch of the Royal British Legion with support from Congleton Town Council.

Congleton Christmas Lights and switch on (November) organised by Congleton Town Council, Congleton Community Projects and a team of volunteers. Town Council has been involved since 2008.

Tree of Light (December) organised by Congleton Rotary and Congleton Town Council. Raised funds for local charities. Held for the first time in 2019 and discussions in place about 2020.

In addition there will be **11 Makers Markets** (none in December) taking place in the pedestrian area on the last Saturday of the month. The Town Council can offer two free of charge community stalls at each market.

As Congleton is in the **National Finals of the Britain in Bloom in 2020** this will take time to organise two big judging days in the Town. North West in Bloom is likely to be in July and Britain in Bloom in August. In Bloom creates its own events such as two kids plant up events per year.

There are other **Civic Events** which the Town Council takes a lead on such as

- The Annual Town Meeting (May)
- Mayor Making (May)
- Mayor's Parade and Civic Reception (May/June)
- Mayor's Ball (March/April)

Unique to 2020

Triathlon: For the past three years there has been a Congleton Town Mayor's Sprint Triathlon. The first one was organised by Cllr Suzie Akers Smith in 2017 with support of the swimming, running and cycling clubs. The Town Council became more involved in 2018 and 2019. Due to the building works expected to start shortly on the Leisure Centre, making the site more difficult for a large public event to be carried out safely, this will not be taking place in 2020. It will return when the site is complete.

Link Road Activity Day: Discussions have started with Graham Construction and Cheshire East Council on an Active Fun Day on the Link Road ahead of its official opening. The running clubs have confirmed that they would like to be involved. This event is likely to be in October.

Cenotaph Opening Ceremony: This is scheduled for 2pm Sunday 13th September. A small project group is starting to put plans and ideas together and hold the date invitations have been sent to groups likely to be involved.

VE75 Day – Friday 8th May: Initial discussions have been held with the ATC over an event to mark the 75th anniversary of Victory Europe. This would be on the Bank Holiday Friday. There is a call for a national toast at 3pm and street parties across that weekend.

Five Town Walk launch -Thursday 9th April – led by Congleton Partnership, the launch of a 42 mile circular walk that links the five towns in the former Congleton Borough. The walk can be completed in sections.

Elizabeth Day (May) The Elizabeth Group has started discussions and may need some support for an Elizabeth Day and launching of an Elizabeth Heritage Trail.

Congleton Carnival - Traditionally Carnival has been every other year, which would make 2020 a Carnival year. Carnival is a registered charity which is independent of the Town Council. The Trustees of Congleton Carnival are due to meet shortly, but the expectation is that with the current events programme, the building works around the leisure centre affecting the end of the parade and the lack of support for the event generally, it will be paused for 2020.

	<p>Congleton 2022 – 750 year anniversary of the Town – Congleton will be celebrating 750 years of charter rights in 2022. 700 years of charter was massive for Congleton in 1972 and now it's time to plan for how we can make 2022 a special and memorable year. Congleton Community Projects and Congleton Town Council have started to gather thoughts and these will be presented to a future meeting.</p> <p>Congleton Bonus Day – at a meeting with 25 traders on Monday 20th January 2020 it was suggested that Congleton could do something special for February 29th 2020 as it is a bonus leap day. It is also a Makers Market day. Jackie and Martha are working with traders to come up with something to capture the imagination and encourage visitors to the makers market to visit independent stores.</p> <p>Totally Locally - at the same traders meeting the group wished to explore signing up to Totally Locally scheme and introducing the Totally Locally FiverFest Offer from the 15th – 29th February.</p>
Proposal	To note this report and to act on any actions raised in the Committee Meeting.