

KIDDERMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of Kidderminster Town Council
Monday 18th December 2023 at 6:00pm
Wyre Forest House, Council Chamber

Present:

Councillor Chambers (Chair)
Councillor Aston
Councillor Bishop
Councillor Connolly
Councillor Dyke
Councillor K. Gale
Councillor N. Gale
Councillor Hine
Councillor Hopkins
Councillor Miah
Councillor Muir
Councillor Oborski (MBE)
Councillor Phillips
Councillor Rook
Councillor Ross
Councillor Smith
Councillor Stokes

In Attendance:

Mr L. Jakeman, Chief Executive
Mr A. Stockhall, Public Realm and Operations Manager

C.039 **Apologies for absence**

Councillor Rayner

C.040 **Declarations of interest**

Nil

C.041 **Public Question Time**

Nil

C.042 **Minutes**

- 1) **RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting of Kidderminster Town Council held on Wednesday 18th October 2023 (KTC/04/23-24) which were duly signed by the Town Mayor.

- 2) Members noted the minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 24th October 2023. PL/06/23-24
- 3) Members noted the minutes of the Services Committee held on Wednesday 25th October 2023. KTC/SO2/02/23-24.
- 4) Members noted the minutes of the Finance Committee held on Tuesday 21st November 2023 (note: the budget and precept recommendations for FY 24/25 are a separate agenda item). F/02/23-24
- 5) Members noted of the minutes of the Staffing Committee held on Wednesday 6th December 2023. SC/03/23-24

C.043

Complying with Biodiversity

Members received a report and considered initial steps to comply with recently published government guidance.

Membered **RESOLVED:**

- a. The Town Council acknowledges its Duty in relation to Biodiversity.

AND

- b. The Town Council acknowledges that it currently, as a general matter of course, considers biodiversity in relation to much of its activities.

AND

- c. A working group be formed 'Climate and Biodiversity' and to approve the draft terms of reference circulated with the report.

AND

- d. The Council confirms councillor membership of the Climate & Biodiversity Working Group.
Cllr Doug Hine
Cllr Shazu Miah
Cllr Nichola Gale

TC/38/23-24

Budget and Precept Setting

Members received a report from the CEO and considered the recommendations from the Finance and Overview Committee (TC/36/23-24):

RESOLVED:

a. To approve the summary budget for FY 2024/25 as recommended by the Finance & Overview Committee. (*Precept of £1,024,716.00, General Reserve at £347,942.00; and I Band D equivalent of £57.75*)

AND

b. That a precept be issued, requiring Wyre Forest District Council to pay. Kidderminster Town Council £1,024,716.00 (One million, twenty-four thousand, seven hundred and sixteen pounds) to meet its expenditure for the financial year 2024/25.

(CEO Note: A recorded vote was requested:

For: Cllrs:
John Aston
Rose Bishop
Darren Chambers
George Connolly
Helen Dyke
Nichola Gale
Kevin Gale
Doug Hine
Bill Hopkins
Shazu Miah
Tony Muir
Fran Oborski
Julian Phillips
David Ross
Juliet Smith
Edward Stokes

Against: Cllr
Sarah Rook

TC/39/23-24

Town Hall Update

Members noted the contents of a report.

TC41/23-24

C.046

Public Bodies

RESOLVED: In terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and it is, therefore, **RESOLVED** that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded.

C.047

Staffing

Members considered a confidential report from the Staffing Committee.

RESOLVED: Staffing Committee Confidential Report

- A. Members noted the confidential report dated 6th December 2023
- B. Approved Recommendation B in the confidential report
- C. Approved recommendation to offer candidate C the post of CEO.
- D. Approved recommendation D in the confidential report
- E. Approved recommendation E in the confidential report

Meeting closed 6:45pm.