

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Held on 3rd December 2009

PRESENT Councillors N J Bayley (Chairman)
D Murphy
D Parker

E Clarke (Mayor)

1. APOLOGIES

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

2. MINUTES

FAP/26/0910 **RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 22nd October 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. There were no declarations made.

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 and commented that £8,245 is still available for further grants.

6. LETTER OF THANKS

Letters of thanks from Congleton Team Parish, Home Start, Congleton Community Projects and St James the Great, Congleton were noted.

Cllr D Murphy requested that the committee note his thanks on behalf of Cheshire East Congress for the grant approved to the organisation, but, commented that it was not needed as the Police and PCT provided the necessary support

Cllr D.A. Parker also passed on his thanks to the Committee for the support provided to the Children of Romania

7. DEFERRED APPLICATION-HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, MOSSLEY

The committee noted that the cost of providing disabled access into the Holy Trinity Church is £29,000 and currently there is a shortfall of funding amounting to £3,500

FAP/27/0910 **RESOLVED:** That a grant of £2,000 be approved

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

8. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The following applications were considered for financial assistance:-

FAP/28/0910 **RESOLVED:** That the following actions be approved:

- i) Congleton Town Life Saving Defibrillators, purchase of AED's. Approve grant of £1000
- ii) Border History Society: Deferred because of lack of sufficient information, future application to be passed to the Town Hall Committee.
- iii) Katie Bratby grant towards cost of building a show garden at the Malvern Show which could be later sited in Congleton: Deferred because of lack of information

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

9. 2009/10 BUSINESS PLAN

FAP/29 /0910 **RESOLVED:** That the progress report now submitted by the Change Management Consultant be received

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were none

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Noted that the Trinity Methodist Church is providing a meal for the elderly and is looking for a grant of £50-£100. Recommended that the request is referred to the Town Council meeting

12. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

FAP/30/0910 **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.

13. BUDGET 2010-11

There were a number of issues arising out of the budget for 2010-11 which the committee considered would require further changes before a finalised budget can be submitted for approval.

FAP/31/0910 **RESOLVED:** That the budget be amended and resubmitted to the next meeting.

N J Bailey
CHAIRMAN