CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE held on 22nd October 2009

PRESENT Councillors N J Bayley (Chairman)

G R Edwards D Parker

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Baxendale, Mrs L Bossons, D T Brown (Deputy Mayor), E Clarke(Town Mayor), Mrs S A Holland, D Martin and D Murphy.

2. MINUTES

FAP/20/0910 **RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 10th September 2009 be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded to declare both "personal" and "personal and prejudicial" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

4. ACTION ON MINUTES

There were no outstanding items.

5. GRANT APPROVALS & COMMITMENTS 2009/10

Committee noted the grant expenditure and commitments for 2009/10.

6.. LETTER OF THANKS

Letters of thanks from Congleton Community Projects , Congleton Police and the Congleton Team Parish were noted.

7. DEFERRED APPLICATION-HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, MOSSLEY

Deferred again as the information requested had not been received.

8 .NEW APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The following applications were considered for financial assistance:-

FAP/21/0910 **RESOLVED:** That the following actions be approved:

- i) Samaritans, South Cheshire: Approve grant of £600 towards promotional project.
- ii) Congleton Advanced Motorists: Refuse on the grounds that the organisation does not meet the approved criteria.
- iii) Cheshire East Congress of the Third Sector: Approve grant of £50 towards cost of networking event at New Life Church.

(All approved grants made under S 137- Local Government Act 1972)

9. CONGLETON TOWN HALL

FAP/22/0910 **RESOLVED:** That the following applications for concessionary use of the Town Hall be approved:-

- i) HEPC-SAW-30th January 2010-£60
- ii) Congleton KISS Group-5th November 2009-Transfer concession granted at last meeting to General Grants Budget
- iii) Congleton and District Horticultural Society-5th September 2009-£180
- iv) The Bear Team-20th November 2009-£320

(All approved grants made under S 137-Local Government Act 1972)

Councillor D Parker declared a" Personal and Prejudicial" interest in four other applications which left the meeting not quorate. Accordingly it was agreed to refer the applications to the Full Council for determination.

10. ROTARY CLUB OF CONGLETON-ANNUAL TOWN BONFIRE

Councillor D Parker declared a "Personal and Prejudicial" interest in this matter which left the meeting not quorate. Accordingly it was agreed to refer the matter to Full Council for determination.

11. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2009

FAP/23/0910 **RESOLVED:** That the report and Accounts now submitted by the Support Manager be approved .

12. <u>2009/10 BUSINESS PLAN</u>

FAP/24 /0910 **RESOLVED:** That the progress report now submitted by the Change Management Consultant be received

13. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were none

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none

15. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

FAP/25/0910 **RESOLVED** –That in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, public and press be excluded from the meeting for the matters set out below on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of private and confidential information or staff matters.

16. REVIEW OF FIDELITY INSURANCE

Arising from Minute 14(b) dated 10th September 2009, Committee received a verbal report from the Town Clerk that this insurance had been reviewed as recommended by the Audit Commission and that the total insured sum had been increased to £450,000.

N J Bailey CHAIRMAN