

Dawlish Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council

Held at The Manor House, Dawlish on
Wednesday, 24th January 2024 at 7.00 pm

Present:

Councillors Dawson (Mayor), Foden, Hardy, Heath, Heywood, Littlewood, L. Petherick, Pyne, Weatherhead, and Wrigley.

Absent:

Councillor M. James

In attendance:

Andrew McKenzie, Town Clerk
Gemma Walker, Finance & Administration Officer
Angie Weatherhead, Events, Projects & Tourism Officer

Public Participation:

There was no public participation

The following minutes will be considered for approval at the next meeting of the Town Council and may be subject to change until that time.

Part I

150 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Goodman-Bradbury, Graham-Ellis, A. James, Mayne, and J. Petherick.

Resolved that the apologies be noted.

151 AGREEMENT OF THE AGENDA BETWEEN PARTS I AND II

There was no Part II.

152 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Dawson declared an Appendix B interest in relation to recommendation B of the proposed Budget & Precept 2024/25 item by virtue of her organisation hiring rooms at the Manor House. She advised she would not speak or vote on the setting of fees and charges.

153 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations.

154 PLANNING COMMITTEE VACANCY

Resolved that Councillor Littlewood be appointed to the Town Council's Planning Committee and that the further vacancy be considered at a future meeting of the Town Council.

155 TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2024/25

Members received and considered the previously circulated report of the Town Clerk and Finance & General purposes Committee, detailing the recommendations of that Committee to set a budget and precept for the 2024/25 financial year.

The Mayor expressed gratitude to the officer team and particularly the Finance Officer for the work undertaken to bring the proposed budget to fruition.

The Chair of the Finance & General Purposes Committee introduced the report and detailed the budget highlights.

The Town Clerk advised that page 7 of the agenda report, paragraph 3.1 (table) – second line, the precept income should read 616,994, and cost per band D household (same line) should read £8.75 / month. These amendments were already detailed in the budget appendix and did not change the final totals.

Following questions, the Town Clerk confirmed that the external auditors recommended larger authorities having between three- and twelve-months expenditure in general reserves, and the Town Council had a policy of maintaining between three- and six-months expenditure in general reserves. The proposed budget realised a general reserve of approximately six months expenditure.

Resolved that

- (a) The Town Council budget for the 2024/25 financial year totalling £696,944 be approved as set out,
- (b) The the scale of fees and charges for the 2024/25 financial year be approved and adopted as set out, with effect from 1 April 2024 (Councillor Dawson not voting); and
- (c) The level of precept for the 2024/25 financial year be set at £616,994 and transmitted to Teignbridge District Council for collection.

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The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 7.21 pm

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Cllr Rosie Dawson
MAYOR OF DAWLISH