

## CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2012

PRESENT           Councillors   Mrs J D Parry (Vice Chairman)  
  P Bates  
  J S Crowther  
  D Murphy  
  N T Price  
  R I Brightwell  
  G P Hayes  
  Mrs S A Holland

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Baxendale, D T Brown, G R Edwards and D A Parker.

#### 2. MINUTES

**FAP/14/1213 RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 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 P Bates declared a personal interest in items 6 (i) & (ii).

Cllr J Parry declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items 6 (i) & (ii) and left the room whilst these items were discussed.

Cllr N Price declared a personal interest in item 6 (viii).

Cllr D Murphy declared a personal interest in item 6 (ix)

#### 4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

There are no outstanding actions.

#### 5. GRANT APPROVALS AND COMMITMENTS 2012/2013

A summary of grant approvals and commitments was considered by the committee and it was noted that £21,350 is available for grants.

**FAP/15/1213 RESOLVED:** That the grant summary be received.

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

**FAP/16/1213 RESOLVED That:**

- i) **Congleton Disabled Action Group**  
The application for a grant was declined.
- ii) **Congleton Disabled Access Group**  
The application for a grant was declined.
- iii) **Congleton Pentecostal Church**  
That a grant of £250 be approved.
- iv) **Congleton Musical Theatre**  
That a grant of £500 be approved.
- v) **Congleton Film Festival**  
That a grant of £250 be approved.
- vi) **St John Ambulance Congleton Division**  
That a grant of £250 be approved.
- vii) **Parkrun Congleton**  
That a grant of £250 be approved.
- viii) **St James The Great Parish Church**  
The application for this grant was declined.
- ix) **Congleton Town Council/Congleton Community Police**  
The application for a grant was declined.
- x) **Congleton Team Parish**  
That a grant of £236.40 be approved.
- xi) **St Peter's Church**  
That a grant of £650 be approved.
- xii) **Congleton Players Amateur Theatre Club**  
That a grant of £500 be approved.

## **7. LETTERS OF THANKS**

It was noted that a letter of thanks had been received from the Dane Valley Amateur Swimming Club thanking the Town Council for the grant they received.

## **8. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR APRIL - JULY 2012**

**FAP/17/1213 RESOLVED:** That the Management Accounts for July be received.

## **9. ANNUAL CONGLETON HALF MARATHON**

It was noted that Congleton Half Marathon Organising Committee had sent a copy of the charities they supported in 2011 as requested by the Town Council.

## 10. CONGLETON CIVIC REGALIA

a. The Committee considered a report on Civic Regalia

**FAP/18/1213 RESOLVED:** That

1. The Mayor's working chain be re-gilted.
2. A pendant for the chain to be purchased for use by the Deputy Mayor at a maximum cost of £600.

## 11. TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

A report on the changes to the working hours being introduced in the TIC and the impact this would have on acting as a reception for the Town Council was discussed.

**FAP/19/1213 RESOLVED:** That the additional hours to be worked by the TIC staff to provide reception support be funded by the Town Council at a cost of £1750.

## 12. SAFEGUARDING PUBLIC MONEY

Correspondence from NALC covering guidance for safeguarding public money was considered.

**FAP/20/1213 RESOLVED:** That the correspondence be received.

## 13. OUTDOOR DIGITAL DISPLAY

A report outlining the benefits of purchasing an Outdoor Display Unit to enable the council to communicate more effectively with the public was presented to the Committee.

**FAP/21/1213 RESOLVED:** That an Outdoor Display Unit be purchased at a cost of £15,000+.

## 14. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

**FAP/22/1213 RESOLVED:** That in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and the press be excluded from the meeting for the matters set out below on the grounds that it could involve likely disclosure of private and confidential information or staff matters.

## 15. RESERVES AND CASH DEPOSITS

A briefing note setting out the council's current position on reserves and cash deposits was discussed.

**FAP/23/1213 RESOLVED:** That the document on reserves and cash deposits be received.

## 16. A.O.B

There were no other matters raised.

J D Parry  
Vice Chairman