

## CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013

#### **PRESENT**

Councillors L D Barker  
P Bates  
G Baxendale  
Mr G R Edwards (Chairman)  
G P Hayes (Town Mayor)  
Mrs S A Holland  
D Murphy  
Mrs J D Parry (Vice Chairman)  
D A Parker  
N T Price

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R I Brightwell.  
Apologies were also received from Councillors Ms L Bours and J S Crowther who are not members of this particular Committee.

#### **2. MINUTES**

**FAP/17/1314 RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013 be approved 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 G. Baxendale declared a non-pecuniary interest in all matters related to Cheshire East Council.  
Cllrs P Bates and D Murphy declared a pecuniary interest in item 12 relating specifically to the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) and both Councillors left the room whilst this item was discussed.

#### **4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

There are no outstanding actions.

#### **5. GRANT APPROVALS AND COMMITMENTS 2013-2014**

A summary of grant approvals and commitments was considered by the Committee and it was noted that £18,028 is available for grants in 2013-14.

It was agreed that an outstanding sum of £708 be written back to the grant funds.

**6. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**FAP/18/1314 RESOLVED that:-**

**i. GR.10/1314 Congleton Town FC**

The grant application be refused, but suggested that the applicant consider re-applying when the Football Club has changed its status to a Community Interest Club.

**ii. GR.12/1314 The Smile Group**

A grant of £250 be approved.

**iii. GR.13/1314 St Peter's Church**

A grant of £243.60 be approved.

**iv. GR.14/1314 Bromley Friendship Group**

A grant of £250 be approved.

**7. NEW GRANT ACTIVITIES MONITORING FORMS**

No forms have been submitted.

**8. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR APRIL 2013 – OCT 2013**

**FAP/19/1314 RESOLVED that** the Management Accounts for October 2013 be received.

**9. CCTV**

The notion of having to pay for the provision of CCTV monitoring was considered. It was noted that investigation work to determine whether CCTV is located in the best locations is yet to be undertaken.

**FAP/20/1314 RESOLVED that** £14,800 be ring fenced in the 2014-15 budget to fund CCTV monitoring.

**10. NETWORK SERVER**

A report was considered concerning the need to replace the network server which forms part of the Town Hall I.T System.

**FAP/21/1314 RESOLVED that** purchase and installation of a new network server be approved at a cost of £2337.65.

## **11. PRECEPT AND COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT GRANT**

Correspondence from Cheshire East Council informing the Council that there is likely to be a 15.3% reduction in the Council Tax Support Grant provided to the Town Council, which will have an impact upon the precept.

**FAP/21/1314 RESOLVED** to receive the correspondence from Cheshire East Council.

## **12. DRAFT BUDGET 2014-15**

The draft budget and report was considered by the Committee and the main points of the budget highlighted.

**FAP/22/1314 RESOLVED that: -**

1. A precept of £656,714 be recommended to go forward to the Town Council meeting for approval.
2. CAB, Community Projects and Congleton Community Partnership to be requested to make a presentation to Councillors on the value they provide.
3. Budget 2014-15 to be presented to the Town Council meeting in early January 2014 for approval.

G.R Edwards

Chairman