

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE
held on 8th September 2011

PRESENT Councillors

G Baxendale
D Brown
G R Edwards (Chairman)
M J Hutton
D Martin
D. A. Parker

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R I Brightwell; S A Holland; J D Parry and D Fletcher.

2. MINUTES

FAP/08/1112 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 2nd June, 2011 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.

Councillors D Martin and D Parker declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 6(iv); Councillor D Martin declared a personal interest in item 6(iv); Councillor D Parker declared a personal interest in item 6(iii)

Councillors G Baxendale and D Brown declared a personal interest in any matters related to Cheshire East.

4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

There were no outstanding actions.

5. GRANT APPROVALS & COMMITMENTS 2011/12

A summary of grant approvals and commitments for 2011/12 was considered by the committee and it was noted that £17,250 is available for grants.

FAP/09/1112 RESOLVED:

That the grant summary be received.

6. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FAP/10/1112 RESOLVED: That the following actions be approved.

- i) **Congleton Harriers:** A grant of £250 be approved
- ii) **St Peter's Church maintenance of Church Clock.** A grant of £229 be approved.

- iii) **Congleton Kiss Group:** A grant of £600 be approved to give free use of the Town Hall for the event.
- iv) **Congleton Musical Theatre:** A grant of £500 be approved.
- v) **Disability Information Bureau:** A grant of £250 be approved.
- vi) **Electric Picture House Artist Group:** A grant of £400 be approved.
- vii) **Request from Town Hall committee re subsidised use:** a further £2,000 be approved to subsidise local and charity groups use of the Town Hall.

It was requested that groups receiving grants from the Town Council are asked to publicise this at their events.

7. **LETTER OF THANKS**

It was noted that letters of thanks were received from Vision and an update of the completion of the Timbersbrook Bus Shelter.

8. **MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR APRIL 2011**

FAP/11/1112 RESOLVED – That the Management Accounts be received.

9. **ANNUAL AUDIT**

FAP/12/1112 RESOLVED: That the External Auditor's report be received.

10. **DOUBLE TAXATION CLAIM**

Councillor D Brown left the room for this item.

The Town Clerk's report on the double taxation claim and the reply from Cheshire East was presented.

FAP/13/1112 RESOLVED: To receive the correspondence to date.

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

FAP/14/1112 Resolved: That in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the 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. **BUDGET 2012/13**

It was pointed out that now is an opportune time to start to consider the requirements for next years' budget and that members would need to take into account utility costs incurred at 18-20%, inflation running at 5% and the need to fund salary increases after 2 years of wage freeze.

FAP/15/1112 Resolved: That the report be considered.

There were no other matters raised.

G. R. EDWARDS
CHAIRMAN