



Congleton Town Council

Title	Community Committee
Date of Meeting Time	18 September 2025 7 pm
Status	Draft Minutes – to be ratified at the next Committee meeting
Reference Documents	<u>Agenda & Papers for the Community – 18th September 25</u>

Attendance

Committee Members	Cllr Kay Wesley (Chair) Cllr Sally Ann Holland (Vice Chair) Cllr Mark Edwardson Cllr Emma Hall Cllr Susan Mead Cllr Shaun Radcliffe Cllr Glen Williams
Ex Officio	Cllr Robert Brittain (Mayor)
Non-Committee Members	Cllr Heather Seddon
Officers	David McGifford (Chief Officer) Cathy Dean (Communities Manager) Debbie Coxon (Communications & Civic Manager)
Members of the Press	0
Members of the Public	0
Also in Attendance	Sergeant Kark Tatlock – <i>left at 7:25 pm</i>

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Suzy Firkin, Cllr David Brown and Cllr Amanda Martin.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

CO/12/2526 resolved to approve and sign the Community Committee minutes held on 17 July 2025 as a correct record.

3. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Emma Hall declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Cheshire East Councillor.

4. Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public

5. Urgent Items

Cllr Susan Mead, in light of the recent vote in favour of Devolution, can we get the Congleton/Parish boundaries re-examined?

Action – What does devolution mean for Congleton? A separate discussion is needed.

6. Cheshire Police Update

Sergeant Karl Tatlock gave a verbal update with the latest crime statistics for Congleton (East & West). Local priorities are focusing on anti-social behaviour and traffic operations. From January to August, crime is down from 1,392 to 1,220

Operation Sidelines – a national strategy drive to police on foot in town centres, which has come from central government, staff can be drafted from other areas and allocated anywhere in Cheshire.

Cllr Emma Hall raised concerns about parking on double yellow lines outside Quinta Primary School and speeding on Padbury Lane. Cllr Sally Holland commented that all local schools are facing similar issues with inconsiderate/dangerous parking.

Action – Cllr Edwardson asked if it was possible to accompany the police to promote Operation Sidelines. Discuss with Debbie Coxon (Communications Manager) for press/Bear Necessities.

7. Committee Updates

CO/13/2526 resolved to note the report.

8. White Ribbon Working Group

CO/14/2526 resolved to receive notes of the White Ribbon Working Group held on 15th July 2025.

9. Community Safety Working Group

CO/15/2526 resolved to receive the minutes of the Community Safety Working Group meeting held on the 4th September 25.

10. Equal Access Group

CO/16/2526 resolved to receive the minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Group meeting on 11th September 25.

11. Communications Update

CO/17/2526 resolved to receive and note the report from Debbie Coxon, Communications & Civic Manager, highlighting the Town Council's communications from 11th July to 10th September.

12. CIL's Update

CO/18/2526 resolved to receive the report on the Community Infrastructure Levy survey.

13. Growing Up Wired Event

CO/19/2526 resolved to receive the report on the 'Growing Up Wired' Event to be held on 30th September at Congleton Town Hall.

14. Christmas Lights Switch On 2025

CO/20/2526 resolved to receive the report from Rachel McCarthy (Town Centre & Events Manager) on plans for the Christmas Lights Switch On 2025.

Meeting ended at 7:57 pm

Cllr Kay Wesley
(Chair)