

## ALFRETON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015 AT ALFRETON HOUSE HIGH STREET ALFRETON.

#### PRESENT;

Councillor G Dolman                      Mayor  
Councillor M Bennett                     Deputy Mayor

#### And Councillors:

P Bennett, J Brown, M Brown, P Hunt, M Kerry, J Walker and S Walker

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#### 1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and ACCEPTED from Councillors J Gdula and S Marshall-Clarke (family commitment)

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#### 2. Public Participation

There was none

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#### 3. To receive any declarations of interest from Members.

There was none

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#### 4. To consider any items which should be taken in exclusion of the press and public.

The Town Clerk recommends that the following item(s) are taken in exclusion:

5g. To receive quotations for the Christmas lights Scheme 2015-2019

5i. To receive a report on requirements for additional office equipment

#### **RESOLVED**

To hear items 5g and 5i in exclusion

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#### 5. To receive and consider additional agenda items in the order in which they have been notified.

##### a. To set a budget and subsequent precept for the financial year 2014/2015.

*Members thanked Officers for their work on setting a precept budget. Members considered the detail received in the report.*

#### **RESOLVED**

Members agreed to accept a precept of £142,909.00 in **addition** to the Precept Support Grant of £22,599.00 totalling £165,508.00. Two equal payments of £82,754.

This equates to a 0.46% increase in precept from 2014/2015.

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##### b. To consider a response to Alfreton Grange Arts College Hard Federation

*Members discussed the report received. Further development has been made with the School since the issuing of the Agenda.*

#### **RESOLVED**

To make no further response at this time as an interim board has been implemented and await further development

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##### c. To hear from a representative of Alfreton Hall

*Members heard a presentation from Josh Holmes regarding ideas for Movie Nights, Fireworks and Night at the Proms.*

#### **RESOLVED**

For the Town Clerk to discuss the request further with Alfreton Hall and request that an application for a grant is received for the Council to consider the request further

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- d. To receive a report on concerns with the crossing of Mansfield Road

*Members heard from the councillor concerned with the crossing.*

**RESOLVED**

That a request is sent to Derbyshire County Council, copied to Ward members, to meet with the Councillor concerned at the site to discuss the concerns

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- e. To consider renewal of Open Spaces membership

*Members considered the membership*

**RESOLVED**

To subscribe for membership from 01/02/2015 at a cost of £45.00 from the Properties budget

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- f. To reconsider a grant application from Rendezvous Group (£500.00)

*Members considered the applications received and mindful of the Local Government Act 2000 section 2 as amended by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 section 77 and their Powers of Wellbeing:*

**RESOLVED**

To approve a grant of £500.00 to rendezvous Group

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- g. Item taken in exclusion
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- h. To consider a response to an email received regarding Miss Alfreton

*Members considered the detail of the email received.*

**RESOLVED**

That a response is sent informing that Party in the Park is held annually in Alfreton and send details of the event organisers for the suggestion to be made to them

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- i. Item taken in exclusion
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- j. Vacancy of a Town Councillor

*Members discussed the detail of the report.*

**RESOLVED**

1. That due to the timescales for the General Election the vacancy remains open.
  2. That a cost of advertising the co-option is estimated and made available to the Council
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- k. To consider support for a calendar of Alfreton

*The Town Clerk read the details of the letter received*

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk obtains further information regarding the event and reminds the Councillors nearer the time. In consultation with the Mayor a donation may be made from the Mayors allowance

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Staff heard an update from the Town Mayor on staffing issues in the Office.

**RESOLVED**

That a temporary member of staff will be used to fill the current shortfall of hours.

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The Full Council meeting has been cancelled for 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015

**RESOLVED**

That delegated powers are given to the Mayor, leader and support member for Finance and personnel to approve payments for January and early February mindful of point 5.5a of the Financial Regulations.