



Skipton Town Council

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Finance and Policy Committee Thursday 13 December 2018

Present: Cllrs: C Clark (Chairman), R G Heseltine, E Jaquin, P Madeley, K McIntyre & P Whitaker.

Officers: Dave Parker (Chief Officer) Samantha Poole (Finance Manager) & Jenny Dean (Administration Assistant).

In attendance: Lesley Tuck and Amy Brown (Plastic Free Skipton)

1. To accept representations from the Public between 6.30 pm and 6.45 pm.

None

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs C Harbron & A Rankine

3. To record declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.

None

4. To consider the recommendations of the Chief Officer relating to requests for dispensations to Members on items requiring a declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.

None

5. To note the minutes from the previous meetings held on 18 October 2018.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the meeting held on 18 October 2018 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

6. To report and receive information arising from the minutes of items not on the agenda from members and the Chief Officer.

Members **NOTED** that the application paperwork to re-nominate the Skipton Town Hall as a community asset was in the process of being completed.

It was **AGREED** to bring Agenda Item 11 forward due to representatives from Plastic Free Skipton being in attendance.

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11. To consider the adoption of a policy on plastic waste.

Lesley Tuck and Amy Brown, as Members of Plastic Free Skipton, asked Members to consider proposals to support their campaign to reduce the use of plastic by both businesses and members of the public in Skipton, with the aim of Skipton achieving Plastic Free status from Surfers Against Sewage.

Plastic Free Skipton request Skipton Town Council to support them in the following ways:

- Have a Council Member on their Steering Group.
- Support Projects organised by Plastic Free Skipton to reduce plastic use.
- Remove single use plastic items from Council run work places.

It was **RESOLVED**, in principle, to agree to the proposals with Cllr McIntyre representing the Council on the Steering Group. It was **RESOLVED** to take the Proposals to Full Council.

Lesley Tuck and Amy Brown left the meeting at 18:50pm

7. To consider the Council's draft Administration and Finance budgets for 2019-2020.

Members **NOTED** the Council's proposed Administration and Finance budgets for 2019-2020 prepared by the Finance Manager.

8. To consider the Council's overall draft budget provision and precept requirement for 2019-2020 and to make a recommendation to Full Council.

Members **CONSIDERED** the initial draft budget for 2019-2020 and the likely impact on the Council's Precept.

Members made a **RECOMMENDATION** on the budget and precept level to present to the Budget Setting Meeting of Full Council, scheduled for Thursday 17th January 2019.

Members **AGREED** to the level of charges made by the Council in relation to its provision of allotments and grazing land from Oct 2019-Sept 2020, that was **RECOMMENDED** by the Public Services Committee.

9. To consider the short-term investment of the capital sum received from the sale of land at North Parade, Skipton

Members **APPROVED** the transfer of £400,000 to a liquidity Manager account with our existing bankers (NatWest).

Members **AGREED** to a 95 day notice period.

10. To consider undertaking a review of the Council's various charity and trust commitments.

Members **AGREED** to undertake a review of all of the Council's charitable and trust interests.

Members **AGREED** to form a Working Group to undertake the work. The Chief Officer will contact all Councillors to establish who would like to be part of this working group.

11. To Consider the adoption of a policy on plastic waste.
See Above.

12. To receive notification of matters that members would like including on a future agenda.

None

The meeting closed at 20:04 pm

Chairman:

Signature:

Date:

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