

16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## **DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS at the MEETING of the COUNCIL held in the Dursley Community Centre, Rednock Drive at 7pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

Action Summary:

10653.2 Town Clerk to revise 2022/23 budget  
and present to Council in January 2022

### **PRESENT**

Cllr S Ackroyd (Mayor)

Councillors: M Woodward (Deputy Mayor), L Patrick, P Hayes, D Horn, N Grecian, S Creswick, T White, A Stennett, A Rowston, J Rubin, D Cornell, W Thomas, M Stennett and D Savvidou.

Also present: John Kay, Town Clerk and SDC Councillor Trevor Hall.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 10649

Apologies were received from Councillor A Whitwell (personal)

MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 10650

There were no declarations of interest.

REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC 10651

There were no members of the public in attendance.

MINUTES 10652

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COUNCIL FINANCE 10653

10653.1 Council's accounts for the financial year 2021/22:

The income and expenditure summary reports to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were noted

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10653.2 Regarding Councils Budget for Financial Years 2022/23

The Town Clerk presented the draft budget following the Committee meetings held in October 2021. The draft budget included a range of indicative precept increases between 0% and 5%.

**IT WAS AGREED** to include a new budget item for the drafting of a list of non-listed buildings which are important to the character of Dursley and a Local Dursley Design Guide to help protect important characteristics of buildings in Dursley. A provisional sum of £5k to be allowed for in the budget, but the Town Clerk would seek a provisional cost prior to budget being approved.

It was noted that the Tourism Reserve fund could be allocated to contribute to projects which may arise from the new district wide Tourism Officer post.

It was noted that a restructure of the Earmarked Reserves and current projected expenditure would lead to a General Reserve which would allow for approximately 7 months average expenditure. This was considered a healthy reserve. Any non-allocated revenue from the 2022/23 income could be added to the Green Spaces committee projects, it was considered that contribution to the general reserve is not required.

**IT WAS AGREED** that a project be added to the Green Spaces committee to re-paint the World War 2 memorial at the Pavilion on the War Memorial Recreation Ground.

It was noted the 2022/23 taxbase figure, used for the Band D precept calculation is expected to be available in December 2021.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to agree a provisional 2.5% increase to the 2022/23 precept to allow for the expected higher level of inflationary costs. The Town Clerk would make the required changes and present the revised budget to Council for approval at the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

10653.3 Regarding Councils Budget for Financial Years 2023/24 and 2024/25

The draft budgets for 2023/24 and 2024/25 were noted.

The meeting closed at 7:30pm.

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Town Mayor

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Date