

## CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Conducted via Zoom – Meeting ID 891 0354 2554

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Meeting Agenda of the Community & Environment Committee 24th September 2020](#)

#### PRESENT:

Committee members:

Kay Wesley (Chair)  
Dawn Allen  
Martin Amies  
Paul Duffy  
Margaret Gartside  
Suzy Firkin  
Amanda Martin  
Denis Murphy (Deputy Mayor)  
Jean Parry  
Sally Ann Holland (ex officio)

Non-Committee Members:

David Brown  
Russell Chadwick  
Robert Hemsley  
Robert Moreton

Also present: CTC Officers David McGifford and Jackie MacArthur  
2 Members of the Press, 1 officer from the Police, 1 officer CWA and 3 public.

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from non-committee members Councillor Suzie Akers Smith

#### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

To approve and sign the [minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020](#) a correct record.

**CE/27/2021 Resolved to** approve the minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020 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.

Councillors David Brown, Sally Ann Holland, Rob Moreton and Denis Murphy declared an interest as Cheshire East Councillors.

### 4. Outstanding Actions

Picked up in item 7.

### 5. Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions raised at this meeting.

### 6. Cheshire Police

Inspector Kelly Johnson from Cheshire Police provided updates to the Committee see Appendix A for details.

### 7. Updates Paper from 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020 C&E Committee

To receive an updates paper highlighting issues raised at the previous Community & Environment Committee meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

**CE/28/2021 Resolved to** note the report on updates on Domestic Abuse Clinics, Increased walking and cycling, A34 Junction, Rope Walk car park and the Community Garden.

### 8. White Ribbon Working Group Update

To receive the [notes of the White Ribbon Working Group meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> August](#) and to receive an update on the accreditation for the Town Council.

**CE/29/2021 Resolved to** note the meeting report and offered congratulations to the team on their hard work securing White Ribbon Accreditation for Congleton Town Council. The team will be at the Makers Market this Saturday (26<sup>th</sup> September) encouraging more people and organisations to support the campaign.

### 9. Congleton in Bloom Working Group Notes

To receive the [notes of the Congleton in Bloom Working Group held on 24<sup>th</sup> August](#) and [14<sup>th</sup> September 2020](#).

**CE/30/2021 Resolved to** receive the notes of the working group. Chair reported on the good work carried out by the team to clear the car park of weeds, expressed disappointment that due to COVID-19 the autumn Town Tidy was cancelled and urged all households to clear the weeds in front of their homes.

## **10. Congleton Green Working Group Notes**

To receive the [notes of the Congleton Green Working Group held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020.](#)

**CE/31/2021 Resolved to** receive the report. The Chair highlighted the work passed to other working groups on reducing carbon footprint for aspects of Town Council business, role of creating SMART targets, work on the e-learning platform, and investigations into options for carbon off-setting and working with Congleton Sustainable group on town-wide plans to reduce our environmental footprint.

## **11. Health and Well Being Working Group Update**

The committee received a verbal update from the working group held on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The minutes will come to the meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. The group reported continued work into the mental health provision for Congleton. Pleased to note that Mountview is not on CEC's asset disposal list.

## **12. Integrated Transport Working Group**

Note this group will meet on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

## **13. Events for 2020**

To approve the recommendations for the Remembrance Sunday and Congleton Christmas Lights Switch-on.

**CE/32/2021 Resolved** that officers should continue to organise alternatives to the normal Remembrance Sunday and Christmas related activities in a COVID-19 secure way.

## **14. Congleton Christmas Lights Decorations**

To discuss and approve recommendations for extra decorations for Congleton Town Centre 2020.

**CE/33/2021 Resolved to** support the proposals to enhance the Christmas lights for 2020 and for a paper to go to Council on the 30/10/20 to seek approval to spend the £10k in the Ear Marked reserve for Christmas lights to achieve this.

## **15. Sink Holes in West Heath**

To discuss and note actions to be taken to investigate the extent of the issue of sunken drains in Congleton.

