

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 11th July 2024

Please Note – These are draft minutes and will not be ratified until the next meeting of this Committee

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Agenda & Papers – 11th July 2024](#)

In attendance:

Committee members: **Clrs**

Suzy Firkin (Chair)
Heather Pearce (Vice Chair)
Sally Ann Holland
Amanda Martin
Susan Mead
Heather Seddon
Glen Williams

Ex Officio Kay Wesley (Town Mayor) Robert Brittain (Deputy Mayor)
Non-Committee Cllr Robert Douglas and Robert Moreton

Congleton Town Council Officers:

- David McGifford – Chief Officer
- Ruth Burgess – Streetscape Development Manager
- Public x 1

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllrs Charles Booth

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

ENV/01/2425 Resolved to approve and [sign the minutes of the Environment Committee held on 28th March 2024 as a correct record.](#)

3. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs : Sally Ann Holland, Emma Hall, Heather Seddon, Liz Wardlaw and Robert Moreton on matters relating to Cheshire East Council

4. Outstanding Actions

There were no outstanding actions.

5. Questions from Members of the Public

We received two questions from the public – [View the questions and responses click here.](#)

Action: Re In Bloom to actively promote, in Bear Necessities and on social media, the reduction in costs and numbers of plants planted for Congleton in Bloom

6. Urgent Items

Cllr Firkin raised 1 x urgent item regarding the announcement from Cheshire East Borough Council with regards to the temporary closure of Household Waste and Recycling Sites across the Borough and that there will be temporary pop-up sites available whilst the closure is in place. A request for our CEC Councillors to seek a pop-up site for Congleton.

7. Congleton in Bloom Working Group

ENV/02/2425 resolved to receive the minutes of the Congleton in Bloom Working Group from 1st March

8. Streetscape Trading Accounts

ENV/03/2425 resolved to receive the Streetscape Trading account report.

Action – As well as the colour code system, add Bold text for overspending to allow readers with visual impairments to follow the document correctly.

9. Streetscape Services Update

ENV/04/2425 Resolved to receive the report relating to Streetscape Services.

Action – Send a full breakdown % of the areas where fly-tipping is occurring to all councillors.

Action – More promotion on marketing on how residents can dispose of their waste

10. Carbon Footprint Summary

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

11. Paperless Council

ENV/06/2425 Resolved to receive the report and agree on trial within the next Environment Committee meeting.

Action – resend survey monkey survey to all councillors

12. Biodiversity Update

ENV/07/2425 Resolved to note the work on the site-specific biodiversity plan and to support Streetscape and volunteers with the ongoing site-specific plan and work with local businesses and land owners.

Action – Look into signage for the rivers and canals as well as our biodiversity signage on our open spaces, signage to have Congleton Town Council and logo on the signs.

13. Cheshire East Report

There was no new information for the committee from Cheshire East.

**Cllr Suzy Firkin
(Chair)**