

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 12th March 2020

PRESENT:

Committee members:

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

Non-Committee members

Robert Douglas
Rob Moreton
James Smith

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received Cllr Margaret Gartside and from non-committee members Councillors Russell Chadwick and Sally Ann Holland (Town Mayor).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 30th January as a correct record.

CE/48/1920 Resolved to receive the minutes from the meeting held on 30th January 2020 as a correct record with the amendment to note that Cllr Paul Duffy was in attendance.

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 Rob Moreton declared an interest as Cheshire East Councillors.

4. Outstanding Actions

Note that these actions are covered in Agenda Item 8 - Updates paper from 30th January 2020 Community & Environment Committee.

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 no questions from members of the public.

6. Cheshire Police

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

Sergeant Paul Brunton from Cheshire Police provided updates on:

Congleton Beat Team current Priorities:

1. Theft from Motor Vehicles (All Congleton)
2. Child Sexual Exploitation (East)
3. Vulnerability (Gawsworth)

A Positive Drugs warrant was executed in Gawsworth and male juvenile arrested for possession with intent to supply. Large quantity of Class B drugs seized (Investigation ongoing).

Street a week conducted at all 9 Brunswick St Flats (around 40 addresses). Intel and reports of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) obtained.

ASB – Down on this time last year (39 Reports since new year), still no hotspots, emerging issue at Bromley Woods (off Road Bikes and Dealing). Overall really good.

Question from Councillor Murphy regarding diversion opportunities for youths over the summer:

Police refer to Safe Project for vulnerable or those involved in criminality
More widely, Police have a deployable football cage that we can site almost anywhere

7. Hydro Scheme

To receive a short presentation from Peter Aston from Dane Valley Community Energy Volunteers on the Hydro Scheme and an update on the community shares option. Planning to raise £730k. Offer closes end of March 2020. Asked the Town Council to act as ambassadors for the scheme and to help spread the word. £345k already raised, although only 30% of the shares purchased from the Congleton area.

CE/49/1920 Resolved to note the presentation.

8. Updates Paper from 30th January 2020 C&E Committee

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

CE/50/1920 Resolved to accept the report

9. Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group

To receive the notes of the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group held on 9th January 2020 and 5th March 2020.

CE/51/1920 Resolved to receive the notes of the meeting

10. Health and Wellbeing Working Group

To receive the notes of the Health and Well-Being Group held on 5th December 2019 and 13th February 2020.

CE/52/1920 Resolved to receive the notes of the meeting

11. Congleton Green Working Group

To receive the notes of the Congleton Green Working Group from the 6th February and 13th February 2020.

CE/53/1920 Resolved to receive the notes of the meeting

12. Integrated Transport Working Group

To receive the notes of the Integrated Transport Working Group from the 3rd February 2020.

CE/54/1920 Resolved to receive the notes of the meeting

13. Update on the War Memorial Hospital

To receive a verbal update from Cllr Suzy Firkin on Congleton's War Memorial Hospital and in particular the Minor Injuries Unit. Cllr Firkin reported back on a Scrutiny Committee attended at Cheshire East Council which considered the 'NHS Fragility and Sustainability'. This meeting was not specifically about the War Memorial Hospital and Minor Injuries Unit. Chief Executive and Clinical Leads agreed to meet with Congleton Town Council

CE/55/1920 Resolved to note the report and for officers to organise a meeting with Councillors and the NHS Health Trust.

14. Street Naming in Congleton

To receive a report on street names chosen, submitted and a call for more potential names for streets in Congleton. A action was requested for Town Hall staff to write to Cheshire East and Grahams to suggest that 'Veterans Way' would be an appropriate name for the link road.

CE/56/1920 Resolved to note the report.

15. Childcare

To receive a verbal update from Councillor Kay Wesley on actions taken following a survey in 2019 considering childcare issues in Congleton, including information about a childcare workshop taking place in the Town Hall on Saturday 14th March 2020.

CE/57/1920 Resolved to note the verbal presentation.

16. Coronavirus (COVID-19)

To receive a verbal update on actions or latest advice on Coronavirus (COVID-19). Members reported on a Health and Wellbeing special meeting held earlier that day with partners from community groups to consider ways that the group could work together to promote messages around staying safe and actions that may be required.

CE/58/1920 Resolved to note the report.

Meeting finished at 8pm

**Cllr Kay Wesley
(Chair)**