

**CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	Finance and Policy Committee		
<b>MEETING DATE AND TIME</b>	7.00pm 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	<b>LOCATION</b>	Congleton Town Hall
<b>REPORT FROM</b>	Serena Van Schepdael – Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)		
<b>AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>8 New Applications for Financial Assistance Cover Report</b>		
<b>Background</b>	<p>The current available balance for Permitted Financial Assistance applications is £15,000. The total for applications presented for permitted grants is £9,485 plus amount not indicated.</p> <p>Including this meeting, there are 5 Finance and Policy meetings during the 2023-2024 Financial year.</p>		
<b>Details</b>	<p><b><u>8.1 GR01/2324 CONGLETON BATH HOUSE &amp; PHYSIC GARDENS (Congleton Building Preservation Trust)</u></b> They have applied for a grant of £500 for a project cost of £500, to fund information signs for visitors. They have confirmed that £150 is sufficient to complete the project. They received £150 in 2019/20, feedback was received.</p> <p><b><u>8.2 GR02/2324-CONGLETON MUSEUM TRUST</u></b> They have applied for a grant of £750 towards a project total of £22,330, for their Going Global Project, the development of a new website to support the project. They have raised funds to date of £15,000 and £5,000 has already been funded from museum resources/income. A previous application was made in 2017, feedback form was provided.</p> <p><b><u>8.3 GR03/2324-GIRL GUIDING CONGLETON WEST, CHESHIRE BORDER</u></b> They have applied for a grant towards their international trip to the Netherlands in 2024, two guides have applied in this application. Their aim is to bring back experiences that will inspire current Guides to stay and gain new active members. They have not indicated an amount; total cost of the trip is £1,000 per guide.</p> <p><b><u>8.4 GR04/2324-SOL THEATRE SCHOOL</u></b> They have applied for a grant of £550 towards a project cost of approximately £15,000 to support students requiring financial assistance to attend their summer school.</p> <p><b><u>8.5 GR05/23324-DAISY'S DREAM - CHESHIRE EAST</u></b> They have applied for £750 towards a project cost of £1,500 (amount total for the Congleton residents) to support 1:1 support for 3 families in Congleton, this is their first application.</p>		

	<p><b><u>8.6 GR07-2324- CONGLETON AREA UKRAINE SUPPORT NETWORK (2 separate applications)</u></b>  They have applied for £2,200 and £2,475 towards a project cost of £11,000 and £4,950 to fund 4 people for 1:1 English Lesson for 6 months and group sessions for English Lessons for 6 months. Quotes and accounts have been provided.</p> <p><b><u>8.7 GR08/2324- CONGLETON PRIDE</u></b>  They have applied for £360 towards a project cost of £8,000 to hire a second stage for their Community Stage. Previous applications made in 2020 £700 and 2021 £500 they have also received in the past the Concessionary Grant for room hire. Awaiting feedback for the last grant in 2021.</p> <p><b><u>8.8 GR10/2324- THE OLD SAW MILL</u></b>  They have applied for £2,500 towards a project cost of £2,536 which is to purchase bottles for their Cider Production. They were granted £750 in 2022 for the same project for that year, awaiting feedback for the last grant provided.</p> <p><b><u>8.9 GR11/2324 CONGLETON HARRIERS</u></b>  They have applied for £750 towards a project/event cost of £13,000 to pay for Medical Cover service at their annual Half Marathon event. They have previously been awarded 2 grants for medical cover for the Half Marathon and Cloud 9 races during 2022-23 grants were £750 and £425. Accounts have been provided; grant feedback received for previous grants.</p> <p><b><u>8.10 GR12/2324 CONGLETON AMATEUR YOUTH THEATRE</u></b>  They have applied for a grant of £1,500 towards a purchase price of £7,810 which is to purchase mics, transmitters, and headsets for their group.</p> <p><b>Details correct at the time of Agenda publish date, verbal updates on applications will also be provided by the RFO where needed.</b></p>
<b>Decision Requested</b>	To discuss and approve Financial Assistance applications.