

## CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 13<sup>TH</sup> July 2023

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Agenda & Papers – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023](#)

In attendance:

Committee members: Cllrs

**Cllr Suzy Firkin (Chair)**

Cllr Suzie Akers Smith

Cllr Charles Booth

Cllr David Brown

Cllr Amanda Martin

Cllr Susan Mead

Cllr Heather Seddon

Cllr Glen Williams

Congleton Town Council Officers:

- David McGifford – Chief Officer
- Ruth Burgess – Streetscape Development Manager

### Minutes

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Committee Members: Cllr Heather Pearce ( Vice Chair)

#### 2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

**ENV/01/2324 Resolved to** approve and sign the [minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on 16 February 2023](#) as a correct record. Note these have also been to the first Community Committee on the 29<sup>th</sup> June.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs David Brown and Heather Seddon, on any matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

#### 4. Outstanding Actions

There were no outstanding actions as this is the first meeting of the new Environment Committee

#### 5. Questions from Members of the Public

There were 15 questions raised by members of the public. [Please view HERE.](#)

#### 6. Urgent Items

There were no urgent items raised at the meeting.

#### 7. Terms of Reference from Working Groups feeding into this Committee

**ENV/02/2324 Resolved to** receive the updates on matters relating to the Terms of reference for the Green Working Group and Congleton In Bloom Working Group

Actions – Amendments to Congleton In Bloom Working Group Terms of Reference to allow further invited guests and members onto the In Bloom working group as this group is a lot more volunteer-led.

Green Working Terms of Reference change the wording to allow for exploring the requirement for inseting and offsetting

A Chair for both working groups is to be elected by the group and must be a Town Councillor.

#### 8. Weed Control

**ENV/03/2324 Resolved to** receive the updates on matters relating to Weed Control within the Town Council remit

#### 9. Low Mow Town Update

**ENV/04/2324 Resolved to** receive the updates on matters relating to Low Mow Town

#### 10. Streetscape Update

**ENV/05/2324 Resolved to** receive the updates on matters relating to Streetscape

#### 11. Decarbonisation of the Town Hall Update

**ENV/06/2324 Resolved to** receive the updates on matters relating to the Town Hall Decarbonisation ( this has also been sent to the previous THAS Committee)

#### 12. Green Fayre

**ENV/07/2324 Resolved to** receive verbal update and information on the Green Fayre on 30<sup>th</sup> September 10am -4pm

**13. Hillfields Green Space**

**ENV/08/2324 Resolved to** receive the updates on matters relating to Community Allotment and the new Friends group.

**14. Biodiversity – next steps**

**ENV/09/2324 Resolved to** receive the updates on matters relating to biodiversity plan and the next steps.

**Action – send map of the 30 sites to all councillors**

**15. Cheshire East Report**

**ENV/10/2324 Resolved to** receive the verbal update on items of interest from Cheshire East Environment and Communities Committee from Ward Councillor Cllr Heather Seddon.

**Cllr Suzy Firkin  
(Chair)**