

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2015

PRESENT

Councillors

N Adams
Mrs S Akers Smith
Mrs D S Allen
J G Baggott
P Bates
R Boston
D T Brown
Mrs S A Holland
H Richards
Mrs E Wardlaw (Town Mayor)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C Booth G R Edwards and Mrs J D Parry.

Apologies were also received from Cllr G S Williams who is not a member of this particular Committee.

2. MINUTES

FAP/10/1516 RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 4th June 2015 be agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non-pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Cllr P Bates D T Brown and Mrs E Wardlaw declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Council.

Cllr Mrs S A Holland declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6 (ii).

Cllr P Bates declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 6 (iii) and (iv).

Cllr J G Baggott declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6 (iv).

4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

There are no outstanding actions.

5. GRANT APPROVALS AND COMMITMENTS 2015-16

A summary of grant approvals and commitments was considered by the Committee and it was noted that £13,550 is available for grants in 2015-16.

FAP/11/1516 RESOLVED that the grant summary be received.

6. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FAP/12/1516 RESOLVED that:-

i. GR 6/1516 – Beartown Patchwork & Quilters

A grant of £100 be approved.

ii. GR 7/1516 – Congleton Musical Theatre

A grant of £500 be approved.

iii. GR 8/1516 – St Peters Bell Ringers

A grant of £165.55 be approved.

iv. GR 9/1516 – Congleton Market Trader Group

Refused, but the applicant to be requested to re-submit the application by providing more detail, it was also suggested that they should liaise and seek support from Cheshire East Council and raise the age limit of their scheme to 25 years of age.

v. GR 10/1516 – Congleton Community Projects

Refused because of concern relating to where the container would be located. It was suggested that the applicant should contact local businesses to ascertain whether they have suitable storage facilities they could make available.

7. NEW GRANT ACTIVITIES MONITORING FORMS

It was noted that Grant Activities Monitoring Forms were received from Trinity Methodist Church and Congleton Spiritualist Church.

Thanks were also received from the Jazz and Blues Festival organisers for the grant provided by the Council

8. MANAGEMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR JULY 2015

FAP/13/1516 RESOLVED that the Managements Accounts for July 2015 be received.

9. BANK RECONCILLIATION

FAP/14/1516 RESOLVED that the bank reconciliation for 31st July 2015 be received.

10. LIST OF PAYMENTS

FAP/15/1516 RESOLVED that the Payments List between 1st June 2015 and 31st July 2015 be received.

11. EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The External Audit Report for 2014-15 was considered by the Committee and it was noted that there was one minor corrective action.

FAP/16/1516 RESOLVED that:-

1. The report be received.
2. The action required on ensuring that the Mayor's signature was appended in the appropriate place was noted.

12. BUDGET

The Committee considered items that needed to be included in the budget for 2015-16. It was noted that an appropriate budget for the 150th Anniversary of the opening of the Town Hall should be included.

Mrs E Wardlaw
Town Mayor