

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting  
held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
directly following a meeting of the General Purposes Committee  
in the Ray Shill Room, Northway Community Hub, Northway**

Present: Cllr S Ward (Chairman) Cllr J Roberts (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr M Barnes Cllr Mrs P Godwin  
Cllr Mrs E MacTiernan Cllr E Phennah  
Cllr C Porter Cllr G Shelton  
Cllr K Sollis Cllr Mrs S Terry

In Attendance: Mrs L Stewart, Clerk's Assistant  
Mrs C Woodward, Clerk of the Council

C/22/20 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Mrs D Bailey, C Woodward and P Mackenzie.

C/23/20 **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made as required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2012 (Minute Ref C/159/12), including paragraph 12(2).

C/24/20 **Financial Requirements for the Year 2020 / 2021**

Members received a copy of the Draft Budget Requirement for 2020 / 2021. The figure that the Finance Committee had finalised as the budget requirement for the year was £185,581.00. Members received the recommendation from the Finance Committee that they approve this figure (Min Ref FIN/05/20 refers). This was an increase on the previous year of £12,762.00, mainly attributing to taking on extra grass cutting, staffing costs and budgets for the Village Hall and Changing Rooms. Cllr Terry PROPOSED approval of the budget. Cllr Roberts SECONDED.

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C/25/20 **Precept Requirement for the year 2020 /2021**

Members considered three options of how the Precept could meet the Budget Requirement:

Option 1 – Precept for the whole budget requirement of £185,581.00. This would equate to a 7.38% increase (Band D property - an increase of £0.80 per month). This was the option that the DCK Accounting had recommended.

Option 2 - Precept £180,581.00 using £5,000 from Reserves to make up the difference. This would equate to a 4.49% increase (Band D property - an increase of £0.50 a month).

Option 3 – Precept £177,081.00. This would involve using £8,500.00 from Reserves to make up the difference. This would equate to a 2.47% increase (Band D property – an increase of £0.30 a month).

Members considered the options and took on board the recommendation of the Accountant for Option 1 which the Finance Committee also recommended (Min Ref FIN/05/20 refers). Cllr Roberts felt it was better to leave the Reserves, if possible, and precept for the full budget requirement. Cllr Shelton PROPOSED that Option 1, a precept of £185,581.00, was requested. Cllr Terry SECONDED.

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C/26/20 **Correspondence received after 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

No further correspondence was received for consideration.

As there was no further business the meeting concluded at 9.10 p.m.