

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 13TH July 2023

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Agenda & Papers – 13th 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 29th 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 30th 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)**