

## CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019

#### PRESENT:

##### Committee members

Mrs D S Allen  
Cllr Mrs A L Armit  
C H Booth (Vice Chair)  
R Boston  
G P Hayes  
Mrs A M Martin  
Mrs J D Parry  
G S Williams

Non-Committee members Mrs S Akers Smith (Town Mayor), G.R Edwards,  
Mrs A E Morrison, M A Walker

#### 1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Committee Members, P Broom and Mrs S A Holland

#### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

**CES/36/1819 Resolved to** receive the minutes from the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 as a correct record.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both “pecuniary” and “non-pecuniary” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr Glen Williams – (Cheshire East Council) and especially for items 10, 13 and 15 and Cllr George Hayes (Cheshire East Council) especially for items 13 and 15.

#### 4. Outstanding Actions

Noted three outstanding items:

**CES/19/1819** - Application was submitted to the Police Crime Commissioner re:funding for a CCTV camera on Barn Road - awaiting a response.

**CES/34/1819** – Single Use Plastic Audit and Reduction Plan for the Town Council.

**CES/35/1819** – Town-wide campaign to reduce plastic use – ongoing, large undertaking,

**5. Questions from members of the Public**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**6. Cheshire Police**

An update report was given by Inspector Penny Jones – summary as Appendix 1.

**7. Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group**

**CES/37/1819 Resolved to** receive the minutes from the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group held 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

**8. Floral Arrangement Working Group**

**CES/38/1819 Resolved to** receive the minutes from the Floral Arrangement Working Group held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**9. White Ribbon Campaign**

To receive a presentation from Richard Walton on the White Ribbon Campaign and agree the level of support from the Town Council.

**CES/39/1819 Resolved to** make Congleton Town Council a White Ribbon Campaign Member and to appoint at least one member of staff and one councillor to meet with R Walton to review how this can be integrated into the Town Council

**10. Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) (note this item was discussed ahead of item 6)**

To receive an update and a consider a request for more equipment from Congleton Police and Congleton Speedwatch volunteers

**CES/40/1819 Resolved to** agree in principle to the purchasing of Speed Indication Device(s) and for a detailed report on most appropriate type and costs to go to Finance and Policy Committee.

**CES/41/1819 Resolved to** suspend Standing Orders in order to accept a presentation by Tyler Cartwright from Congleton Youth Committee on 'The Need for a BMX Track for Congleton.

**CES/42/1819 Resolved to** instate Standing Orders and continue with the meeting

**11. Congleton In Bloom Update**

To receive an update on activities for 2019

**CES/43/1819 Resolved to** note the report.

## **12. Post Office**

To advise on requests to get have a Post Office reinstated in Congleton Town Centre.

**CES/44/1819 Resolved to** write to the Post Office Counters in the strongest terms setting need for a Post Office in the Town Centre and for details of their plans if a franchise isn't forthcoming.

**CES/45/1819 Resolved to** promote the activities of the three other post offices in Congleton in Bear Necessities and the website.

## **13. Congleton Market Working Group**

The Chief Officer advised that he had sent correspondence on behalf of the working group to CEC in December requesting further information about the devolvement of services and in particular the market .

The specific information requested was:

1. What is the process of devolving a service, in particular Congleton market
2. What would be the liabilities associated to a devolved market?

We are still awaiting a response and a date for the meeting.

The committee was reminded that the working group had no decision making powers and would report back to the committee with its findings.

**CES/46/1819 Resolved to** receive an update from the Congleton Market Working Group.

## **14. Congleton Railway Station**

To receive an update from the Chief Officer following a recent meeting with Arriva Northern Rail.

**CES/47/1819 Resolved to** receive the report.

## **15. Congleton Pedestrian Area**

To receive an update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager on outstanding works on the Pedestrian area.

**CES/48/1819 Resolved to** receive the report and approved in principle to replace the lamppost tops in Victoria Street to match those in the rest of the pedestrian area at a cost of £3,500. A report should go to Finance and Policy Committee.

## **16. Reclaim our Pavements**

To consider actions to reduce obstructions on Congleton's pavements, presentation from Cllr Mrs S Akers Smith.

**CES/49/1819 Resolved to** receive the presentation and requested that more details about the responsibilities and duties surrounding obstructions on pavements is presented at the next meeting.

**C H Booth  
(Vice Chairman)**

## **Appendix 1: CONGLETON BEAT MANAGEMENT REPORT**

### **DRUGS** –

Three warrants executed since 1/1/19 relating to drug dealing activity in the Congleton area. 1 female arrested and a large amount of drugs recovered.

On-going overt and covert operations still being undertaken in area to tackle county lines teams operating in Congleton area.

Attendance at County Lines and Child Exploitation meeting in February to cascade for awareness in Congleton youth community.

### **BURGLARIES/VEH CRIME**

No major increases or crime patterns identified.

Theft from motor vehicle - emerging trend across the County/Macc LPU theft from transit vans of tools.

### **ASB**

Crewe youths

Only one further report since the initial incidents in Nov 2018, which resulted in a Congleton youth being assaulted. Unfortunately no persons arrested due to reluctance of victim and witnesses to provide evidence to Police.

Regarding previous incidents in November 2018 –

Following investigations X three arrests.

One youth charged with assault, pleaded guilty at court. Has a CBO with conditions NOT TO ENTER CONGLETON

One youth charged with assault and criminal damage – pleaded guilty to Criminal Damage, awaiting court trial date for assault only. Has bail conditions NOT TO ENTER CONGLETON

One youth RUI – investigation still on-going re assault

Five of the Crewe youths now have CBOs, three with conditions not to enter Congleton

Congleton Beat team are fully aware of these youths and are working closely with Crewe/Sandbach Beat to prevent incidents of disorder and enforce the CBO conditions

PSPO – still none issued. No reports of issues in the Market area.

### **RURAL CRIME**

Op Sentry cross border operation with Staffs & Derbyshire Police tackling crime in the rural/farming communities. Included members of the farming community who acted as spotters – successful operation, lots of intelligence and four arrests (drink drive/drug drive)

Numerous initiatives ongoing in the community run by the PCSOs

- Youth Police Cadets
- Princes Trust
- Working within schools – variety of subjects

*At the meeting the Police were invited to a Youth Council meeting which was accepted.*