



ILFRACOMBE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held on 15 January 2018

This meeting was held in the Ilfracombe Centre, High Street, Ilfracombe and started at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs: P Crabb (Mayor), V Gates (Deputy Mayor), L Aston, F Pearson, N Pearson, G Fowler, G Squires, D Turton, Mrs J Donovan, R Donovan, R Courtnadge, G Schofield, G Coulter, P Yabsley, K Leck.

Also in attendance: The Acting Town Clerk.

The Mayor welcomed everyone attending to this evening's meeting and began proceedings;

4549. To receive apologies and reasons for absence: B Gear (holiday), S Trebble (holiday), M Edmunds (attending North Devon growth workshop).

4550. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest noted.

4551. To Agree Members Dispensation

The Acting Town Clerk read out the following to all members;

'Being a council tax payer or being eligible for a discount under any local arrangements for council tax support are pecuniary interests, but are not disclosable pecuniary interests as specified in DCLG regulations.

Therefore a councillor does not need to seek a dispensation in order to participate in discussions or vote on decisions in the council tax setting process. Any member with 2 or more months in arrears of payment of council tax may not vote in relation to council tax/budget setting'

4552. To Agree the 2018/19 Ilfracombe Town Council Budget and Precept

The Acting Town Clerk tabled an overview of how the components of the council tax bill is spent, i.e Devon County Council (72%), North Devon Council (10%), the Police Service (10%) and the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue service (5%). 3% of the Council tax bill is allocated to town and parish councils. (source NDC website)

It is noted that in a comparison of neighbouring councils for this current financial year, Ilfracombe is well below the 'band D equivalent' totals (which is the comparison factor used - e.g South Molton £94.88, Barnstaple £94.57, Lynton Lynmouth £80.55, Ilfracombe £68.30)

The Chair of Finance tabled the budget areas and resulting Precept requirement for the new financial year. (which was also made available via a large presentation screen to everyone attending the meeting).

All members of the council were given the opportunity to comment on the proposals and the floor was open for any member of the public who wished to address the meeting.

The Mayor proposed that this council increase the precept by 3.86% to £244,280 representing 70.05 band D equivalent (a rise from 68.30 year on year).

The proposal was seconded by Cllr G Schofield and with all members in agreement and no objections; the Council's budget for 2018/19 was adopted

4553. Chair's Discretion

None noted this evening.

The meeting finished at 19.40

Miss Rachel Collins
Acting Town Clerk

16 January 2018