



**Alfreton Town Council  
Agenda 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**

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Town Mayor and  
Elected Members  
Alfreton Town Council.

16<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Member,

I hereby give you notice that the next meeting of the Full Council will be held

at **Room 1, Alfreton House**

on: **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 at 7 pm**

All Members of the Council are summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving the business to be transacted as set out in the following agenda.

Yours sincerely,

*Tina Crookes*

Tina Crookes  
Town Clerk and Proper Officer

## MEETING OF ALFRETON TOWN COUNCIL

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### ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### **129/23 To receive apologies for absence**

#### **130/23 To receive any declarations of interest from Members**

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest, not already on their register of interests, in any item on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time, or to request a dispensation. Please note that appropriate forms should be completed prior to commencement of the meeting.

- a. Does setting the Council Tax or precept give rise to a DPI?

The LGA is clear that you do not have a DPI simply if you are voting to set the Council Tax or precept. Guidance issued by the Government in 2013 made clear that 'any payment of, or liability to pay, council tax does not create a disclosable pecuniary interest as defined in the national rules; hence being a council tax payer does not mean that you need a dispensation to take part in the business of setting the council tax or precept or local arrangements for council tax support.'

The Council Tax and precept are charges on all relevant properties in the area and do not directly relate to any single property in such a way as to give rise to a DPI.

Members are therefore fully entitled to vote on the matter (subject to rules about Council tax arrears). (Source: LGA, 2024)

#### **131/23 Recording and Filming of Council and Committee Meetings**

The right to record, film and to broadcast meetings of the council and committees is established following the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014. This is in addition to the rights of the press and public to attend such meetings. Meetings or parts of the meetings from which the press and public are excluded may not be filmed or recorded. Members of the public are permitted to film or record meetings to which they are permitted access, in a non-disruptive manner.

- a. For the purposes of minute taking an Officer will record the meeting.
- b. To receive a response from the Monitoring Officer regarding the recording of meetings.

#### **132/23 Public Participation**

The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting shall not exceed 20 minutes, a member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes, unless directed by the Town Mayor of the meeting. A question may only be asked if notice has been given by delivering it in writing or e-mail to the Town Clerk 7 clear days before the meeting, unless the Town Mayor regards it as urgent in their opinion. A separate public participation procedure exists.

[Link to Alfreton Town Council policies and procedures](#)

#### **133/23 To consider any items which should be taken in exclusion of the press and public**

If the Council decides to exclude the press and public it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms:- "That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, to consider a resolution to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item. *A reason must be stated*

**134/23 To hear from a representative of Derbyshire Police should one be available**

**135/23 To read and consider the Minutes of the Meeting of Alfreton Town Council held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 copies have been circulated to each Member with the summons to attend the meeting; the Minutes may be taken as read.**

**136/23 After consideration to approve the signature of the Meeting Minutes of Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 by the person presiding as a correct record**

**137/23 To read and consider the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Alfreton Town Council held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 copies have been circulated to each Member with the summons to attend the meeting; the Minutes may be taken as read.**

**138/23 After consideration to approve the signature of the Extraordinary Meeting Minutes of Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 by the person presiding as a correct record**

**139/23 To dispose of business, if any, remaining from the last meeting**

There is none

**140/23 To receive and consider reports and minutes of committees and working groups**

There were none

**141/23 To receive and consider additional agenda items in the order in which they have been notified.**

- a. To set a budget for the financial year 2024/2025 of £285,957.16
- b. To receive a report on the emptying of the bins at the Bus Station
- c. To receive a report on the provision of dog bags
- d. To note the resignation of Councillor A Richardson and to note the co-option policy and procedure (Provided in September to all members)
- e. To receive a report on Motorbike Inhibitors
- f. To receive a grant application from Warriors for £720.00 (Papers to follow)
- g. To receive a grant application from AYUP for £702.00 (Papers to follow)

**142/23 To ratify the signing of orders for payment**

- a. To receive and approve payments for December 2023 £15,906.52
- b. To approve the bank reconciliation for December 2023 (Papers to follow)

**143/23 To receive reports from Members who may have attended Outside Bodies meetings**

**144/23 To note correspondence received**

**145/23 To consider 4 topics for communication**

**146/23 To review and approve the following policies:**

1. Risk Management Policy
2. Equal Opportunities

**147/23 To consider Planning Applications – one application has been received since the last meeting:**

*Consultation Date - 2/Jan/2024*

Ref: [AVA/2023/0929](#)  
Address: Thalia Aesthetics SkinCare And Beauty, 58 Grange Street, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 4JB,  
Proposal: Application for sui-generis to add smpu tattooing treatments  
Date Valid: 20/Dec/2023  
Decision Expected: 7/Feb/2024  
Decision Issued:

**148/23 To receive written reports from AVBC Councillors**

None received

**The date of next meeting is scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

## BULLYING AND HARASSMENT STATEMENT

We treat everyone with courtesy and respect and ask for the same in return. We ask that you treat your councillors and council staff courteously without violence, abuse, or harassment.

Councillors and council staff have the right to carry out their civic duties and work without fear of being attacked or abused. Any behaviour whether that be verbal, physical or in writing, which causes either councillors or council staff to feel uncomfortable, embarrassed, or threatened, is totally unacceptable.

The zero-tolerance policy includes abuse, aggression or threats made in person, over the telephone or in written communication, including on social media. The council considers threatening behaviour to be:

Attempted or actual aggressive, or physical actions made towards any councillor or member of staff.

The use of aggressive, or abusive language, (including raising of the voice, swearing, shouting or in writing) which threatens or intimidates councillors or council staff".

This policy applies throughout all Council Meetings, but it also applies to any Councillor or Council Staff away from Council Meetings



### STOP BULLYING



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