

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD ON
21.11.24**

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

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Agenda and Papers of the Community Committee on 21 November 2024](#)

PRESENT:

Committee members:

- Cllr Richard Walton (Chair)
- Cllr Glen Williams (Vice Chair)
- Cllr Dawn Allen
- Cllr Dave Brown
- Cllr Mark Edwardson
- Cllr Suzy Firkin
- Cllr Emma Hall
- Cllr Sally Ann Holland
- Cllr Susan Meade
- Cllr Shaun Radcliffe

Ex Officio: Mayor Cllr Kay Wesley, Deputy Mayor Cllr Robert Brittain

Non-Committee Members:

Officers: David McGifford, Chief Officer Debbie Coxon

Members of Press 0 Members of Public 2

1. Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received as all councillors were in attendance

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

CO/22/2425 resolved to approve and sign the [Community Committee minutes](#) held on 29 August 2024 as a correct record.

3. Declaration of Interest

Declarations were received by Cllrs Sally Anne Holland, Emma Hall and David Brown on matters relating to Cheshire East Council and Glen Williams on items 14 and 16

4. Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public

5. Urgent Items

No urgent items were raised

6. MyCWA Presentation

Saskia Lightburn-Ritchie Chief Executive of MY CWA provided an excellent presentation on the support that is available for male victims of domestic abuse and was accordingly thanked by councillors . Saskia agreed to forward the video that was not shown at the meeting to the Chief Officer

7. Cheshire Police Update

Sergeant 5793 James Bell advised the committee of the levels of police-related incidents to view the [Cheshire Police Crime Statistics via this link.](#)

- Sgt Bell encourage more reporting of all crimes including dog attacks both dog-on-dog and dog-on-person
- Days of Action' in conjunction with CTC have increased the number of shops using 'Nice Investigate' to report town centre crime. Shoplifting is down.
- Cllrs Allen asked if many of the perpetrators of the crime had mental health issues (yes there are some)
- Cllr Radcliffe spoke of the need for a code of conduct for users of the town centre

8. White Ribbon Working Group Meeting Notes

CO/23/2425 resolved to note the updates from the previous Community Committee.

9. Updates Paper

CO/24/2425 resolved to receive the Updates paper.

10. Health and Wellbeing Working Group Minutes

CO/25/2425 resolved to approve the notes from the Health & Wellbeing Working Group held on 3rd October.

11. Community Safety Working Group Minutes

CO/26/2425 Resolved to receive the notes of the Community Safety Working Group meetings held on 12 September 2024.

12. Communications Update

CO/27/2425 Resolved to receive the communications update.

13. Congleton Sustainable Travel

CO/28/2425 Resolved to receive the report and the proposed action contained within the report

Action That CTC supports the provision of these improvements to 'join up' Congleton's town centre cycle and pedestrian routes, write to Cheshire East Council to –

1. Support the proposed work and
2. Request a meeting with CEC to discuss it, including timetable and funding

14. Congleton Rotary Bonfire Report

CO/29/2425 Resolved to receive the report provided by Rotary and noted the success of the event. It was stated that there appeared to be unauthorised traders selling merchandise at the event and it was suggested queried how this could be dealt with

Action – to look into the legalities relating to unauthorised traders.

15. Christmas Lights Switch On

CO/30/2425 Resolved to receive the update and request for more support on the evening. It was stated that there appeared to be unauthorised traders selling merchandise at the event and it was suggested queried how this could be dealt with as per the Rotary bonfire

Action – as agenda item 14

Action – Officers to e-mail all councillors to advise where and when support is needed

16. Congleton Partnership Activities

CO/31/2425 Resolved to receive the updates relating to Congleton Partnership

Cllr Richard Walton
Chair of Community Committee
meeting finished 20.59pm