

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 27th JUNE 2019

PRESENT:

Committee members:

Dawn Allen (Vice Chair)
Martin Amies
Paul Duffy
Suzy Firkin
Margaret Gartside
Amanda Martin
Denis Murphy
Jean Parry
Mark Rogan
Kay Wesley (Chair)
Sally Ann Holland (Town Mayor)

Non-Committee members

Suzie Akers Smith, Russell Chadwick, Robert Douglas, James Smith

1. Apologies for absence.

Non-committee member Rob Moreton.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

CES/01/1920 Resolved to receive the minutes from the meeting held on the 14th March 2019 as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of Interest were received from Cllr Sally Ann Holland, Cllr Denis Murphy and Cllr Suzie Akers Smith - all Cheshire East Council.

4. Outstanding Actions

- White Ribbon Campaign - noted that information had been received from Richard Walton enabling actions on this project to progress
- Speed Watch campaign - noted working with PCSOs to promote the volunteer SpeedWatch teams and that the funding request for a SID from the Police Crime Commissioner had been rejected.

5. Questions from Members of the Public

Richard Whitelock raised two questions:

- a) There appears to be a distinction between traffic offences that can be dealt with by the Police and those by Cheshire East Council Officers. Apart from the fact that this is very confusing for members of the public who see the offences being ignored by the 'wrong type' of officer; is there a way that the two forces could combine their efforts to find a solution.
- b) Is there a possibility of a scheme (similar to SpeedWatch) for the recruitment of volunteers to monitor e.g. School Clearways?. I have offered to volunteer if such a scheme was possible but have not had a response from parking at Cheshire East Council.

Both of these requests will be passed to the Police and Cheshire East Council for a response.

6. Cheshire Police

An update report was given by PC Helen Weeks - see summary Appendix A

7. Anti Social Behaviour Working Group

CES/02/1920 Resolved to receive the minutes from the Anti-Social Behaviour held on the 6th February 2019 and 3rd April 2019.

8. Floral Arrangement Working Group

CES/03/1920 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group held on 21st March, 11th April and 13th May 2019. Note the name of the group was questioned which will be raised by the appropriate members at the next working group.

9. Congleton Market Working Group

CES/04/1920 Resolved to receive an update from the Market Working Group. Noted that the group was still waiting for some key information from Cheshire East Council and had planned a meeting with Congleton's Market Traders on Tuesday 2nd July.

10. Health and Well-Being Working Group

CES/05/1920 Resolved to receive a verbal update at the meeting. Agreed in principle to the working group exploring issues around Mental Health provision in Congleton and to report back to a future meeting of Community Environment and Services Committee.

11. Congleton Green

Received a paper by Peter Aston, Chair of Congleton Sustainability Group (CSG) on Congleton Green which led to a lengthy discussion.

CES/06/1920 Resolved that a small working group made up of CSG and Town Councillors would put together some proposals and priority suggestions for Congleton. Town Councillors wishing to be on the group: Jean Parry, Mark Rogan, Martin Amies, Suzy Firkin, Sally Ann Holland (but with restricted time in 2019/20 due to Mayoral duties). Noted that Cllr Suzie Akers Smith and Cllr Margaret Gartside are already on the Congleton Sustainability Group.

12. Living Streets

Received a paper from Cllr Suzie Akers Smith, Cllr Margaret Gartside and Patti Pinto to consider becoming a member of Living Streets and outlining positive steps that could be taken towards becoming a walking town.

CES/07/1920 resolved that:

- a) Congleton should sign up to Living Streets
- b) Further discussions, including professional advice, needed on actions that the town can implement as part of Living Streets and towards an integrated and sustainable transport policy.

13. Congleton Makers Market

CES/08/1920 Resolved to note the report into the monthly Makers Market held in Congleton on the last Saturday of the month.

14. Reducing the Road Traffic Speed Limit on Reades Lane

CES/09/1920 Resolved to support a residents' campaign to have the 30mph speed limit on Reades Lane extended as far as the Coach and Horses Public House. Officers to inform the two residents of Town Council's support and to write a strongly worded letter in support of the request to Cheshire East Council Highways asking them to take the request forward. PCSO Jess Shore to request a temporary Speed Indication Device (SID) for the road.

15. Lack of Dropped Kerb by the Citizens Advice Bureau

CES/10/ 1920 Resolved to write to Cheshire East Highways supporting the request for a dropped kerb outside the Citizens Advice Bureau in Lawton Street Congleton and to carry out a review dropped kerbs in Congleton with Cheshire East Highway Inspectors to report to a future meeting.

16. Remembering Marie Johnson

It was noted that a meeting would be held with three nieces of Marie Johnson on Wednesday 3rd July and a report given on the actions proposed.

17. Mountview

At the time of the meeting there had not been any official communication from Cheshire East on the future of Mountview or the proposed relocation venue for the services currently provided at Mountview. If appropriate this will come to a future meeting.

**Kay Wesley
(Chair)**

APPENDIX A

Report from the Police given by PC Helen Weeks

DRUGS: No warrants executed in May/June

There are both overt and covert operations ongoing with updates in the future.

One notable incident on 19/6/19, during a Beat team led operation, 2 males arrested Procession With Intent To Supply (PWITS) in Buglawton linked to county lines. Investigation still ongoing.

BURGLARIES/VEHICLE CRIME: There was a small increase in burglaries and vehicle crime in April/May but the arrest of a well-known local nominal has seen a reduction in these offences recently so no major issues to report

ASB: No notable incidents to report. Issues with the Crewe urban street gang appear to have abated. Several Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs) have been granted to a number of the gang with others currently being sought.

TRAFFIC: No notable events/incidents to report

No other incidents/issues to report at this time