

## CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Special Finance and Policy Committee Meeting held on Thursday 15 August 2024**

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Special Finance & Policy Committee – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024](#)

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| PRESENT | Committee members:                               | Cllr Robert Douglas- Chair<br>Cllr Arabella Holland<br>Cllr Robert Moreton<br>Cllr Heather Pearce<br>Cllr Liz Wardlaw     |
|         | Ex- Officio                                      | Cllr Kay Wesley -Mayor<br>Cllr R Brittain -Deputy Mayor   |
|         | Non-Committee Members                            | Cllr Susan Mead, Cllr Richard Walton,<br>Cllr Glen Williams   |
|         | Also present:<br>Congleton Town Council Officers | David McGifford- Chief Officer<br>Jackie MacArthur- Deputy Chief Officer<br>1 member of the public, 1 member of the press |

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Charles Booth, Cllr Russell Chadwick and Cllr Mark Edwardson

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Robert Moreton and Liz Wardlaw declared an interest on account of being Cheshire East Councillors.

Cllr Kay Wesley declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6.7a and b

Cllr Glen Williams, Cllr Kay Wesley declared a non-pecuniary interest in 6.4

#### **3. Questions from Members of the Public**

There were none.

#### **4. Urgent Items**

There were none raised.

#### **5. Grant Approvals and Commitments**

**FAP/12/2425 RESOLVED** to note the processes involved with the allocation of the UKSPF grants.

#### **6. Grants approved for funding from the UKSPF fund of £6,000**

**6.1 FAP/13/2425 RESOLVED** to approve a grant of **£700** to Congleton Community Projects towards the cost of the Christmas Lantern Parade and workshops to be held in November 2024.

**6.2a FAP/14/2425 RESOLVED** to approve a grant of **£550** to Congleton Museum towards the cost of hiring Roman soldiers and publicity for Roman Week to be held in February 2025

**6.2a FAP/15/2425 RESOLVED** to approve a grant of **£343** to Congleton Museum towards the costs of creating a Santa's Grotto in December 2024.

**6.3a FAP/16/2425 RESOLVED** to approve a grant of **£640** to Congleton Live to employ a bus company to run shuttle buses during Congleton Jazz and Blues Festival in August 2024. A request was made for feedback on numbers for future events.

**6.3b FAP/17/2425 RESOLVED** to approve a grant of **£640** to Congleton Live to employ a bus company to run shuttle buses during Congleton Unplugged Festival in March 2025. A request was made for feedback on numbers for future events.

**6.4 FAP/18/2425 RESOLVED** to approve a grant of **£350** to Congleton Partnership to create a social media campaign to attract more people to the Green Fayre in September 2024.

**6.5 FAP/19/2425 RESOLVED** to approve a grant of **£675** to Congleton Rotary towards the costs of toilets and lighting at the Rotary Bonfire in November 2024. A request was made to ensure that the toilets also cater for people with a disability.

**6.6 FAP/20/2425 RESOLVED** to approve a grant of **£500** to the Roving Beer Company for the Big Beer Weekends towards publicity and marketing for events in summer and autumn 2024.

**6.7a FAP/21/2425 RESOLVED** to approve a grant of **£400** to Elizabeth's Group to update and create a new Elizabeth trail and map. To be completed before March 2025. Request that the maps encourage users to return rather than discard.

**6.7b FAP/22/2425 RESOLVED** to approve a grant of **£400** to Elizabeth's Group to host an event and speaker on International Womens' Day in March 2025

**6.8 FAP/23/2425 RESOLVED** to approve a grant of **£615** to the artisanity group to run lace-making workshops and create artwork alongside a Spring Fayre on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

**6.9 FAP/24/2425 RESOLVED** to move the surplus **£182** remaining after the allocation of grants into the Congleton Town Council Events Team budget to enhance events it organises in the Town Centre.

**Meeting closed at 6:40pm**  
**Cllr Robert Douglas (Chair)**