

14th January, 2014

DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS at the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the COUNCIL held in the Methodist Church Rooms, Castle Street, Dursley at 6.30 pm on Tuesday, 14th January, 2014.

Action Summary:

9104 Youth Centre Working Group report 9104 Provisional budget to Feb Council

PRESENT

Cllr J Ball, Town Mayor
Cllr C Nelmes, Deputy Mayor

Councillors: R Blackwell-Whitehead (from 9104), S Creswick, F Firth, T Frankau, N Grecian (from 9104), M Laybourne, B Marsh, S Owen (from 9104), L Patrick and A Stennett.

Also present: Town Clerk

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 9098

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors J Bird (work).

Absent: Councillors Harding and Nicholson.

MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 9099

No declarations of interest were received.

TO CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS 9100

No requests for dispensations were received.

VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF TOWN COUNCILLOR FOR CENTRAL AND HIGHFIELDS WARDS 9101

No applications had been received to fill the above vacancies.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS 9102

None were received.

REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC 9103

No representations had been received.

BUDGET 2014-15

9104

Councillor Nelmes advised that tender submissions had been received for the Youth Centre project.

Councillor Owen joined the meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED to temporarily exclude the public from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

Councillor Nelmes and the Clerk reported on the tender submissions and the action that will be taken by the working group to negotiate a suitable contractor for the construction of the youth centre, including interviews. The working group would be meeting with the architect on Thursday 16th January to review the tenders received.

The Clerk explained the implications for the 2014–15 budget.

The Working Group will report back to the February Council meeting.

Councillor Blackwell-Whitehead joined the meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED to readmit the public to the meeting.

The Clerk explained that the tax base and Localisation of Council Tax Support (LCTS) grant figures had been advised by Stroud District Council. Members had been provided with a draft budget including these figures.

It was noted that an announcement from the government is expected before the end of January on whether or not a referendum on parish and town councils' budgets will be imposed this year. The amount of the LCTS grant was also subject to confirmation at Stroud District Council's meeting on 23rd January 2014. It was not therefore possible to finalise the Council's budget at this meeting.

The Clerk stressed the need to consider the impact on future budgets when the LCTS grant is withdrawn. It was suggested that to make greater use of the new youth centre additional sessions of youth work could be funded at a cost of £5,000 to £6,000 a year.

Councillor Grecian joined the meeting.

7th January, 2014

Council

Following further discussion on potential future uses of the youth centre building IT WAS RESOLVED to increase the draft budget by £5,000 to pay for additional youth work and that the resulting budget be confirmed at the Council meeting on 4th February 2014.

.....
Town Mayor

.....
Date