

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 8th July 2021

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Meeting Agenda of the Community & Environment Committee 8th July 2021](#)

PRESENT:

Committee members:

Cllr Dawn Allen

Cllr Suzy Firkin

Cllr Sally Ann Holland (Chair)

Cllr Robert Hemsley

Cllr Amanda Martin

Cllr Jean Parry

Ex Officio members: Cllr Denis Murphy and Cllr Margaret Gartside

Non-Committee Members: Cllr David Brown

Also present: Congleton Town Council Officers: David McGifford and Jackie MacArthur.
One member of the press, one Cheshire Police Officer, one member of the public and Sue Taylor presenting on Home Start.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Committee members: Cllr Kay Wesley, Cllr Paul Duffy and Cllr Robert Moreton

Non-Committee member: Cllr Suzanne Akers Smith

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

CE/13/2122 Resolved to approve the [minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 3rd June 2021](#) as a correct record with the deletion of Deputy before Mayor against Denis Murphy's name.

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillors David Brown, Sally Ann Holland and Denis Murphy declared a non-pecuniary interest on any matters relating to Cheshire East Council

4. Outstanding Actions

See Item 9 for updates from the Community and Environment Committee held on 3rd June 2021.

5. Questions from Members of the Public

Two questions were received from a member of the public who was not in attendance at the meeting. Responses to these questions were to be forwarded to the provider and members of the committee by senior officers.

6. Urgent Items

Members may raise urgent items related to this Committee, but no discussion or decisions may be taken at the meeting.

There were no urgent items raised at the meeting.

7. Cheshire Police

Sergeant Paul Brunton from Cheshire Police gave a verbal update on Policing matters affecting Congleton, please see Appendix 1

8. Home-Start in Congleton

Sue Taylor from [Home-Start](#) gave a useful and informative presentation on the work that Home-Start carries out in Congleton and looked to build closer connections with the Town Council.

9. Updates Paper from Previous Community and Environment Committee

CE/14/2122 Resolved to receive an updates paper from the Community and Environment Committee held on 3rd June 2021. This covered the Elizabeth Statue, Volunteer Co-ordination Point, Havannah Bridge and 750 Year Celebration.

10. Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group Notes

CLlr Amanda Martin gave a verbal update from the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group meeting held on 8th July 2021.

11. Congleton In Bloom Working Group Notes

CLlr David Brown gave a verbal update from the Congleton In Bloom Working Group.

12. Integrated Transport Working Group Meetings

CE/15/2122 Resolved to receive the [notes of the Integrated Transport Working Group held on 3rd June 2021](#)

13. White Ribbon Working Group Update

CLlr Robert Hemsley gave a verbal update from the White Ribbon Working Group held on 8th July 2021.

14. Congleton Green Working Group

CE/16/2122 Resolved to receive the [notes of the Congleton Green Working Group held on 17th and 24th June 2021.](#)

15. Increasing the Remit of the Congleton Green Working Group

CE/17/2122 Resolved to increase the remit of the Congleton Green Working Group to include the Biodiversity and Nature Crisis remit.

16. Launch of the Congleton Sustainable Living E-learning Course.

CE/18/2122 Resolved to receive an update on the launch of the Congleton Sustainable Living E-Learning Course.

**Cllr Kay Wesley
(Chair)**

APPENDIX 1 - UPDATE FROM CHESHIRE POLICE - ITEM 7

All figures are for the last 6 weeks in line with the Police priority period.

Drugs and Alcohol

- Work continues tackling drug supply. New enforcement locations are being developed.
- Night-Time Economy – No real increase. Increased patrols for Euro dates and post lockdown weekend.
- Working with Pubwatch/Council to educate staff & licensees around new types of drugs and effects. Town Council has funded kit for their use.

Anti-Social Behaviour:

- 62, decrease of 28 on last period and decrease of 42 Year on Year

Current ASB Repeat locations:

- Mere View (3) – Noise
- Dane-In-Shaw (2) – Beat/Rural Crime/Youth Workers
- Lower Heath Community Park (3) – Youths Drinking/smoking – attended all 3, NT

Domestic Violence Incidents:

- 65, 26 increase on last period and 13 increase of Year on Year
- Total Sexual Offences: 3, 3 up on last period and 7 down YOY

Hate:

- 1 Incident – (graffiti) – Schools officer/school discipline/assemblies

Congleton Priorities:

TEAM: Retail Engagement/Demand Reduction.

- Retail Traders Group/shopwatch/CCTV/ISO/design out visits/review of highest risk/floating surgeries
- PLACE: Op Piloted – Bromley

COVID Related Incidents:

- 4 (3 Night time Economy related)

AOB:

- Andrew Cotterill of Bank House Drive - 2 Year Criminal Behaviour Order not to contact 999, 111 or 101 and comply with Drug/Alcohol rehabilitation. Around 90 calls in 5 months threatening operators /violence on attendance.