



ILFRACOMBE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held on 14 January 2019

This meeting was held at the Ilfracombe Centre, High Street, Ilfracombe and started at 8.45pm (following Full Council).

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

In attendance: Pastor Hills, the Proper Officer, the Programme Manager and 4 members of the public.

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

4814. To receive apologies and reasons for absence: Cllrs: G Schofield (holiday), B Gear (holiday), S Trebble (holiday), D Turton (other commitments).

4815. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest noted.

4816. To Agree Members Dispensation

The Proper Officer 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'

4817. To Agree the 2019/20 Ilfracombe Town Council Budget and Precept

The Proper Officer 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 £96.68, Barnstaple £98.81, Lynton Lynmouth £80.55, Ilfracombe £70.05)

Cllr Rod Donovan, 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.

Cllr R Donovan proposed that this council increase the precept by 3.93% to £253,889 representing 72.03 band D equivalent (a rise from 70.05 year on year).

The proposal was seconded by Cllr P Crabb and with all members in unanimous agreement and no objections; the Council's budget for 2019/20 was adopted

Members thanked Cllr R Donovan for all his hard work on the budget and precept.

4818. Chair's Discretion

None noted this evening.

This part of the meeting finished at 21.00

Pastor Hills and all members of the public left the meeting at this point.

Part B – Cllr V Gates proposed – **to pass the resolution “to exclude any attendee other than the Council members and that all reports and documents relating to items be confirmed as ‘in confidence’ due to the confidential nature of the next business to be discussed/transacted’ this was seconded by Cllr N Pearson and with all in favour was agreed.**

Cllr V Gates noted that there was concern about the conduct of a member of staff and a procedure was agreed in accordance with ITC policies.

The meeting finished at 21:10



Miss Rachel Collins
Proper Officer

15 January 2019