

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 2012

<u>PRESENT</u>	Councillors	G R Edwards (Chairman) Mrs J D Parry (Vice Chairman) L D Barker P Bates G P Hayes R I Brightwell D Murphy Mrs S A Holland (Town Mayor) Mrs A M Martin D A Parker N T Price G S Williams
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1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Baxendale, G. Brittain and D. T. Brown.

2. MINUTES

FAP/35/1213 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 18th October, 2012 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 D. Murphy declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 10 and 11. Cllrs P. Bates and D.Parker declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 11. Cllrs G. Hayes and S.Holland declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 13.

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 £19,050 is available for grants.

FAP/36/1213 RESOLVED: That the grant summary be received.

6. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FAP/37/1213 RESOLVED That:

- i) **GR.20/1213 Congleton Harriers** be awarded a grant of £250, subject to:
 - a. Promoting the Town council on the event literature.
 - b. Allowing the Town Council to determine the direction of a charitable donation to the value of £250.

- ii) **GR. 21/1213 Beartown Patchwork and Quilters**

That a grant of £100 be approved.

7. NEW GRANT ACTIVITIES MONITORING FORMS

There were no New Grant Activities Monitoring Forms to consider.

8. LETTERS OF THANKS

A letter of thanks from Congleton team Parish for the grant provided was noted.

9. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR APRIL - SEPT 2012

FAP/38/1213 RESOLVED: That the Management Accounts for September 2012 be received.

10. CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX (CAB)

Liz Shaw of the CAB provided a presentation on the current status of the CAB in the area and pointed out that the CAB is struggling to cope with the demands placed on the service as well as having to deal with the problem of funding restrictions.

FAP/39/1213 RESOLVED:-

- 1. To receive the presentation.
- 2. To confirm funding of £15k for 2013-14.
- 3. To commit to a further 3 years of funding the CAB, precise level to be determined annually subject to the Council's financial position.

11. CONGLETON COMMUNITY PROJECTS (CCP)

Bob Grayson and Jo Money provided a presentation on Congleton Community Projects and illustrated the many events and projects that CCP sponsor and project manage.

FAP/40/1213 RESOLVED to receive the presentation from Congleton Community Projects.

12. GRAND HALL FURNITURE

The Town Clerk pointed out the poor state of the table and chairs in the Grand hall and proposed that they needed to be replaced.

FAP/41/1213 RESOLVED that the chairs and tables in the Grand hall be replaced.

13. CIVIC REGALIA

A report was considered on enhancing the provision of the Civic Regalia.

FAP/42/1213 RESOLVED:-

1. This item to be deferred to the next meeting of Finance and Policy.
2. The Clerk to produce an updated report explaining what is being proposed in terms of the Civic Regalia enhancements.

14. BUSINESS PLAN 2012-2013

The Business Plan for 2012-2013 was considered.

FAP/43/1213 RESOLVED that the updated Business Plan for 12/13 be received.

15. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

FAP/44/1213 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 the likely disclosure of private and confidential information or staff matters.

16. DRAFT BUDGET 2013-2014

The draft budget for 2013-14 and accompanying report was discussed by members.

FAP/45/1213 RESOLVED that:-

1. To agree a revenue and capital budget for 2013-14 as set out in Appendix 1 and to recommend this to Council.
2. To recommend a level of precept for 2013-14 which is an increase of £11,797, which represents an increase in a Band D property of 2p per week.

G.R Edwards
Chairman