CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 3rd July 2025

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the Agenda & Papers – 3rd July 2025

In attendance:

Committee members: Cllrs

Suzy Firkin (Chair, Deputy Mayor)

Dawn Allen
David Brown
Susan Mead
Sally Ann Holland
Heather Seddon
Glen Williams

Ex Officio:

Non-committee Members: Cllrs Robert Douglas, Rob Moreton, Kay Wesley.

Congleton Town Council Officers: David McGifford – Chief Officer

Members of the public: 0

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for the absence were received from Suzie Akers Smith, Heather Pearce (Vice Chair) Robert Brittain (Mayor).

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

ENV/01/2526 Resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the Environment Committee held on 3rd April 2025 as a correct record.

3. <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs Heather Seddon, David Brown, Rob Moreton and Sally Ann Holland on matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

4. **Outstanding Actions**

None

5. Questions from Members of the Public

None received.

6. Urgent Items

None received.

7. Congleton In Bloom Working Group

ENV/02/2526 Resolved to receive the figures as presented within the finance section, and request that the presentation of the figures be easier for members to understand.

Action- Chief Officer, Responsible Financial Officer and Chair of Finance to review

Cllr Allen mentioned the possibility of selling hanging baskets to the public to raise funds – no resolution

8. Streetscape Management Account

ENV/03/2526 Resolved to receive the Streetscape Trading account report.

9. Streetscape Update

ENV/04/2526 Resolved to receive the report relating to the Streetscape Services and noted that the main concern surrounds fly tipping.

10. Carbon Footprint Summary

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

11. Green Fayre

ENV/06/2526 Resolved To receive a report on the Green Fayre

12. <u>Decarbonisation Project Update</u>

ENV/07/2526 Resolved to receive the update and noted that Salix Funding was not going to be available beyond 2025-26 and that the Chief Officer will formally notify Salix that they will be withdrawing from the project. Also noted that environmental projects such as elements of reglazing will progress via CEC grant, and options for solar panels at the museum are still being explored.

14. Mobile Waste Services

ENV/08/2526 Resolved to receive a verbal update from Cllr Seddon, who advised that CEC is still deciding on the location and date for a mobile Household Waste Recycling Centre for Congleton. Indicative start date is the beginning of December.

15. Cheshire East Report

No report received for the committee; the main CEC matters were brought out during the meeting.

Cllr Suzy Firkin (Chair)