

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Precept meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council offices, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 24th January 2018

PRESENT: Chairman – Cllr L. Little
 Councillors B. Cherokoff, L. Fone, C. Francis-Pester, A. Giles-Townsend, S. Hale, G. Hill, J. Middleton, T. Morgan, A. Shopland, D. Shopland, C. Starr, G. Watkins, J. West.
 Town Clerk - Ms P Heath;

18/887 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors N. Barton (family commitment), C. Blades (another meeting) J. Geldart (family commitment), J. Norton-Sealey (illness) **RESOLVED:** That Council **ACCEPTS** the apologies and reasons given for absence.

18/888 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There no declaration of interest for items on the agenda

18/889 RECEIVE THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION BY THE FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE

Copy of the draft summary budget based on the figures circulated with the Finance & General Policy Committee agenda had been circulated with the Precept agenda. An explanation of the adjusted figures, following the acceptance of the Staffing Minutes, was given to the 2 members who had not been present at the preceding FGP Meeting; a copy of the 5 year plan and the summary was projected on the screen during the meeting.

The FGP Committee Chairman reminded members of the robust nature of the procedure to set the budget in that each committee discusses and agrees its budget, the details of which are included in the minutes, those minutes are approved by the Council and that the budget in total is then discussed at length by the F & GP committee. The system gives all members opportunity to input into the budget discussions and raise any issues or concern prior to the Precept meeting.

Members discussed the Administration budget which includes wages, the day to day administration of the Council, Grants, CCTV and the provision of Public Toilets. comment was made that the Council had a duty to keep its costs under review and ensure that money is well spent; it was noted that the budget and costs are reviewed at every meeting by the individual committees, and by the FGP Committee acting in a scrutiny role

18/890 VOTE AND SET THE PRECEPT REQUEST FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018/2019

Proposed, seconded and **DEFEATED** by 10 votes to 4 that Clevedon Town Council should have a stand still band D precept of £43.64 giving rise to a budget of £342,120

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED by 11 votes to 3** that Clevedon Town Council should set a budget of £357,481 a band D level of £45.60 a £1.96 rise on 2017/2018.

18/891 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no Chairman's items for information

Meeting closed at 9.31 pm
 APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....DATE.....

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DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION