

**CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>Community &amp; Environment</b>		
<b>MEETING DATE AND TIME</b>	16 February 2023 7.00pm	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Town Hall</b>
<b>REPORT FROM</b>	<b>Jackie MacArthur - Communities and Marketing Manager and Deputy Chief Officer</b>		
<b>AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>8. Updates from Previous Community and Environment Committee</b>		
<b>Background</b>	<p>This paper gives members an update on actions from reports discussed at the previous Community and Environment Committee. These items do not need a full paper and are either ongoing issues or confirmation of completion or resolution.</p> <p>The paper is for noting and is an opportunity to feedback on issues from this committee.</p>		
<b>Updates</b>	<p><b>CE/15/2223 - Food and Friendship in the Town Hall</b></p> <p>After a slow start both the Monday and Thursday both sessions are now starting to attract people to the sessions.</p> <p><b>CE/28/2223 – Community Safety Charter Pledge</b></p> <p>Training has started Community Safety - Councillors will have received an email on the 13<sup>th</sup> January encouraging them to take the active bystander training.</p> <p><b>CE/33/2223 – Support for Ukrainian Hosts</b></p> <p>A successful Congleton Ukrainian Support host evening was held in the Town Hall on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. £470 was spent from the maximum of £800 approved for this activity. 40 hosts attended and positive feedback was received on the usefulness of the evening. The evening was intended to help hosts, many of whom have now been sharing their homes for more than six months and to advise on ongoing issues and discuss common issues – more joys and concerns.</p> <p><b>CE/34/223 – Ukrainian Christmas Event in Congleton</b></p> <p>The Christmas event for Ukrainian guests was held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January (the Orthodox Christmas) and was very well received.</p> <p>170 guests attended. There was a church service held in Ukrainian and English ahead of the party in the Town Hall. The full £1000 allocated by the Town Council was used, with the Congleton Area Ukrainian Support Network fundraising for the overspend.</p>		

	<p><b>CE/35/223 – Christmas in Congleton</b></p> <p>Thank you to everyone who contributed to the successful of the light switch on, held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. A paper outlining replacement lights for 2023 has been included on the agenda.</p> <p><b>CE/62/2122 – Chatty Benches</b></p> <p>6 plaques have been placed on ‘chatty benches’ in the following locations. More publicity will be given to these when the weather gets warmer and more people are willing to sit out and chat.</p> <p><b>CE/43/2223 Town Centre Vitality Plan</b></p> <p>A Town Council response based on the agreement made at CE on the 3 November was sent to Cheshire East Council. Cheshire East Council approved the plans following a report to its <a href="#">Economy and Growth Committee on the 17<sup>th</sup> January</a>. The <a href="#">Congleton Town Vitality Plan</a> has now been adopted by Cheshire East Council.</p> <p><b>CE/60/2122 30 Site-Specific Biodiversity Plan</b></p> <p>The plans for the 30 Biodiversity sites have been added to the <a href="#">Congleton Town Council website</a>. Seven priority sites have been agreed and work on increasing biodiversity in these areas will be launched on the 6<sup>th</sup> April at an open session at Stirling Close.</p> <p><b>750 Year Charter Celebrations</b></p> <p>This year of celebrations has now concluded and the working group is no longer meeting. All the proposed activities took place apart from the proposed Beer Festival and this has been rolled over into the Event programme for 2023. A 750 special council was held on December 8<sup>th</sup> where certificates of appreciation were also issued.</p> <p><b>Trees for Congleton</b></p> <p>Following questions at previous CE meetings, the Trees For Congleton group has confirmed that the first round of consultations for Trees For Congleton has been completed and some changes have been made to plans. Thanks to all who gave input. The revised plans are at <a href="http://www.treesforcongleton.co.uk">www.treesforcongleton.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Bromley Farm Hub</b></p> <p>Following the update at the last meeting, the Bromley Farm Hub group has let us know that it has initiated a Residents’ Forum working with Plus Dane, a ‘Bromley Bloomers’ gardening group and is working with partners on providing free training courses and social afternoons at the Hub.</p>
<b>PROPOSALS</b>	To note the update report.

