

## CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Agenda & Papers – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024](#)

In attendance:

Committee members: **CLLrs**

Suzy Firkin (Chair)  
Heather Pearce (Vice Chair)  
Sally Ann Holland  
Amanda Martin  
Susan Mead  
Heather Seddon  
Glen Williams

**Ex Officio** Kay Wesley (Town Mayor) Robert Brittain (Deputy Mayor)  
**Non-Committee** Cllr Robert Douglas and Robert Moreton

**Congleton Town Council Officers:**

- David McGifford – Chief Officer
- Ruth Burgess – Streetscape Development Manager
- Public x 1

### Minutes

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllrs Charles Booth

#### 2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

**ENV/01/2425 Resolved to** approve and [sign the minutes of the Environment Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 as a correct record.](#)

#### 3. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs : Sally Ann Holland, Emma Hall, Heather Seddon, Liz Wardlaw and Robert Moreton on matters relating to Cheshire East Council

#### 4. **Outstanding Actions**

There were no outstanding actions.

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

We received two questions from the public – [View the questions and responses click here.](#)

**Action:** Re In Bloom to actively promote, in Bear Necessities and on social media, the reduction in costs and numbers of plants planted for Congleton in Bloom

#### 6. **Urgent Items**

Cllr Firkin raised 1 x urgent item regarding the announcement from Cheshire East Borough Council with regards to the temporary closure of Household Waste and Recycling Sites across the Borough and that there will be temporary pop-up sites available whilst the closure is in place. A request for our CEC Councillors to seek a pop-up site for Congleton.

#### 7. **Congleton in Bloom Working Group**

**ENV/02/2425 resolved** to receive the minutes of the Congleton in Bloom Working Group from 1<sup>st</sup> March

#### 8. **Streetscape Trading Accounts**

**ENV/03/2425** resolved to receive the Streetscape Trading account report.

**Action** – As well as the colour code system, add Bold text for overspending to allow readers with visual impairments to follow the document correctly.

#### 9. **Streetscape Services Update**

**ENV/04/2425 Resolved to** receive the report relating to Streetscape Services.

**Action** – Send a full breakdown % of the areas where fly-tipping is occurring to all councillors.

**Action** – More promotion on marketing on how residents can dispose of their waste

#### 10. **Carbon Footprint Summary**

**ENV/05/2425 Resolved to** receive the report and comments regarding the Town Council Carbon Footprint.

### **11. Paperless Council**

**ENV/06/2425 Resolved to** receive the report and agree on trial within the next Environment Committee meeting.

**Action** – resend survey monkey survey to all councillors

### **12. Biodiversity Update**

**ENV/07/2425 Resolved to** note the work on the site-specific biodiversity plan and to support Streetscape and volunteers with the ongoing site-specific plan and work with local businesses and land owners.

**Action** – Look into signage for the rivers and canals as well as our biodiversity signage on our open spaces, signage to have Congleton Town Council and logo on the signs.

### **13. Cheshire East Report**

There was no new information for the committee from Cheshire East.

**Cllr Suzy Firkin  
(Chair)**