



**Meeting:** Congleton Partnership AGM

**Date:** 10.9.19                      **Time:** 5.30pm

**Location:** The Town Hall Congleton.

**In attendance:**

**Executive Members:- S.Foster(Chair), M.Smith, D.Murphy, P.Aston, J.Money, J.MacArthur, P.Pinto, R.Edwards, S.Munro, D.McGifford, D.Brown, J.Goodier, K.Wesley, S.Ward, P.Houldsworth,L.Hulse ,G.Williams, D.Ritherdon, A.Martin& V.Cutcliffe.**

**Guests: L.Blunt (LOL Foundation) S.Holland ( Town Mayor)**

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Apologies</b>            The Chair Steve Foster opened the 13th Partnership Annual General Meeting by welcoming everyone to the event and invited them all to stay to the Executive Meeting that followed on from this meeting if they so wished.</p> <p>Apologies recorded in the minutes.</p>	<p>Apologies were received from :</p> <p>M.Gartside,J.Crowther, D.Jones            M.Khan.</p>
2.	<p><b>Minutes of the last AGM</b>            The minutes of the last AGM held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 had been circulated to the executive and were</p>	

	<p>accepted as a true and correct record of the event. This was proposed by P.Aston and seconded by J.Money. There were no matters arising. The minutes were signed by the Chair ( S.Foster)</p>	
3.	<p><b>Overview 2018/19.</b></p> <p>Steve gave a brief overview of projects that had taken place / were still active across all of the subgroups. This was not an exhaustive list but a sample/range of the activities The Partnership is involved in.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan (3 members chairing groups)  Art Workshops  Apple Juice / Cider  Senior Forum/ Senior Health &amp; Wellbeing Fayre  Eco Schools (14 green flags)  Hydro Scheme (Havannah)  SLIC courses  Cenotaph Restoration  Play Area Signage / Leaflets/Fun Day  Commenting Team / Planning / Developers (P.Minshull)  Town Centre Destination Signage  Youth Forum PB Award to work on Mental Health &amp; Substance Misuse  Dementia Awareness Steering Group  Old Saw Mill  Townsend Rd/ West St &amp; Quinta Play area improvements.  Cycle Route development.  Connected Communities ( 4 centres in Congleton now up and running)</p> <p><b>Dementia Friendly Congleton</b>  <i>4 quarterly leaflets produced.</i>  <i>802 Dementia Friends.</i>  <i>35 Businesses/ Window Stickers.</i>  <i>Dementia Buddy Scheme / Lions.</i></p>	

**Play Area Leaflet/ Fun Day**

*27th Aug Fun Day/Consultation.  
Update/PR of Play Area Leaflet.  
3 major play area improvements.*

**Cenotaph Renovation**

*Starts 2020 Spring  
200+ missing names.  
Improve appearance /landscaping.  
Lighting / power.*

**Margaret's Fund**

*£12K grants made over two years.  
18 applicants received funds.  
Book presented to each applicant.*

**Congleton Community Wellbeing Fayre**

*1st October 10am to 1pm  
50+ Exhibitors/ Free to all  
Wider spread of exhibitors  
150 residents attended 2018*

**5 Towns Walking Trail/Map**

*New Trail Linking 5 Towns  
Working with ramblers  
Leaflet / Signage*

**Mini Bus Development**

*20+ regular users  
170 trips to 31<sup>st</sup> Aug.  
New legislation / Breakeven*

	<p><b>Youth Forum</b>  <i>PB Project – Mental Health/ Substance Misuse</i>  <i>New contacts/ services to schools</i></p>	
4.	<p><b>Appointment of Officers.</b></p> <p><b>.Chair :-</b> G.Williams - Proposed J.Saville Crowther, seconded P.Holdsworth.</p> <p><b>.Vice Chair:-</b> Bob Edwards Proposed D.Brown elected by show of hands.</p> <p><b>Steve Foster:-</b></p> <p>The executive thanked Steve for the way he had steered / developed The Partnership in his long role as chair and hoped he would continue to serve and support The Partnership as we move forward. These thanks are recorded in this copy of the minutes.</p> <p><b>All subgroup chairs</b> remained in post with the election of D.Ritherdon (Dementia Awareness Steering Grp)</p> <p>Sub group chairs are elected by the groups themselves.</p> <p><b>The 20 voting members</b> confirmed as:-</p> <p>S.Foster,J.Goodier,J.Money,R.Edwards,J.MacArthur,G.Williams, K.Wesley,D.Murphy,P.Aston,  V.Cutcliffe, P.Pinto, P.Houldsworth, M.Gartside ,S.Akers Smith , L.Hulse, A.Martin, S.Munro, D.McGifford,  D.Ritherdon, S.Ward.</p>	

	<p><i>Note. Long serving David Daniels has retired, letter of appreciation has been sent to him for his long and active service not only for The Partnership but to the town in general.</i></p> <p><b>There are also other non-voting executive members.</b></p>	
5.	<p><b>Presentation of Accounts.</b></p> <p><b>General Account</b></p> <p>Mike gave a report on the financial state of The Partnership. Income for the year to 31.3.19 including balance from <b>2018/19 £78587</b></p> <p>Expenditure £10272</p> <p>Balance £ 68315 (High balance as cash being held for the cenotaph project)</p> <p><b>From 1.4.19 to 31.8.19</b></p> <p>Income including opening balance £68315, Expenditure plus Allocated Projects £111,888, Balance Available £33349. ( Cenotaph material now bought and paid for ready for spring 2020 project start)</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>Motions before the AGM.</u></b></p> <p>There were no motions before the AGM.</p>	
7.	<p><b><u>A.O.B (due notice given)</u></b></p> <p>There was no due notice given of A.O.B.</p>	

8.	<p><b>Closing Remarks – G.Williams</b></p> <p>Glen closed the AGM by thanking Steve for his contribution and moving The Partnership on by bringing in new groups and organisations.</p> <p>Glen currently had no firm plans yet for the next 12 months other than to continue the fantastic work we have as a partnership done in the past, he believes the town is much richer for our existence.</p> <p>He plans to meet up individually with all of the group chairs to discuss their plans and requirements for support and funding to be able to deliver their projects.</p> <p>Glen then highlighted and thanked our volunteers and supporters for their commitment over the last 12 months, particularly :-</p> <p>The William Dean Trust The Inclosure Trust Local Trusts/Donations Towns Partnership ( joint working) Congleton Town Council Cheshire East Borough Council ANSA / Highways New Life Church (Mini Bus) Congleton Lions/ Rotary/U3A Redrow Homes Park Lane Care Home Residents / Business ( Cenotaph) Tesco Bags of Help The Group Chairs Mike Smith All our volunteers.</p>	
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9.	<b>Date and Time of the next AGM.</b> <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, Congleton Town Hall, starting at 5.30pm with an Executive Meeting following at 6.15pm.</b>	
	<b>Meeting Finished at:</b>  5.55pm  <b>Signed.</b>	<b>Chair.</b>