



**Meeting:** Congleton Partnership AGM (15<sup>th</sup> )

**Date:** 7.9.21                      **Time:** 5.30pm

**Location:** Congleton Town Hall – Main Hall.

**In attendance:**

**Executive Members:-** M.Smith, P.Aston, J.MacArthur, P.Pinto, R.Edwards, S.Munro, D.McGifford, D.Brown, G.Williams (Chair), D.Ritherdon, A.Martin ,D.Murphy, R.Walton

**Guests:** Jackie Kay (resident)

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Apologies</b>            The Chair Glen Williams opened the 145h 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>.P.Minshull,            V.Cutcliffe            P.Houldsworth            R.Chadwick,            S.Foster,J.Money,            K.Wesley,            S.Firkin,L.Hulse,            J.Stewart.Bob            Owen. M.Gartside.</p>

2.	<p><b>Minutes of the last AGM</b>  The minutes of the last AGM held on 8th September 2020 had been circulated to the executive and were accepted as a true and correct record of the event. This was proposed by Bob Edwards and seconded by Peter Aston.  There were no matters arising.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Overview 2019/20.</b></p> <p>Glen 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. MS had sent out a full report prior to the meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Volunteer Hours</u></b> 7000 + £100,000 + value, somewhat understated.</p> <p><b><u>Dementia Group.</u></b></p> <p>– <b>Gift Pack Project</b>, Joint working with Cheshire Police + local trust funds. Congleton Lions. 81+ packs delivered, 81+ new contacts made, issues resolved.</p> <p>Progressing a joint <b>swop shop project</b> with Congleton Library</p> <p>Looking to restart activities.</p> <p><b>Cenotaph.</b> Building nearly complete, 2 x pillars to be added. Dedication event planned for Sunday 19.9.21</p> <p><b><u>CSG.</u></b></p> <p><b>Green Living In Congleton.</b> New digital format being developed, joint project with CTC</p> <p><b>Hydro Scheme</b>, now up and running, now working on getting all the agreements in place to add power to the national grid, and working with CWLT and Trees for Congleton on rewilding the site.</p> <p><b>Congleton Climate Festival and Green Fayre.</b> Whole week of various activities/ events planned to support COP26</p>	

awareness ending with a Green Fayre on Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**Old Saw Mill.** Friday Lunch Club with 70+ meals delivered weekly, Apple Juice sold out, getting ready for this seasons fruit. Events and activities being planned.

**Trees for Congleton.** Planning this autumns planting programme, already 8073 Trees, Hedgerow scrubs and general Scrubs planted.

### **Senior Forum.**

**Befriending Service,** about to link up with Changing Lives Together to recruit volunteers and develop a befriending service within Congleton

**Community Wellbeing Fayre** now moved to Spring 2022, we had over 40 exhibitors planned, most will support us in 2022.

### **Defibrillators.**

2 x 24 hour Defibrillators sited with 2 more planned. Joint working with CTC, Congleton Lions and Plus Dane.

**Defib awareness training** planned for Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, joint working with NWAS, Congleton Lions and Congleton Library.

### **Elizabeth Group.**

**Maquette** of the statue produced, looks amazing, still need planning permission for the site.

**New link road** named after Elizabeth, events and fundraising planned.

Glen thanked everyone for their support on these projects, including the public who got involved to support us, with special thanks to CEBC and CTC. Proof that our positive working relationships do bare fruit and benefit the people of Congleton.

4.	<p><b>Appointment of Officers.</b></p> <p><i>Glen stated that he wished to stand aside from the chairs role to let The Partnership develop, perhaps in new direction. He intends to stay fully involved and thanked all for their continued support. Special mention of thanks to The Partnership Officer, David, Jackie and her team, CTC officers. Thanks also to Bob for his support as Vice Chair and to CEBC officers who have supported us on various projects. Glen currently chairs The Towns Partnership.</i></p> <p><b>.Chair :- Peter Aston</b> (proposed G.Williams and (seconded D.Murphy) carried by vote of members.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked Glen for the work he had done in the role on behalf of the people of Congleton.</p> <p><b>.Vice Chair:- Glen Williams</b> (proposed Bob Edwards) and (seconded A.Martin) carried by vote of the members.</p> <p>David Brown thanked Bob for work done over the last two years in the Vice Chair role.</p> <p><b>All subgroup chairs</b> remained in post with the exception of V.Cutcliffe (Creative Congleton)</p> <p>Sub group chairs are elected by the groups themselves as such Creative congleton will advise Mike Smith of their new chair which will be posted on our website.</p> <p><b>The 20 voting members</b> confirmed as:-</p> <p>S.Foster,J.Davies,J.Money,R.Edwards,J.MacArthur,G.Williams, K.Wesley,D.Murphy,P.Aston,  P.Pinto, P.Houldsworth, M.Gartside ,S.Firkin , L.Hulse, A.Martin, S.Munro, D.McGifford,  D.Ritherdon, U3A Chair (tbc), Creative Congleton chair (tbc)</p> <p><b>There are also other non-voting executive members.</b></p>	
5.	<b>Presentation of Accounts.</b>	

	<p><b>General Account</b></p> <p>D.McGifford gave a report on the financial state of The Partnership.</p> <p><b>From 31.4.21 to 10.8.21</b></p> <p>Income including opening balance <b>£77991</b>, Expenditure <b>£11177</b>, balance held in account <b>£66814</b>.</p> <p><b>Summary of project balance (in progress or budgets allocated but not yet started) 57165</b> Available <b>£9649</b> . Note that the project budgets are over a two year period.</p> <p>Balance Sheet available on request/ on Congleton Partnership Website.</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>Motions before the AGM.</u></b></p> <p>1. Formal adoption of the communication and social media policy which was agreed at the Executive meeting 2.3.21.</p> <p>Proposed by Bob Edwards and seconded by Diane Ritherdon. This was carried by vote and will now be inserted within The Partnership Constitution.</p>	<b>MS action.</b>
7.	<p><b>Closing Remarks – G.Williams</b></p> <p>Glen closed the AGM by thanking everyone contribution and support over the last twelve months, and that he was looking forward to working in his new role during 2021/22.</p> <p>He then passed the chair role over to Peter Aston.</p> <p>Peter then thanked both Glen and Mike for the work they had done and was looking forward to his new challenge.</p>	
8.	<b>Date and Time of the next AGM.</b>	

