

THORNBURY
TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Town Council Meeting
held on Thursday 26th January 2017 in the Council Chamber

Present: Cllr: Helen Harrison (Chairman and Town Mayor)

Cllrs: Benj Emmerson
Vincent Costello
Clare Fardell
Shirley Holloway
Clive Parkinson
Guy Rawlinson
Matthew Stringer
Angela Symonds
Maggie Tyrrel

Clare Nelmes (Town Clerk)
Sandra Richardson (Deputy Clerk)
Graham Smith (RFO)

Apologies: Cllrs: Bob Griffin (Out of Thornbury)
Lesley Tuck
Jayne Stansfield
Gail Whitehead

Absent Cllrs: Pam Shipp
Martin Trueman

MEMBERS'
DECLARATIONS
OF INTEREST

None.

CHAIRMAN'S
REMARKS

29/17. Cllr Helen Harrison informed members that she would be visiting Bufumbo in Uganda whilst she was on her next trip abroad and the new overseas chain would be used

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

None.

TO CONSIDER
AND AGREE THE
BUDGET FOR
2017/18

30/17. Members considered the proposed budget for 2017/18, the associated increase in precept and use of reserves to cover the various works that were required for the following year.

Cllr Maggie Tyrrell commented that although the increase is significant it is going towards investing in new facilities that are much needed.

Cllr Clare Fardell stated that a painful position now would make the financial position of the council going forward much more secure.

Cllr Clive Parkinson said that a decision this year was crucial as future increases to ensure a sustainable budget may not be possible due to government proposals to extend referendum principles to town and parish councils. He asked that £20,000 from reserves be allocated to Grants & Contingencies budget which would not affect the precept request.

It was proposed by Cllr Helen Harrison seconded by Cllr Matthew Stringer and

unanimously agreed that the budget for 2017/18 be accepted and that the Clerk be authorised to submit the precept request to South Gloucestershire Council for £594,183.00 (equating to a 21.5% increase or £22.11 per year).

**THE COUNCIL
PLAN FOR
2017-19**

31/17. The Council Plan had been tabled. It was proposed by Cllr Clive Parkinson seconded by Cllr Matthew Stringer and unanimously agreed that the plan be adopted and kept under review as certain areas needed to be confirmed by committees.

CORRESPONDENCE

None had been received