

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 3rd November 2022

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Meeting Agenda of the Community & Environment Committee 3rd November 2022](#)

PRESENT:

Committee members:

Cllr Kay Wesley (Chair)

Cllr Paul Duffy

Cllr Suzy Firkin

Cllr Robert Hemsley

Cllr Sally Ann Holland

Cllr Amanda Martin

Cllr Jean Parry

Ex Officio Members: Cllr Margaret Gartside (Mayor) and Cllr Rob Moreton (Deputy Mayor)

Also present: Congleton Town Council Officers:

David McGifford - Chief Officer

Jackie MacArthur - Communities and Marketing Manager and Deputy Chief Officer

One member of the public

One member of the press

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Committee Members Cllrs Dawn Allen, Denis Murphy and Mark Rogan.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

CE/36/2223 Resolved to approve the [minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 22nd September 2022 as a correct record](#).

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Rob Moreton and Sally Ann Holland declared a non-pecuniary interest on matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

4. Outstanding Actions

See Agenda item 8 for any outstanding actions for the Community and Environment Committee.

5. Questions from Members of the Public

No members of the public present wished to ask a question. A question was submitted by Olga Whitmore. This question was dealt with outside of the committee as it was substantially the same as the question asked in September 2022.

6. Urgent Items

Cllr Sally Ann Holland asked if Dog Agility could be added to the February Agenda.

7. Cheshire Police

Sergeant John Roberts gave a verbal update on Policing matters affecting Congleton, please see Appendix 1.

8. Updates from Previous Community and Environment Committee

CE/37/2223 Resolved to receive the updates on the Food and Friendship, Community Safety Charter, Support for Ukraine Hosts, Ukrainian Christmas Party, Christmas in Congleton, Chatty Benches, and Bromley Farm Wellbeing Hub.

Actions: Feedback on the results of the Plus Dane Event.
More Information on Food and Friendship.
Contact Citizens Advice Bureau re face-to-face service.

9. Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group

The committee noted a verbal update from the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group held on Thursday 3rd November 2022. This included a discussion on stop and search, spiking, Community Charter Pledge, seasonal activities – Christmas and the World Cup. Notes of the meeting will go to the next Community and Environment Committee.

10. Congleton in Bloom Working Group

CE/38/2223 Resolved to receive the report from the Congleton in Bloom Working Group on the results of this year's National and Regional competitions. The Committee wished to convey its hearty congratulations and thanks to everyone involved in the 2022 In Bloom and It's Your Neighbourhood Competitions.

11. Congleton Green Working Group

CE/39/2223 Resolved to receive the [notes of the Congleton Green Working Group held on 26 October 2022](#) and a short report from the Chair.

Action: Noted the need for widespread consultations on the Biodiversity plans.

12. Integrated Transport Working Group

CE/40/2223 Resolved to receive the [notes of the Integrated Transport Working Group held on Thursday 20th October 2022.](#)

Action: - to invite all Councillors to the working group meeting on the 17th November considering streets to potentially put forward at 20 mph road.

13. 750 Year Celebration Working Group

CE/41/2223 Resolved to receive [the notes of the 750-Year Working Group held on the 21 October 2022.](#)

14. White Ribbon Working Group

CE/42/2223 Resolved to receive the [notes of the White Ribbon Working Group held on the 28 September 2022](#) and receive a short report from the group Chair on this year's White Ribbon Campaign.

Action: To support the White Ribbon Day on 25 November followed by 16 days of action.

15. Town Centre Vitality Plan

CE/43/2223 Resolved to approve the recommendations regarding the Cheshire East Council Consultation on the Town Vitality Plans, with the exception of Action 2 (Mountbatten Way Severance) which was reduced to 'not very important' action.

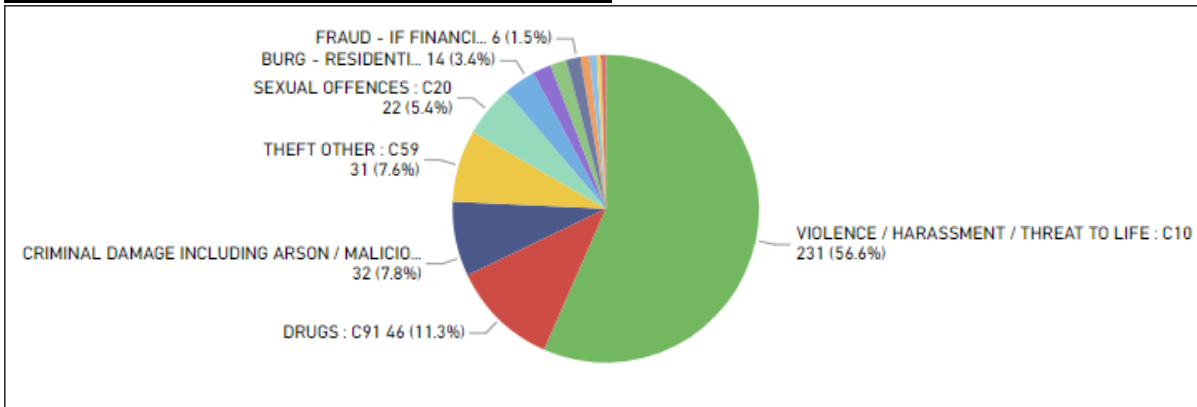
Action: For a letter to be sent to Cheshire East Council expressing the committee's view by 8th November.

**ClIr Kay Wesley
(Chair)**

APPENDIX 1 - UPDATE FROM CHESHIRE POLICE - ITEM 7

Total of 408 Crime incidents were recorded in the 3 months August to October 2022. In the same three months in 2021 there were 410 crimes.

Breakdown of Crimes August to October 2022



Drug Offences: - 1/8/22 – 31/10/22

46 Drug incidents -with 36 recorded for intelligence in 2022.
22 Drug incidents in 2021

Domestic Incidents

August – October 2022 there were 128 Domestic Incidents – with 38 arrests.
This is compared to 113 incidents during the same period in 2021– with 13 arrests

Sexual Offences

Aug – Oct 2022 saw **22** recorded Sexual Offences compared to **27** Sexual Offences in 2021.

Hate Incidents

There were no new incidents reported to Congleton August to October 2022. The Police urged Councillors to encourage people to report incidents, as concerned about under reporting.

ASB

55 incidents of ASB were recorded in the past three months, this compares with 78 recorded ASB incidents in the same period last year.

