

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 26th September 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 – 26th September**

In attendance:

Committee members: **Cllrs**

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

Non-Committee Members: **Cllrs** Robert Douglas

Congleton Town Council Officers:

- David McGifford – Chief Officer
- Ruth Burgess – Streetscape Development Manager
- One member of public

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr Dave Brown

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

ENV/08/2425 Resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the Environment Committee held on 11th July 2024 as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs Sally Ann Holland and Heather Seddon on matters related to Cheshire East Borough Council

4. Outstanding Actions

Date of Meeting	Item Number	Details of Action	By who	Progress
11.07.24	Item 4	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	RB/DM	Complete
11.07.24	Item 8	Streetscape Accounts - As well as the colour code system, add Bold text for overspending to allow readers with visual impairments to follow the document correctly.	RB	Complete
11.07.24	Item 9	Send a full breakdown % of the areas where fly-tipping occurs to all councillors.	RB	Complete
11.07.24	Item 12	Biodiversity Update - 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.	RB	In Progress

5. Questions from Members of the Public

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

Action

- From Question 5 – CEC replanting Scheme when trees are felled ?
- From Question 2 – Air Quality, CEC sequence of traffic lights at Mountbatten Way Turning right into Market Square?

6. Urgent Items

No urgent items where received

7. Congleton in Bloom Working Group

ENV/09/2425 resolved to receive the minutes of the Congleton in Bloom Working Group from 10th September 2024

8. Green Working Group

ENV/10/2425 resolved To receive the notes of the Green Working Group held on 1st August 2024

9. Streetscape Trading Account

ENV/11/2425 resolved the Streetscape Trading account report.

10. Streetscape Update

ENV/12/2425 resolved the report relating to the Streetscape Services and approved Graph option C to be used for further meetings, splitting out the former Congleton LAP Area,.

further paper included within meeting on **Streetscape update – Love Where You Live** campaign - **resolved** To receive updates and comments on the new campaign.

Action

- Contact the local MP and PPC on further closure of Household Waste and Recycling Centres and the current affect this has with the increase of fly-tipping, letter to completed by CTC Officers and sent to Cllrs for comment.

11. Carbon Footprint Summary

ENV/13/2425 resolved To receive updates and comments regarding the Town Council Carbon Footprint.

Action

- Email all Cllrs the four headings under our Carbon Footprint Summary and what each area covers, (Town Hall, Streetscape, Paddling Pool and Public Realm)

12. Biodiversity Update

ENV/14/2425 resolved For the Environment Committee to note the work on the site-specific biodiversity plan and next site launch event.

13. Carbon Neutral Update

ENV/15/2425 resolved update and review the Town Council Carbon Neutral set date under the approval of the following : *To hit Carbon Neutrality by 2030 at the latest, but strive to achieve at the earliest opportunity.* Resolved to agree and endorse by Council.

14. Solar Together and Green Fayre

ENV/16/2425 resolved to receive information on Green Events

15. Cheshire East Report (verbal update)

Verbal update on items of interest from Cheshire East Environment and Communities Committee from the Ward Councillor:

CEC [Environment and Communities Committee - Thursday, 26th September, 2024 10.00 am](#)

Report on [Household Waste Recycling Centres Review - Final Recommendations](#)

To consider a report on the final proposals for future permanent Household Waste Recycling Centre service provision following an update of previously collated review and feasibility study information, public consultation and the commencement of a procurement for a new operating contract provider.

Decision :

- A. The permanent household waste recycling centre service provision for the borough, namely four sites located at Knutsford, Macclesfield, Alsager and Crewe.*
- B. The permanent closure of the HWRC sites at Bollington, Middlewich and Poynton,*
- C. A mobile HWRC service serving rural and areas where the collected data indicates that incidents of fly tipping are at an increased level.*
- D. Retention of a booking system to be used as described in this report.*

Clr Suzy Firkin
(Chair)