

Penistone Town Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held remotely on
Monday 25th January 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Also present

T. Ball – Town Clerk

There were no members of the public present therefore no public participation.

2020/119 1. TO NOTE ANY APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Hinchcliff with reasons for absence approved.

2020/120 2. 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.

It was **NOTED** and **RECORDED** that there were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest.

2020/121 3. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT) 1960

There were no items for the exclusion of public and press to be discussed.

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2020/122 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the following meeting were submitted for approval:

4.1 Finance and General Purposes Meeting held on the 11th January 2021.

Minute number 2020/34

There was a discussion in regards to minute number 2020/34, agenda item ‘to consider the management structure of committees’ from the Finance and General Purposes meeting held on the 11th January 2021.

Cllr Unsworth reported that he considered minute number 2020/34 to be ultra vires as the matter had been discussed at a Finance and General Purpose’s Committee and a resolution had been passed.

The Clerk reported that the minutes were for recommendation at Full Council which were currently under discussion and no matter was ultra vires. The Clerk advised that paragraphs cannot be deleted from the draft minutes and that only a motion maybe given to correct any inaccuracies under Standing order 12 b. The Clerk advised that no inaccuracies had been reported by members with the minutes and that the resolved minute number 2020/34 was the matter under discussion.

Cllr Barraclough reported that it had been recommended at the Finance and General Purposes meeting that it was to be trialed for this committee only.

Cllr Unsworth proposed a motion that minute number 2020/34 F & G P be not accepted.

Moved by Cllr Unsworth, Seconded by Cllr Bradbury and it was that the Chair of Finance and General Purposes committee will not act as a point of contact for detailed enquiries in conjunction with the Clerk.

A vote was taken in relation to the matter and with the majority vote it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Unsworth’s motion be upheld. *(6 in favour)*

Cllr Millner reported that the Council are to consider an alternative approach to the matter and that a document and suggestions are to be made as The Clerk is currently working towards the LCAS standard and a more structured approach will assist with qualification of the award.

Cllr Wood stated that the Council should support the Clerk in moving forward and towards gaining the Local Council Scheme Award Status.

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Cllr Rusby stated that an alternative approach be researched and to report these findings back to the next Full Council meeting.

Moved by Cllr A. Millner, and Seconded by Cllr Barraclough and it was **RESOLVED** that a revised document and suggestions are to be created in order to support the application for the Local Council Scheme Award in conjunction with The Clerk, Cllr Barraclough, Kimberley and Cllr A. Millner.

A vote was taken and it was **UNANIMOUS**.

Moved by Cllr Rusby, Seconded by Cllr Unsworth and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finances and General Purposes meeting held on the 11th January 2021 were a true record.

2020/110 5. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

5.1 To approve the Town Council's budget and precept for 2021/22.

Members had received a number of budget scenarios prior to the meeting and the minutes from the Finance and general Purposes Meeting held on the 11th January 2021 with a recommendation that budget D be accepted with a 10% precept increase.

Cllr Unsworth reported that the precept had not been increased in recent years due to the amounts held in reserves.

Cllr Rusby noted due to previous funding received for new residential property built the precept had not been increased for several years and that the increase of 10% for next financial year would assist with supporting the Paramount as a community asset.

Cllr Bradbury noted that a 2% increase is to be considered every year and that the Paramount had been self-sufficient in previous years.

Cllr Barraclough advised that a possible increase to be considered each financial year in line with CPI.

The Clerk reported that a number of budgets had been reduced in conjunction with the Councils approval to allow for unconfirmed trading income for the financial year 2021/2022.

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Precept - £171,872 previous year, 10% increase of £17,187 and CTSG £9,860
Total £198,919

Income

Allotment rents £889 with a 2% increase
Town Council £2,480
Community Centre £27,000
Paramount £227,788

Reserves

Fwd. forecast 2020/21 £137,747
Ear-marked reserves £84,155

Budget

Town Council

£201,042

Community Centre

£47,424

Paramount Cinema

£232,011

General reserves

£114,346

Ear-marked reserves

£84,155 total

£44,580 Extension community centre
£39,575 Paramount renewals

Moved by Cllr Barraclough, Seconded by Cllr Bradbury and **RESOLVED** that the precept for 2021/2022 be set as £189,059 plus the CTSG of £9,860 in line with Council tax band D households and with a total budget of £678,978.

Meeting closed at 19.38

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