

To: **MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE**

14th October 2015

Dear Councillor,

Finance and Policy Committee Meeting – Thursday 22nd October 2015

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee to be held in the Town Hall, High Street, Congleton on – **Thursday 22nd October 2015** commencing at **7.00m**

The Public and Press are welcome to attend the meeting. There may be confidential items towards the end of the meeting which the law requires the Council to make a resolution to exclude the public and press.

Yours sincerely,



Brian Hogan
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence (Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apology for absence in advance and to give a reason for non attendance).
2. Minutes of Last Meeting (enclosed)
To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 10th September 2015.
3. Declarations of Interest
Members are requested to declare both “pecuniary” and “non pecuniary” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.
4. Outstanding Actions
There are no outstanding actions.
5. Grant Approvals and Commitments 2015-16 (enclosed)
To receive a statement showing the current position.

6. New Applications for Financial Assistance (enclosed)

- i) **GR 11 15/16 – Congleton Gang Show**
- ii) **GR 12 15/16 – St Peter’s Church**
- iii) **GR 13 15/16 – Our Gang**

7. Grant Activities Monitoring Forms (enclosed)

There are no new Grant Activities Monitoring Forms.

8. Management Accounts for September 2015 (enclosed)

To consider the Management Accounts to September 2015.

9. Bank Reconciliation (enclosed)

To receive and consider the bank reconciliation for 30th September 2015.

10. List of Payments (enclosed)

To receive and consider the Payments List between 1st August and 30th September 2015.

11. Presentations for Budget 2016-17

To receive and consider presentations from: -

- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Community Projects
- Community Partnership.

12. Budget 2016-17

To consider any items that need to be included in the budget for 2016-17.

13. Carnival Committee

To receive and consider a letter from the Carnival Committee concerning the 2014 and 2016 Carnival.

14. Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) (enclosed)

To consider correspondence from Cheshire Police concerning funding for PCSOs.

15. Margaret Williamson Trust Fund (enclosed)

To consider correspondence from Congleton Partnership requesting the consideration of donations to the Margret Williamson Trust Fund.

16. Congleton Rotary Bonfire Event (enclosed)

To consider a request from Congleton Rotary Club to underwrite some of the cost of the Bonfire Event.

17. Debt

To consider writing off a bad debt of £90 incurred by Room at the Top who took an advert in the Christmas Brochure, but, have not paid and since left the premises.

17. Grants & Funding Policy (enclosed)

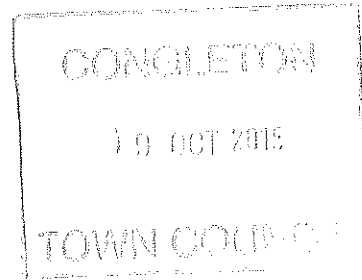
To consider amending the Grants Policy to include the notion of applicants providing volunteering in certain areas.

To: Members of the Finance & Policy Committee

Cllrs:

G Edwards (Chairman), Mrs. J Parry (Vice Chairman)
N Adams, Mrs S Akers Smith, Mrs D S Allen, J G Baggott, P Bates, C H Booth,
R Boston, Mrs S A Holland

Ccs: Other members of the Council and Honorary Burgesses (5) for Information; Press (2)
Congleton Library, Congleton Tourist Information Centre.



Mr B Hogan
Town Clerk
Congleton Town Council
High Street
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19th October 2015

Dear Mr Hogan,

The Carnival committee has now finalised its accounts for the last Carnival (2014) and although the event made a loss, the Committee has decided that the loss will be absorbed within the current surplus of funds from previous years.

The loss made was attributed to a poorly attended Friday evening concert and also inclement weather for Party in The Park coupled with a free 'It's a Knockout' on the Sunday. The committee has decided that these events will not be included again without being properly funded. The actual core Carnival made a small profit.

Nevertheless, to give us some comfort going through to the 2016 Carnival, we will be submitting a grant application similar to the last one.

We would like to thank the Council for their support even though we didn't take it.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Paul Bates". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

Paul Bates
Carnival Committee Chairman
On behalf of the Carnival Committee



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15 October 2015

Congleton Town Council
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Dear Councillors

This letter is sent in support of the grant application made to Congleton Town Council in respect of Congleton Gang Show.

Congleton Gang Show started in 1972 as part of the town's charter year anniversary celebrations. 2015 will be the 23rd show since the original.

The cast of over 120 young people is drawn from Guiding and Scouting groups in Congleton and many of the performers have their first taste of appearing on a public stage with OUR GANG. The show gives them great experience and the chance to develop confidence through their hard work in the 3 month rehearsal period and consistency in performing at seven public performances at The Daneside Theatre. The production is achieved through the dedication and hard work of many volunteers, most of whom are also unit leaders with groups of Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies in the town. These volunteers provide the teams for wardrobe and costume, makeup, back stage stewards and front of house, lighting, production, sound, dressing room stewards and catering. It's a tremendous team effort that everyone is proud to be involved with.

We do hope that Congleton Town Council will feel able to support Our Gang in 2015 and we'd be delighted to welcome councillors to watch one of the performances. Tickets are available from Congleton Tourist Information Centre or by phoning 01260 299264.

Yours sincerely

Sue Taylor
on behalf of Congleton Gang Show
www.congletongangshow.co.uk