**CE/34/2021 Resolved to** prepare a letter for the Mayor to sign to send to United Utilities and Cheshire East Council to understand the underlying cause of the sink hole problems and the action being taken to rectify this issue

## **16. Feedback from the Health and Wellbeing Survey 2020**

To note the responses to the Health and Wellbeing Survey 2020.

**CE/35/2021 Resolved to** note the report. Suggestion made that the survey or elements of the survey should be repeated to note changes.

## **17. COVID-19 Update**

To discuss any actions needed as a result of recent announcements or changes for the Congleton Community. Town Council to continue working with the community through the community leads group.

## **18. Resolution to exclude the Public and Press**

To consider passing a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that public and press be excluded from the meeting for agenda item 19 on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of private and confidential information.

**CE/36/2021 Resolved to** exclude the press and public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

## **19. Tour of Britain Opportunity 2021**

To discuss a request from the organisers of the Tour of Britain.

**CE/37/2021 Resolved to** explore the options further.

**Cllr Kay Wesley  
(Chair)**

## **APPENDIX A Item 6 - Report from Congleton Police**

Summary of the report given by Inspector Kelly Johnson to the Community and Environment Committee 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### **Congleton Beat Priorities**

#### **Team Priority: Road Safety #OpAssembles**

Extended for a further 6 weeks with the focus on Schools, and Drink Drive Campaign

- 1 Trucam per beat per week
- 2 Police Traffic Enforcement Operation per month per beat
- 1 ACTIVE Community speed watch group per beat
- Support for school pick up and drop off (every school over the period)
- ANPR targeting of known Drink/Drug Drivers

The First 6 weeks results:

- 731 Speeding Offences Processed
- 60 Road Safety Social Media Posts
- 2 New Community Speedwatch Grps
- 3 CSW Patrols & 27 warning letters
- 5 Pro-Active Enforcement Operations
- 4 PCs Trained in TruCam
- 16 163 (document) stop checks
- 1 Arrest (Drink Drive)
- 1 Summons (No Insurance)
- 1 Traffic Offence Report (Mobile Phone)

#### **Person Priority : Drug Dealing #OpLittle**

Extended for a further 6 weeks with new person focus

The First 6 weeks results:

- 2 Arrests (of organised crime group members) and remand in custody – awaiting trial (Congleton West)
- 1 Arrest Possession with Intent to Supply (Congleton West)
- 2 Evictions of Drug Users (Town Centre & West)

#### **Place Priority: Town Centre #OpQuell**

- Increased foot patrols for the night-time economy 22:00-02:00
- Force resources in the Town (#Big blue van)
- 8 Arrests
- 2 Dispersal Orders
- Pubwatch agreement to accept Police Generated Nominations
- 6 Police generated 12-month Pubwatch Bans & 1 lifetime ban (4 new nominations pending)
- Licensing and Covid compliance visits
- Street a week conducted Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Town centre

### ASB Hotspots

- Gawsorth – FlyTipping, joint operation planned with trading standards
- Bromley Woods and entrance/exits – Drug Dealing, work ongoing

### DV Incidents (Over CEC Cycle)

- 54 DV Incidents - 4% decrease year on year (YOY)
- 10 Sexual offences – 4% Increase YOY (not limited to DV related)

### Other

- 1 additional PCSO joining the Team from 05/10 – Pool officer
- Panna Football was provided to Bromley Community Centre
- Officers scaled for Remembrance Day and Op Treacle period despite cancellations

Area	PCSOs	PC
<b>Congleton Beat Team</b>		
Congleton East	David Bell 22921, Ashleigh Jones 23421, & Karen Linton 23440	Helen Weeks 4776
Congleton West	Ben Hooper 23259 & Amy Heath 23390	Helen Hood 3842 <b>(WFH)</b> Iain Bell 5337

Beat Sergeant – Paul Brunton  
Inspector – Kelly Johnston