

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD ON  
4 January 2023**

**CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL**

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Agenda and Papers of the Community Committee on 4 January 2023](#)

**PRESENT:**

Committee members

- **Cllr Kay Wesley (Chair)**
- **Cllr Emma Hall (Vice Chair)**
- Cllr Mark Edwardson
- Cllr Suzy Firkin
- Cllr Susan Mead
- Cllr Shaun Radcliffe
- Cllr Glen Williams

Ex-Officio – Cllr Rob Moreton, Mayor

**Non-Committee Members:** Cllr Richard Walton

**Officers:** David McGifford, Chief Officer and Jackie MacArthur DCO & Communities & Marketing Manager

Also in attendance: 4 members of the Public, 1 member of the press, 2 presenters

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs David Brown, Arabella Holland and Sally-Ann Holland. Note it was agreed that due to the change in date, absences from this meeting would not be recorded as absent in the Councillor Attendance Records.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**CO/25/2324 resolved to approve** and sign the Community Committee minutes held on 26 October 2023 as a correct record – with a correction to item 8 which should say Community Committee.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Emma Hall and Rob Moreton declared a non-pecuniary interest as Cheshire East Councillors.

#### **4. Questions from Members of the Public**

Val Scaresbrook on behalf of Congleton Climate Action Group, Sustainable Travel section asked a question relating to the ownership of land and the potential to make Public Rights of Way between the Bus Station and the Police Station. CTC agreed to look into the request and report back.

#### **5. Urgent Items**

None

#### **6. Cheshire Police**

The Police were unable to attend the meeting.

Action: to bring forward the next Community Safety Meeting or hold a one-item agenda to deal with Anti-Social Behaviour.

Action: to understand get feedback on policing numbers for Congleton.

#### **7. Mentell – Guest Presentation**

Nick Pimlott gave a presentation about the work of Mentell in Congleton.

**CO/26/2334** resolved that Congleton Town Council promotes the Mentell service and its call for facilitators and invite Mentell to be a part of any relevant events in Congleton.

#### **8. Updates from Previous Community Committee**

The updates were received from the previous Community Committee covering Totally Locally, Disability Positive Congleton, War Memorial Hospital, Breast Feeding Friendly town, A Frames and Barriers and training sessions.

#### **9. Communications Update**

Councillors thanked the Marketing and Communications Officer, Debbie Coxon, for the excellent report, which they noted.

Action: to look into the Congleton Park analytics.

#### **10. Key Events for 2024**

Councillors thanked the team for report and noted the events planned for 2024.

**11. Report back on the Christmas Lights switch on and Christmas Lights 2023**

Councillors thanked the team and especially the Town Centre and Events Officer, Rachel McCarthy, for her hard work on the Christmas 2023 activities.

**CO27/2324 resolved** that Congleton Town Council approves Friday 29 November as the date for the switch on in 2024.

Cllr Shaun Radcliffe, Susan Mead, Mark Edwardson and Richard Walton expressed an interest in joining the Christmas team, along with the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Kay Wesley.

**12. Approve the Notes of the Community Safety Working Group**

**CO28/2324 resolved to accept** the Community Safety Working group notes held on 7 December 2023.

**13. Health and Wellbeing Working Group**

**CO29/2324 resolved to accept** the Health and Wellbeing Working group notes held on 12 December 2023.

**14. Integrated Transport Working Group**

**CO30/2324 resolved to accept** the notes of the Integrated Transport Working Group from 26 October 2023.

**15. White Ribbon Working Group**

**CO31/2324 resolved to accept** the notes of the White Ribbon Working Group held on 12 December 2023.

Cllr Richard Walton gave a [short presentation on the success of the 2023 White Ribbon Campaign](#).

The meeting finished 8.21

Cllr Kay Wesley  
Chair of Community Committee