

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Precept meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council Office, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.45pm on Wednesday 25th January 2012

PRESENT: Chairman – Cllr C Blades
 Councillors, C. Arnold, C. Bussey, C. Francis-Pester, B. Garner, J. Geldart, C. Hall, G. Hill, L. Knott, L. Little, P. McNeill, T. Morgan, J. Middleton, N. Pennycott, A. Shopland, D. Shopland, A. Walker, A. Withers, C Wring
 Town Clerk - Ms P Heath; Deputy Town Clerk – Mrs Johnson

12/176 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor J. Norton-Sealey (family commitments),
RESOLVED: That Council **ACCEPTS** the apologies and reasons given for absence.

12/177 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

12/178 RECEIVE THE RECOMMENDATION BY THE FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE AND TO SET THE PRECEPT REQUEST FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2012/2013

*The **RECOMMENDATION** to the Precept Meeting is a precept increase of 5% from £20.27 to £21.75; an increase of 2p per week on band D properties.*

AGREED by 12 votes to 6

Cllr Withers requested his vote be recorded against the recommendation

Members discussed at great length the proposed budget, a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda. A copy of the headline budget was projected on the wall to enable easy of explanation. The Town Clerk explained the figures and the process for the estimation of the reserves at 31st March 2012. The Town Clerk advised the Council that continued reduction of the reserves to support the actual running costs of the Council had a limited timespan before the full cost of the Council would have to be included in the precept.

Members discussed the reserves both earmarked and general and how the Council had allocated the amounts over previous years. Members noted that the Council had not increased the precept in the last 3 years and in fact due to the increased house numbers in Band D the cost per household had reduced.

Members briefly discussed the North Somerset Council budget and the allocation to Clevedon.

12/179 RECEIVE RECOMMENDATION FROM FINANCE AND GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE IN RESPECT OF THE CONTRACT FOR FLOWERBEDS IN CLEVEDON.

*Proposed by Cllr Shopland, seconded by Cllr Hill and **Recommend** by 9 votes to 0 to the FGP Committee on 18th January the preferred contractor as announced at the Council Meeting.*

AGREED by 16 votes to 0

12/180 CHAIRMAN’S ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

MUGA – The members were informed that the MUGA had been completed and that the official opening would be arranged within the next couple of months.

Computer Equipment

Following a discussion it was **AGREED** by 12 votes to 4 that all the old computers would have the hard drives removed and disposed.

Meeting closed at 21.25pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....

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