CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee Meeting held on Thursday 16th January 2020

PRESENT Committee members.

Duncan Amies
David Brown
Russell Chadwick (Vice Chair)
Robert Douglas (Chair)
Paul Duffy
Rob Moreton
Jean Parry
James Smith

Non Committee members

Amanda Martin Sally Ann Holland (Town Mayor) Kay Wesley

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Committee member Cllr Mark Rogan and from Non-Committee members Cllrs Suzanne Akers Smith, Margaret Gartside and Denis Murphy.

2. Minutes

FAP/38/1920 RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 21st November 2019 be approved and signed by the Chair.

3. <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non-pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Cllrs D Brown, S A Holland, & R Moreton declared a non-pecuniary interest in matter relating to Cheshire East Council

S A Holland declared a non-pecuniary interest grant application GR22/1920 – ACT IT OUT CIC

4. Outstanding Actions

None.

5. Questions from Members of the Public

To receive any questions from Members of the Public including those received in writing 7 days prior to the meeting

There were no questions from members of the public.

6. Grant Approvals and Commitments 2019/20

To receive a statement showing the current position to 31st December 2019.

FAP/39/1920 RESOLVED that the grant statement be received.

7. New Applications for Financial Assistance

FAP/40/1920 RESOLVED that the following grants be approved:

- Grant ref GR19/1920 Congleton Unplugged £500
- Grant ref GR20/1920 Congleton Harriers £375
- Grant ref GR21/1920 Astbury Mere Trust £1,500
- Grant ref GR22/1920 ACT IT OUT CIC £296 as free use of the Town Hall for 2 V.E. day performances.

8. New Grant Activities Monitoring Forms

- Congleton U3A Road Cycling Group Original Grant ref GR13/1819
- Congleton Harriers Half Marathon Original Grant ref GR02/1920

FAP/41/1920 RESOLVED to receive the Grant Activities Monitoring Forms.

9. Letter of thanks from Congleton Girlguiding

FAP/42/1920 RESOLVED to receive a letter of thanks from Congleton Girlguiding for the Town Council's support.

10. Management Accounts

FAP/43/1920 RESOLVED to receive the Management Accounts to 30th November 2019.

11. Bank Reconciliation

FAP/44/1920 RESOLVED to receive the bank reconciliation as at 30th November 2019.

12. Savings Account Balances

FAP/45/1920 RESOLVED to receive the Savings Account balances as at 30th November 2019.

13. List of Payments

FAP/46/1920 RESOLVED to receive the List of Payments between 1st November and 30th November 2019.

14. Appointment of Internal Auditor

FAP/47/1920 RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Auditing Solutions as the Internal Auditor for 2020/21.

15. Annual review of the Investment Policy and Strategy

FAP/48/1920 RESOLVED to approve the Investment Policy and Investment Strategy.

16. Bad Debt

FAP/49/1920 RESOLVED to approve writing off a bad debt for Town Hall Bathrooms.

Cllr Robert Douglas Chair