

# WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL – MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting:</b> Extraordinary Meeting of Full Council	<b>Location / Date / Time:</b> Civic Hall 1800hrs 18/02/16
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<b>Present: (Participants)</b> Cllr. M Guest Cllr R Gill Cllr B O’Kane Cllr C Arrighi Cllr J Laine Cllr J Forster Cllr D Elliot Cllr J Kane Cllr N Williams Cllr G McKew Cllr G Roberts Mr L Abrahams (Clerk) Register Signed by all above	<b>Observer:</b> Public participation (15) Lindsay Tomlinson CBC Fiona Rooney CBC Steve Gibbons <i>SG</i> John Travakis Allotments Sec Donna Bewsher + others Press Sarah Armstrong <b>Apologies</b> None
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ITEM	DETAIL	INITIALS
200/16	<b>Apologies for absence</b> None received. The meeting commenced by consensus at 1800hrs	MG
201/16	<b>Welcome to Extraordinary Meeting of FC.</b> To deal with setting of the 2016/17 Precept prior to budget meeting of Principal Authority on 250216.	MG
202/16	<b>AGENDA ITEM 1</b> <b>Motion to move approval of minutes from meeting of full council held on 280116 to next meeting on 250216.</b> Proposed: MG Seconded GR <b>RESOLVED</b>	MG
203/16	<b>AGENDA ITEM 2</b> <b>Public Participation</b> John Travakis – Allotments secretary Issue with councillor allowances Contracts should go to tender Brief history of allotment issues  Donna and Steve Bewsher Support for Works 4 U <b>Noted for the record by the Clerk</b>	



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204/16	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM 3</b>  <b>Declarations of Interest</b>  Declarations of interest by eight councillors as Members of Copeland Borough Council. MG/GR/RG/BOK/CA/JK/JF  <b>Noted for the record by the Clerk</b></p>	ALL  LA
205/16	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM 5</b>  <b>Motion to conduct URGENT BUSINESS and resolve Precept Option for submission by the RFO to the Principle Authority (Copeland Borough Council) for approval at their budget meeting on 25th February 2016.</b>  Proposed Cllr Laine  Seconded Cllr Roberts  <b>RESOLVED</b> as per motion.</p> <p><b>Discussion</b>  Finance Chair (Cllr Laine) reviewed the revised budgets A &amp; B.</p> <p>Cllr Guest asked for response from Councillors.</p> <p>Cllr Gill asked if the reserve is in addition to the precept for 2016/17. This was confirmed.</p> <p>Cllr Gill asked to be minuted that he opposes any further funding of KIE Park  Cllr O 'Kane We agreed at FinCom to allocate funds to specific areas and make the detail decisions on staffing etc. further down the line.  This is a solid proposal to set a budget to go forward. Best value will come after detail discussion.  Cllr McKew; Agree with statement of Cllr O Kane.  Cllr Laine; As Finance Chair I agree with this budget, the pervious years budget was a benchmark set by CBC and in comparison we have a budget to other towns of similar size. We made a decision not to go with a 19% increase and to make staffing decisions later.  Cllr Roberts: We have a decent set of figures to work with. A balanced budget.  Cllr Forster: I am on FinCom and it's as good as we can get at this time, we will look at best value and staff v contractors later.  Cllr Williams: Agree with Cllr O 'Kane's statement. We are on a steep learning curve for year one and are dealing with unknowns. I remain against increases in per cent and I don't think we should quote percentage figures as they are misleading.  Cllr Arrighi: Agree with Cllr Williams. We need to move on with A or B.  Cllr Kane: Happy with allocation of funds, however I am of the opinion Christmas lights and KIE park should be in Grant allocations. All Final decisions to be made by full council.  Cllr Elliot No objections.</p> <p><b>Supplementary</b>  Cllr O Kane: The public should be aware that Councillor allowances are for expenses not payments.</p>	MG  JL GR ALL  JL  MG  RG  RG BOK  GMcK JL  GR JF  NW  CA JK  DE  BOK

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206/16	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM 5 &amp; 6</b>          Cllr Gill put forward an amendment to have one vote for A or B rather than vote on two separate motions.          Seconded by Cllr Guest.  <b>RESOLVED - Amendment</b>          Cllr Guest moved to vote on the amended motion.</p> <p>Cllr. M Guest    B          Cllr R Gill        A          Cllr B O’Kane    A          Cllr C Arrighi    B          Cllr J Laine        B          Cllr J Forster    A          Cllr D Elliot      A          Cllr J Kane        A          Cllr N Williams <del>A</del> <sup>B</sup>          Cllr G McKew    A          Cllr G Roberts    B</p> <p><sup>6</sup>  <b>7 VOTES for Option A</b>  <del>4</del> <b>VOTES for Option B</b>  <sup>5</sup>  <b>RESOLVED _ Accept Option A No increase to precept</b></p> <p>The Chair meeting closed at 7.30PM</p> <p>END</p> <p>Signed as a True copy</p> <p>Chair_ Cllr M Guest _____ </p>	<p>RG</p> <p>MG</p> <p>MG</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>MG</p>
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