

**CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**held on 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2011**

**PRESENT**      Councillors

C R Anstice  
N Bayley  
R Boston  
D T Brown  
E Clarke  
G R Edwards  
Mrs S A Holland  
D Murphy  
D A Parker

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G Baxendale, D Martin and Mrs J Whitehurst who are not members of this committee.

**2. MINUTES**

**FAP/50/1011 RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2010 be agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are requested to declare both "personal" and "Personal and prejudicial" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Councillor E Clarke declared a personal interest in item 12 and Councillor D Murphy declared a personal interest in item 6 (i).

**4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

There were no outstanding actions.

**5. GRANT APPROVALS & COMMITMENTS 2010/11**

A summary of grant approvals and commitments for 2010/11 was considered by the committee and it was noted that £12,990 is available for grants.

**FAP/51/1011 RESOLVED:**

1. That the grants approved summary be received.
2. Clerk to provide a comments column on future reports.

**6. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**FAP/52/1011 RESOLVED:** That the following actions be approved.

- i) **Kiss Group:** A grant of £500.00 be approved.

**7. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR APRIL-NOVEMBER 2010**

The Town Clerk presented the Management Accounts report for April 2010 to November 2010.

**FAP/53/1011 RESOLVED:** That the Management Accounts be received.

**8. GRANTS POLICY**

The committee considered a revised version of the grants policy which included an amended clause 11 relating to amount of grant awarded.

**FAP/54/1011 RESOLVED:** That the amended Grants Policy be approved.

**9. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**

The Internal Auditors Report for 2010-11 prepared by Stuart Pollard of Auditing Solutions was presented to the committee.

**FAP/55/1011 RESOLVED That:** The report be received and recommendations noted.

**10. CHESHIRE EAST FUNDING**

A letter from Councillor Wesley Fitzgerald CEBC confirming that Cheshire East have agreed to contribute £40,000 to the refurbishment costs of the Town Hall was considered.

**FAP/56/1011 RESOLVED:** That the correspondence be received.

**11. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**FAP/57/1011 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.

**12. MERCIAN REGIMENT EVENT**

The Clerk provided a summary of income and expenditure associated with arranging the event to entertain the Mercian Regiment.

**FAP/58/1011 RESOLVED:** That the summary be received and noted.

**13. VIREMENT FOR 2011-12 BUDGET**

**FAP/59/1011 RESOLVED:** That a virement be agreed of £5000 from Congleton Park and £4500 from Floral Displays from unspent expenditure in this years budget to create an EMR of £9500 for consulting costs in 2011-12.

**14. A.O.B.**

Councillor D Brown (Mayor) suggested that it might be useful to register the Mayor's Fund as registered charity. However, it was considered that this would not be possible as the fund would not meet the minimum financial requirements.

Councillor D Murphy requested that the committee provide financial support of about £180 to send 2 delegates to the National Pub Watch Convention which will be held in Liverpool. Councillor Murphy was asked to raise a grant application, but, it was agreed that when presented this application would be favourably received.

Councillor Edwards suggested that all Councillors should become members of Finance and Policy. The Clerk agreed to include this motion on the next Agenda of Full Council.

N J BAYLEY  
CHAIRMAN