

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

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| COMMITTEE: | Community & Environment | | |
| MEETING DATE AND TIME | 22nd September 7.00pm | LOCATION | Town Hall |
| REPORT FROM | Jackie MacArthur – Deputy Chief Officer - Communities and Environment | | |
| AGENDA ITEM | 17 | | |
| REPORT TITLE | Support for Ukrainian Christmas Event in Congleton | | |
| Background | <p>There are currently around 154 Ukrainian people living in Congleton and the surrounding area. Ukrainian people traditionally celebrate Christmas on the 6th January.</p> <p>There has been a proposal that it would be a great gesture if Congleton Town Council could work with the Congleton Area Ukrainian Support Network (CAUSN), to allow the local Ukrainian hosts to come together to celebrate a traditional Ukrainian Christmas.</p> <p>The Town Hall is currently available on both Friday 5th and Saturday 6th January.</p> <p>The idea would be to work with the Ukrainian Voice – a group of the Ukrainian mums – for them to take the lead organising a family-friendly Ukrainian Christmas event using the space in the Town hall.</p> | | |
| Financial Implications | <p>The Town Council has an Ear Marked Reserve of £5,000 to support initiatives to support Ukrainians in the Congleton area. So far only £700 has been spent and a further £500 is committed. It is anticipated that up to £1000 may be required for this event with additional funds, if needed, raised through fund-raising or grants.</p> | | |
| Environmental Implications | <p>Minimal – it would be some type of event in the Town Hall.</p> | | |
| Equality and Diversity Impact | <p>This is geared at helping some of the newest members of our community feel included and supported in Congleton.</p> | | |
| PROPOSALS | <p>That the officers are given delegated powers to work with the Congleton Area Ukrainian Support Network (CAUSN) and in particular members of the Ukrainian Voice to enable the 154 Ukrainians in our area to come together and celebrate their Christmas in January.</p> | | |