

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 21st September 2023

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Agenda & Papers – 21st August 2023](#)

In attendance:

Committee members: Cllrs

Cllr Suzy Firkin (Chair)

Cllr Amanda Martin

Cllr Susan Mead

Cllr Heather Seddon

Cllr Glen Williams

Cllr Sally Ann Holland

Cllr Kay Wesley

Non Committee Members : Cllrs

Cllr Dawn Allen

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 Suzie Akers Smith, Cllr Charles Booth, Cllr David Brown

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

ENV/11/2324 Resolved to approve and sign [the minutes of the Environment Committee held on 13th July 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 Sally Ann Holland and Heather Seddon, on any matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

4. Outstanding Actions

There was one outstanding actions :

Streetscape Manager to send to all councillors a copy of the 30 site specific biodiversity plan – Actioned email sent on 13th September 2023

5. Questions from Members of the Public

There were 13 questions raised by members of the public. [Please view HERE.](#)

6. Urgent Items

There were no urgent items raised at the meeting.

7. Streetscape Update

ENV/12/2324 Resolved to receive the updates on matters relating to Streetscape

8. Wildflower Verges and Congleton Open Spaces

ENV/13/2324 Resolved to receive the updates on matters relating to Wildflower planting schemes.

9. Green Fayre

ENV/14/2324 Resolved to receive verbal update and information on the Green Fayre on 30th September 10am -4pm [Please view HERE.](#)

10. Planning Checklist

ENV/15/2324 Resolved to receive the proposal on matters relating to Building Sustainability checklist for all planning applications.

11. Decarbonisation of the Town Hall Update

ENV/16/2324 Resolved to receive the updates on matters relating to the Town Hall Decarbonisation (this has also been sent to the next THAS Committee)

12. Congleton in Bloom Working Group

ENV/17/2324 resolved to receive the minutes of the Congleton in Bloom Working Group from [15th September 2023](#)

Action – To review the timings of the meeting with the Working Group members, as well as the option of a Vice Chair.

13. Congleton Green Working Group

ENV/18/2324 resolved to receive the notes of the Congleton Green Working Group held on [17th August 2023](#) The group received a verbal update from the working group held on 21st September 2023, minutes to follow at the next Environment Meeting.

Action: Notes of 21st September to next meeting

14. Cheshire East Report

ENV/19/2324 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)**