

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Held on 21st OCTOBER, 2010

PRESENT Councillors

C R Anstice
N Bayley
E Clarke
D A Parker
Mrs S Holland

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from, Cllr R Boston, D T Brown, Mrs L Daniels, G R Edwards, D Martin and D Murphy.

2. MINUTES

FAP/33/1011 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 16th September, 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 G Baxendale declared a personal interest due to being a member of Cheshire East Council.

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 £13,876 is available for grants.

6. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FAP/34/1011 RESOLVED: That the following actions be approved.

- i) **Congleton Lions Club:** A grant for Congleton Lions Club was not approved as the Council already made a substantial contribution to the Police via the PCSO Contribution.
- ii) **Rode Hall Silver Band:** That a grant of £270 be approved.
- iii) **Bear Town Belles:** That a grant of £350 be approved.
- iv) **Congleton Pentecostal Church:** That a grant of £200 be approved. Suggested that the Pentecostal Church contact the local store management at Tesco to apply for a discount or local community grant.
- v) **Congleton Team Parish:** That a grant of £2000 be approved (St. John's Church).

7. LETTERS OF THANKS

Noted that letters of thanks were received from New Life Church and Friends for Leisure for receiving grant support and from PC Carol Rayner for the Youth Fishing Competition.

8. CONGLETON PARTNERSHIP

An application for financial assistance was received from the Congleton Business Group for a Retail Project in the Town.

FAP/35/1011 RESOLVED: That a grant of £1300 be approved from the Regeneration Fund.

9. GRANTS AND FUNDING POLICY

An amended Grants and Funding Policy and revised application form for Financial Assistance was considered.

FAP/36/1011 RESOLVED: That the amended Grants and Funding Policy and new form for Financial Assistance be approved.

10. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2010

The Support Manager presented the Management Accounts Report for September.

FAP/37/1011 RESOLVED: That the Management Accounts be received.

11. DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN SHOPMOBILITY

A draft Business Plan for Shop Mobility was considered by the committee.

FAP/38/1011 RESOLVED: That:-

1. The draft report is accepted in principal.
2. When equipment and leases are secured to start the Shop Mobility Scheme, then the organisers should contact the Town Council again.

12. COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS FOR CIVIC EVENTS

A paper outlining a number of options on how to deal with the notion of complimentary tickets was presented to the Committee.

FAP/39/1011 RESOLVED: That:-

1. The Mayor's allowance should remain at the same level.
2. The Town Council will cease to offer complimentary tickets for Civic Events with effect from 1st April, 2011.

13. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

FAP/40/1011 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.

14. **MICRO BUSINESS PROJECT**

A request from the Congleton Business Support Group to underwrite some funding for the Micro Business Project was considered.

FAP/41/1011 RESOLVED: That the Town Council will underwrite £5000 of funding required by the Congleton Business Support Group from the Regeneration Fund.

15. **A.O.B.**

Attending Meetings

The members noted that attendance at the meeting was low and all members of the committee should be encouraged to attend.

N J BAYLEY
CHAIRMAN