

## CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017

#### PRESENT - Councillors

P Bates  
R Boston  
G R Edwards (Chairman)  
Mrs. S A Holland  
Mrs J D Parry  
Mrs E Wardlaw

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from committee member Cllr J G Baggott.

Apologies were also received from non-committee Cllr G S Williams.

#### 2. Minutes

**FAP/27/1718 RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 be approved and signed by the chairman.

#### 3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Cllrs P Bates and Mrs E Wardlaw declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

#### 4. Outstanding Actions

There were no outstanding actions.

#### 5. Grant Approvals and Commitments 2017-18

A summary of grant approvals and commitments was considered by the committee and it was noted that £13,293.60 was remaining for grants for 2017/18.

**FAP/28/1718 RESOLVED** that the grant summary be received and that the grants policy would be updated to state that:

*grants should be claimed within 1 year otherwise the grant would be written back into the main "grants available" budget. In extenuating circumstances, applicants could apply to the Finance & Policy Committee for an extension e.g. if a project was taking over 1 year to complete.*

6. New Applications for Financial Assistance

**FAP/29/1718 RESOLVED** that the following grants be awarded:-

**GR06/1718 – Congleton Scout & Guide Gang Show**

A grant of £600 was approved as per application.

**GR07/1718 – Police Community Support Officer (Representing Cheshire Police)**

That the Chief Officer invites PCSO J Shore to the Town Hall to discuss the application with a view to a potential resubmission. Points raised were –

- Why are residents not making a contribution towards this as it is believed other councils operate that way?
- As we have 2 wards why should we prioritise one ward?
- If there is a resident contribution who controls it?
- If the pilot is successful what next?

7. Management Accounts to August 2017

**FAP/30/1718 RESOLVED** to receive the management accounts to August 2017.

8. Bank Reconciliation

**FAP/31/1718 RESOLVED** to receive and consider the bank reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

9. List of Payments

**FAP/32/1718 RESOLVED** to receive and consider the Payments List between 1<sup>st</sup> August – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

10. Congleton Rotary Bonfire

To receive and consider a request from Congleton Rotary Club to underwrite any losses should the bonfire and fireworks not take place due to bad weather or unforeseen circumstances up to a sum of £5,000.

**FAP/33/1718 RESOLVED** to underwrite the event with the conditions outlined above.

**Cllr G R Edwards  
(Chairman)**