



Congleton Town Council

Title	Community Committee
Date of Meeting Time	29 th January 2026 7pm
Status	Final Minutes
Reference Documents	Agenda Papers for the Community Committee – 29th January

Attendance

Committee Members	Cllr Kay Wesley (Chair) Cllr Sally Ann Holland (Vice Chair) (Left 7:40 pm) Cllr Dave Brown (Arrived 7:10 pm) Cllr Emma Hall Cllr Amanda Martin Cllr Shaun Radcliffe Cllr Richard Walton Cllr Glen Williams
Ex Officio	Cllr Robert Brittain (Mayor) Cllr Suzy Firkin (Deputy Mayor)
Non-Committee Members	Cllr Robert Douglas Cllr Heather Seddon
Officers	David McGifford (Chief Officer) Cathy Dean (Communities & Admin Manager)
Members of the Press	0
Members of the Public	2

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mark Edwardson and Susan Mead.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

CO/30/2526 resolved to approve and sign the Community Committee minutes held on the 4th of December as a correct record.

3. Declaration of Interest

Non-pecuniary interest declarations were received by Cllr Sally Ann Holland and Emma Hall for matters about Cheshire East. Cllr Glen Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 12, 13 and 14: Cllr Wesley, Firkin and Walton for item 13.

4. Questions from Members of the Public

None

5. Urgent Items

No urgent items.

6. Cheshire Police

Sgt Karl Tatlock and Sgt Vicky Welch attended the meeting and provided a verbal update on the latest crime figures for Congleton (Attached Appendix 1). Pleased to report an overall drop in crime rates compared to last year. Members thanked Karl Tatlock for his work as he moves over to a new position in Crewe and welcomed Sgt Welch.

7. Committee Updates

CO/31/2526 resolved to receive the committee updates report on actions from items discussed at the previous Community meeting.

8. White Ribbon Campaign 2025

CO/32/2526 resolved to receive a campaign report on white ribbon activities during white ribbon day and 16 Days of Activism. Followed by a short update from the chair.

9. Community Safety Working Group

CO/33/2526 resolved to receive the minutes of the Community Safety Working Group meeting held on the 15th January 2026 and receive a short update from the Chair.

10. Communications Update

CO/34/2526 resolved to receive and note a report from the Town Council's Communications and Marketing Officer, Debbie Coxon, highlighting the Town Council's Communications activities from 21st November 2025 to 22nd January 2026.

Members thanked Debbie Coxon for the excellent media coverage and excellent publication, Bear Necessities, which is very well received by the community.

11. Youth Council Update

Received a verbal update from Sadie Kirk, co-chair of the recently formed Youth Council.

12. Christmas Lights Switch-on Report 2025 and Plans for 2026 event

CO/35/2526 resolved to note a report from Events Manager Rachel McCarthy on the Christmas Lights Switch-on event and the planned changes for 2026.

Members thanked Rachel McCarthy and the team for their hard work during the event.

13. Congleton Partnership Update

CO/36/2526 resolved to receive a report from Congleton Partnership on activities for 2026.

13.1. No Tier Snooker Society June Showcase Event

CO/37/2526 resolved to receive a report on the No Tier Snooker event taking place in Congleton Town Hall to raise awareness of frontotemporal dementia (FTD) and early-onset dementia.

Action – C/O to write a formal letter of thanks to Ian Carter and No Tier Snooker for the excellent work on raising awareness of dementia and the publicity for Town.

14. Speed Indication Device

CO/38/2526 resolved to:

1. To make a formal request to the Cheshire East Road Safety Team to assess Macclesfield Road for the location of a SID. (Cllr Hall stated that her ward budget could be used for the costs of pole installation if required.)

2. Recommend the purchase of a second solar-powered Speed Indicator Device (SID) with data-logging capability, within a budget of £3500. Instruct officers to source 3 quotes to ensure the best value to approve at full Council.

Action – Write to Cheshire East regarding the SID device on Park Lane that is not working.

**Kay Wesley
Chair**

Meeting Ended 8:32 pm