

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – REGENERATION WORKING GROUP

1st July 2025 10AM – 11.30AM

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

1. PRESENT:

Group Members

- Cllr Russell Chadwick
- Cllr Kay Wesley
- Cllr Amanda Martin
- Cllr Robert Douglas
- Cllr Suzy Firkin

Officers: David McGifford, Rachel McCarthy

Approve a new Chairperson – discussion with Susan Mead to ask if she would like to be appointed, Russell wishes to stand down. Action RMc

2. **Apologies:** Bob Edwards, Cllr Susan Mead

3. **Draft agenda approved**

4. **Minutes and actions from the previous meeting approved held 3rd March 2025**

Approved.

5. **Town Hall maintenance/improvement**

Agreed not to proceed Salix, improve what we can afford, windows etc, This group will continue with a focus on maintenance, not energy bills, solar discussed, museum roof solar panels, permission granted. Could we tap into CE schemes, the museum does require reinforced slate tiles before panels can be put on. The maximum amount we could generate per annum would be £2k with solar. CE double glazed windows have been contacted today, we will hear back in 3 days.

6. **Town Centre Repairs**

We require a sensible maintenance plan in place for the town hall with a date for strategy meetings x 2 – **1.** finance, **2 .** programme of works, we need to look at the list, Mark W to attend, David, Serena, Mark to discuss. Estate agents, they need to remove the batons they put up for the For Sale signage, count how many there are, **Action RMc** and contact the estate agents. We require a full council agenda item **Action DMcG** regarding upkeep and put in a strategy meeting to see if we can finance it (Strategy Working Group) if CE want us to take over the repairs to the town centre, at what cost, especially when other councils like Crewe and

MACC receive much more funding than CTC. We should start small in the strategy meeting, for example, Lawton Street and Bridge Street, to show how we can manage that area, gain CE trust and confidence.

Other councils do have Rangers to do town centre repairs; they are appointed to look after DIY items, repairs. Ideally, we would like Streetscape to look after Congleton first before we complete any private work appointed.

7. Love My Street

We require leaflets that councillors could deliver to residents, CE are not doing weeding, CTC are looking at using the street sweeper more, we can put an attachment on, and ideally use this more to lead as an example 'Congleton Weed Buster'

8. Capital Walk Status

Talk of reopening as hairdressers, nail bars, etc

9. Totally Locally

Another meeting is required with Rachel and Mike from Gazer, as this is very quiet, although successful at the Market Quarter. **Action RMc**

10. Toilets Update

Dean Wild, the new owner, has agreed to sign over the toilets to CTC. A legal agreement will be sent over to SAS Daniels, and they will change over the existing lease as much as possible. We should have the public toilets back very soon.

11. A.O.B

Bradwell Bakery, which is linked to a village hall, it looks wonderful.

In Manchester, there is a bus/train/tram pass for £10. Can we possibly have the same scheme here? Enquire **Action RC**

Moody House owner, we have havent had any replies or communication from him, not returning calls. Bradwell House is interested in purchasing Moody House; details shared with the Moody House owner.

Fairseat Capital for the market area, plans look very good, images shared.

12. Date of next meeting – TBC