



Congleton Town Council

Title	Community Committee
Date of Meeting Time	27 th November 2025 7 pm
Status	Final Minutes
Reference Documents	Agenda Papers for the Community Committee – 27th November 2025

Attendance

Committee Members	Clr Kay Wesley (Chair) Clr Sally Ann Holland (Vice Chair) Clr Dave Brown Clr Emma Hall <i>left at 8:10 pm</i> Clr Amanda Martin Clr Susan Mead Clr Richard Walton Clr Glen Williams
Ex Officio	Clr Robert Brittain (Mayor) Clr Suzy Firkin (Deputy Mayor)
Non-Committee Members	
Officers	David McGifford (Chief Officer) Cathy Dean (Communities Manager) Debbie Coxon (Communications & Civic Manager)
Members of the Press	0
Members of the Public	0

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mark Edwardson and Clr Shaun Radcliffe. And Sgt Karl Tatlock.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

CO/21/2526 resolved to approve and sign the Community Committee minutes held on 18th September 2025 as a correct record.

3. Declaration of Interest

Cllrs Dave Brown, Emma Halland Sally Holland declared a non-pecuniary interest in items relating to Cheshire East. Cllr Robert Brittian for item 7 relating to the toy appeal. Cllrs Richard Walton, Suzy Firkin, Amanda Martin, Glen Williams, Kay Wesley for the item relating to Congleton Partnership.

4. Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

5. Urgent Items

Cllr Williams highlighted that Cheshire Police is conducting an internal consultation to save £13 million over the next four years by reducing PCSOs and redistributing warranted police officers into neighbourhood policing teams. It's towns like Congleton that will suffer the most if this goes ahead. PCSOs build trust with members of the community, and aren't tied up with legal procedures after arrests in the same way that warranted police officers are. Although not a public consultation, could the Chief Officer write to Cheshire Police and express the council's concerns?

Action – Chief Officer to write to Cheshire Police for more information and check standing orders to confirm the correct procedure for urgent items. Officers will add this to the next Community Committee agenda for discussion with a Cheshire Constabulary representative.

6. Cheshire Police

There was no representation from Cheshire Police; a written report is attached in Appendix 1.

7. Committee Updates

CO/22/2526 resolved to note the report and recommend to the council that the Health & Wellbeing working group be reinstated to discuss items such as the SDAS and proposed funding from central government for health centres. The group was a good link between various services in the town.

8. White Ribbon Working Group

CO/23/2526 resolved to approve the minutes of the White Ribbon Working Group meeting held on the 24th September 2025.

8.1 White Ribbon Day

Councillors noted the verbal update.

9. Community Safety Working Group

CO/24/2526 resolved to approve the minutes of the Community Safety Working Group meeting held on the 6th November 2025.

9.1 The Congleton Code

CO/25/2526 resolved to adopt, consult the public on and then promote the 'Congleton Code'. With the amendment, 'to protect children' changed to 'protect everyone'.

10. Equal Access Advisory Group

CO/26/2526 resolved to accept minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Group meeting on 18th November 2025.

11. Communications Update

CO/27/2526 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 August to 20th November 2025.

12. Your Voice - Your Town. Have your say on local services: Survey Results

Councillors noted the report.

13. Cheshire East Council's Local Transport Plan

CO/28/2526 resolved to:

1. Submit the points in this document as CTC feedback to the Local Transport Plan and Investment Framework, with any points Councillors wish to add.

2. Ask the Congleton Equal Access Advisory Group to meet with the Local Transport Plan Strategy team at CEC and provide insight and input for the next version of the Plan and Investment Framework.
3. Set up an Integrated Transport Task & Finish Group to provide ongoing input as the Local Transport Plan Strategy and Investment Framework, and subsequently the Congleton Transport Development Plan, are developed.

Action – Chief Officer to contact bus operators/transport department to discuss bus plans for the Tall Ash farm development. It's Cllr Hollands' belief that a bus stop was planned to serve the new estate, despite best efforts, Cllr Holland can't seem to get commitment from Cheshire East departments.

14. Youth Council Update

CO/29/2526 resolved to:

1. To note the Youth Council workshop.
2. To recommend that the Youth Council constitution be approved at Council and added to the Congleton Town Council Constitution, replacing the previous version.

15. Congleton Partnership Update

Councillors noted the report.