

## CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2012

<u>PRESENT</u>	Councillors	G R Edwards (Chairman) Mrs J D Parry G Baxendale R I Brightwell D T Brown J S Crowther D Fletcher G P Hayes Mrs S A Holland M J Hutton D A Parker N T Price
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#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L D Barker, D Murphy and Miss R K Williams who are non members of this particular committee.

#### 2. MINUTES

**FAP/55/1112 RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2012 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.

Cllrs D A Parker and D T Brown declared a personal interest in item 6 i.

Cllrs D Brown and G Edwards declared a personal interest in item 6 ii.

Councillor Mrs S A Holland declared a personal interest in item 6 iv.

It was noted that Councillor D T Brown abstained from voting on items where an interest was declared.

#### 4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

There are no outstanding actions.

#### 5. GRANT APPROVALS AND COMMITMENTS 2011/12

A summary of grant approvals and commitments was considered by the committee and it was noted that £7027 is available for grants.

**FAP/56/1112 RESOLVED:** That the grant summary be received.

## **6. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

### **FAP/57/1112 RESOLVED:**

That all recipients of grants be requested to provide P.R. to the Town Council in recognition of the grant. The Town Clerk to revise the application form to make this a condition of the grant.

- i. That a grant of £250 be awarded to Trinity Methodist Church.
- ii. Recommended that requests for grants from the Sustainability Group should be considered first by the Partnership from their allocation of funds.
- iii. That a grant of £500 be awarded to the Sol Theatre Group.
- iv. That a grant of £250 be awarded to the Dane Valley Amateur Swimming Club and they be recommended to approach CEBC for a grant for the hire of the Leisure Centre.
- v. That a grant of £250 be awarded to Congleton Marshalls.

## **7. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR APRIL-FEBRUARY 2012**

**FAP/58/1112 RESOLVED:** That the Management Accounts for February 2012 be received.

## **8. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**

The Internal Audit Report was considered by members.

### **FAP/59/1112 RESOLVED That:**

1. The Internal Audit be approved.
2. Recommendation R2 be amended to hirers being charged prior to the hire date at the discretion of the Support Manager and Town Clerk.

## **9. LOCAL AUDIT CONTRACT WINNERS**

Correspondence identifying the Local Audit Contract winners who will replace the Audit Commission in 2012-13. It was noted that Grant Thornton would be responsible for the North West.

**FAP/60/1112 RESOLVED:** That the correspondence be received.

## **10. DEFIBRILLATOR SPARES**

Correspondence from Mossley Pharmacy was considered by the committee.

### **FAP/61/1112 RESOLVED That:**

1. The correspondence be received.
2. The Town Council will continue to fund the provision of spares for the defibrillators up to a value of £1,000 per annum.

**11. SPECIAL EXPENSES CEBC**

Correspondence from Vivienne Quayle, Head of Performance at Cheshire East Borough Council was considered, it was also noted that the Town Council had received £18,751 as a non specific grant arising out of an alternative to charging special expenses on the unparished areas of Crewe and Macclesfield.

**FAP/62/1112 RESOLVED:** That the correspondence and grant be received.

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

There was no resolution to exclude the press or the public.

**13. A.O.B.**

- i. The notion of purchasing a new bench in the Town Centre and dedicating it to the late Councillor David Martin was considered.

**FAP/63/1112 RECOMMENDED:** That the bench and a plaque be purchased in memory of the late Councillor David Martin.

- ii. A second item to purchase a commemorative torch from the Olympic Torch Relay was deferred.

G R Edwards  
Chairman