



Skipton Town Council

FULL COUNCIL

Thursday 16 January 2020 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors P Madeley (Chairman), A Barrett, S Bentley, G Bell, J Dawson, W Feather, R G Heseltine, A Hickman, E Jaquin, C Nash, R Judge, K McIntyre, D Painter, D Shaw and A Solloway.

Dave Parker (Chief Officer), Sam Poole (Finance Manager), Jenny Dean (Administration Assistant)

Lesley Tate (Craven Herald)

1. To accept representations from the Public between 7.00 pm and 7.15 pm.

None

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Councillor G Iannaccone (Work Commitments)

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

Cllr Heseltine declared an non pecuniary interest in Item Number 16 on the Agenda.

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 approve the minutes from the Full Council meetings held on 14 November 2019.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 14 November 2019 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.

None.

7. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 5 September 2019 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting

8. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Events and Tourism Committee

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Events and Tourism Committee meeting held on 26 September 2019 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting

9. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Finance and Policy Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 17 October 2019 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

10. To receive and consider minutes, recommendations and reports of the Public Services Committee

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 29 August 2019 and the 7 November 2019 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting

11. To receive a report of the Mayoral Engagements for September until January 2019.

Members **NOTED** engagements attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The Mayor stated that he had enjoyed the events which he had attended. The Mayor said that he felt the Christmas Light Switch On and the Santa Fun Run were the best events he had seen in the town, and the Christmas Markets were also excellent events. The Mayor wished to express his thanks to The Events Manager and all the staff who were involved in the events.

Cllr Dawson reported that the Rotary Club took record takings from their stall and the car park on the first weekend.

12. To consider and approve the Council's Budget for 2020-2021 and to set the levels of the precept.

Councillors **NOTED** the introduction from the Council Leader and Chief Officer. The Finance Manager explained the report and associated papers.

Following discussion Members **RESOLVED** to:

- Adopt the budget for Skipton Town Council for 2020-2021 as proposed.
- To set the Council's Precept for 2020-2021 in the sum of **£519,491 (five hundred and nineteen thousand, four hundred and ninety one pounds)**.
- To authorise The Chief Officer to advise the Billing Authority (Craven District Council) of the Council's Precept requirement.

- To review the rental charge, for a full-sized allotment plot, through the Public Services Committee and this to be brought back to Full Council for approval in July 2020.
- Increase the charges made for use of the Council's grazing land at Greatwood and Carleton Road by £25.
- To **APPROVE** the following changes to the Council's Earmarked Reserves: The transfer of £2,700 to the General Revenue Reserve. The transfer of £2,500 to the Election Costs Reserve. The transfer of £1,000 to the Mayoral Chains Maintenance Reserve

13. To consider a proposal from Members to purchase tablets for use by Councillors

Members **NOTED** the report from the Chief Officer on the purchase of tablets for use by Councillors.

Members **APPROVED** the presentation of a fully-costed business case to the Finance & Policy Committee in February 2020.

14. Questions for the Leader of the Council

Cllr Shaw asked The Leader if the funds in the Marsden & Mullineaux Trust could be donated to the funds being raised for Luke Mortimer. Members expressed their approval of this suggestion.

The Leader reported that any decisions made regarding the Trust would need to be made by the Trustees of the Marsden & Mullineaux Trust. The Trustees are meeting on the 3rd February, and would then report back to Full Council.

Members **AGREED** to bring Item 17 on the Agenda forward.

17. To note any matters Members would like including on the agenda of a future meeting of the Full Council

Members **AGREED** that the decision of the Marsden & Mullineaux Trustees should be on the next agenda.

15. To consider excluding press and public for consideration of item 16 on the grounds that it relates to confidential matters

It was **RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable and in the public interest that the press and public be asked to withdraw.

Lesley Tate left the Meeting

16. To approve the signing and sealing of a License to Assign on behalf of the Trustees to the Tarn Moor Estate

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The meeting closed at 7.58 pm