

.Minutes of the Special Meeting of Penistone Town Council
held on Monday 27th January 2020
In the Town Hall, Shrewbury Road, Penistone

Present: The Town Mayor Cllr G. Millner in the Chair, and Councillors Barraclough, Bradbury, Chadburn, Cutts, Kimberley, A. Millner, Perkins, Rusby, Trotman, Unsworth, Webber and Wood.

Also present

K. Coulton - Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

A. Hart – Finance Officer

E. A. Wright – taking the Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** the press and public to be excluded during consideration of the following items because of the likely disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined by Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act of 1972 as amended.

71. Apologies for non-attendance

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hinchliff.

It was **RESOLVED** that the apologies for absence be recorded.

72. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest from Councillors

In accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2011, the Chair invited declarations of interest.

This was **NOTED** and **RECORDED** by the meeting that no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest were received.

73. To Consider Future Projects

The Finance Officer presented a financial report which was circulated to all Councillors. It was noted that projects funded by earmarked reserves were not included in the budget presented to the Council. The proposed income is a conservative estimate and with other costs is in line with this year's projected figures.

This was **NOTED** by the meeting.

Cllr Webber commented that as the Council had reasonable amount in reserves the Council should consider using the reserves for the benefit of the community. Cllr Webber suggested that the Council increases the amount donated to Penistone Round Table, in view of the work this voluntary organisation does within the area, for example the Gala.

Signed byTown Mayor 17th February 2020

Moved by Cllr Webber, Seconded by Cllr A Millner and **RESOLVED** the amount donated to Penistone Round Table be increased to £7500 for 2020/2021. The Round Table is to be asked to submit a formal request for a donation at the start of the financial year.

The Town Clerk is to clarify with the Internal Auditor that the above resolution is permitted.

Cllr Webber asked the Council to consider raising the limit of the grant which local organisations can apply for Town Council funding. The limit is currently £250.

Moved by Cllr Webber, Seconded by Cllr A. Millner and **RESOLVED** this item be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration.

74. To Set the Town Council Precept for the 2020/2021 Financial Year

Moved by Cllr A. Millner, Seconded by Cllr Cutts and **RESOLVED** the Town Council sets a precept of £171,872 in line with the same amount raised per Band D Council Tax households.

SignedTown Mayor 17th February 2020