

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee Meeting
held on Thursday 25th January 2024**

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Finance & Policy Committee - 25th January 2024](#)

PRESENT	Committee members:	Cllr R Douglas- Chair Cllr C Booth – Vice Chair Cllr R Brittain Cllr M Edwardson Cllr A Holland Cllr H Pearce
	Ex- Officio	Cllr R Moreton -Mayor Cllr K Wesley -Deputy Mayor

Non Committee Members	Cllr S Firkin Cllr H Seddon Cllr G Williams
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Also present: Congleton Town Council Officers	David McGifford- Chief Officer Serena Van Schepdael - RFO 1 Press and 2 members of public.
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1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Walton, L Wardlaw and S Akers Smith

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

FAP/35/2324 RESOLVED to note and sign the minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee held on 23rd November 2023

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr K Wesley declared an interest in item 8.3 as a Trustee of Congleton Pride who are match funding the applicant's grant.

Cllr S Firkin declared an interest in item 8.3 as a trustee of Congleton Museum, however could not vote due to being a non-committee member.

4. Outstanding Actions

FAP/36/2324 RESOLVED to note the report that the ICT Policy update is outstanding.

5. Questions from Members of the Public

There were none.

6. Urgent Items

There were none.

7. Minutes of Working Groups (Enclosed)

FAP/37/2324 RESOLVED: To note the minutes from the Town Centre Regeneration Working Group.

8. New Applications for Financial Assistance (Enclosed)

FAP/38/2324 RESOLVED to award:

- 11.1 – GR17 Congleton Harriers- £450
- 11.2 – GR18 Trinity Amateur Operatic Society- £1,000
- 11.3 – GR19 Congleton Museum-£550
- 11.4 – GR20 Congleton Rotary-£906

9. Financial Regulations Review (Enclosed)

FAP/39/2324 RESOLVED to approve the draft updates and recommend them to Council for approval and adoption into the Constitution.

10. Unreasonably Persistent or Vexatious Complaints Policy (Enclosed)

FAP/40/2324 RESOLVED to approve the draft Policy and recommended this to Council for approval and adoption into the Constitution, with the below additions:

- Include Councillors in the Policy
- Include a link to the Council Equality and Inclusion Policy

**Cllr Robert Douglas
(Chair)**