

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 28th August 2014

PRESENT

Councillors

P Bates
G Baxendale
R I Brightwell
D T Brown
J S Crowther
G R Edwards (Chairman)
Mrs. S A Holland
D Murphy (Town Mayor)
D A Parker
Mrs J D Parry (Vice Chairman)
N T Price
G S Williams

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ms. L Bours and Mrs E Wardlaw who are not members of this particular Committee.

2. MINUTES

FAP/07/1415 RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 29th May 2014 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.

Cllrs G Baxendale and D T Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Cheshire East Borough Council.

Cllr P Bates declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6 (v).

Cllr D Murphy declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 14.

4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

There are no outstanding actions.

5. GRANT APPROVALS AND COMMITMENTS 2014-2015

A summary of grant approvals and commitments was considered by the Committee and it was noted that £15,644 is available for grants in 2014-15.

FAP/08/1415 RESOLVED that the grant summary be received.

6. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FAP/09/1415 RESOLVED that:-

i. GR 7/1415 – Congleton Learning Partnership Community Interest Company

To liaise with Congleton Community Partnerships to determine what funding they are providing in the first instance.

ii. GR 8/1415 – Congleton Musical Theatre

A grant of £500 be approved.

iii. GR 9/1415 – An individual – Miss Aysha Epcim

That this matter be referred to Team Congleton, if Team Congleton request grant support that may be favourably considered.

iv. GR 10/1415 – Open Space

A grant of £250 be approved.

v. GR 11/1415 – Tornadoes Basketball Club

A grant of £250 be approved.

vi. GR 12/1415 – Congleton WW1 Awareness and Engagement Group

A grant of £300 be approved.

7. NEW GRANT ACTIVITIES MONITORING FORMS

There are no new Grant Activities Monitoring forms.

8. LETTER OF THANKS

A letter of thanks was received from the World Scout Jamboree and Congleton Jazz and Blues Festival.

9. STRATEGY WORKING GROUP MEETING

FAP/10/1415 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Strategy Working group meeting held on 4th December 2013 be received.

10. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR APRIL 2013-JULY 2014

FAP/11/1415 RESOLVED that the Management Accounts for July 2014 be received.

11. BANK RECONCILIATION

FAP/12/1415 RESOLVED that the bank reconciliation for July 2014 be approved.

12. LIST OF PAYMENTS

FAP/13/1415 RESOLVED that the Payments List between 1st April 2014 to 31st July 2014.

13. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

FAP/14/1415 RESOLVED that the Internal Audit Report for 2013-14 (Final) be approved, it was noted that there were no recommended actions required.

14. CENOTAPH AND COMMUNITY GARDEN RESTORATION PROJECT

The Committee considered a report on the proposed refurbishment of the Cenotaph and Community Garden to be funded primarily by a grant request to the heritage Lottery Fund, but this requires at least 5% of match funding.

FAP/15/1415 RESOLVED that a grant of £10,000 be approved as part of the match funding requirement to refurbish the Cenotaph and Community Garden.

15. STREETSCAPE AND HANDYMAN SERVICE

A report was considered proposing the combining of the Streetscape and Handyman budgets. Additionally the notion of the grant provided to St Peter's Church to maintain the church yard to be vired to streetscape.

FAP/16/1415 RESOLVED that:

1. Combining Streetscape and Handyman budgets be approved.
2. Virement of the £3,000 grant previously provided to St Peter's Church to Streetscape be approved.

16. DIGITAL DISPLAY UNIT

A detailed report on the status of the company providing the Digital Display Unit was discussed and it was noted that it appeared that the company had ceased trading.

FAP/17/1415 RESOLVED that:

1. The report be received.
2. The Town Clerk to identify the actual status of the Company involved and take appropriate action.

Mr. G.R. Edwards
Chairman