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Alfreton Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

held on Tuesday 23rd January 2024

in Room 1, Alfreton House

Present:

Councillors J Bate, M Bennett, M Kerry, J Walker, S Walker, J Whetton, K Wood

# **MEETING OF ALFRETON TOWN COUNCIL**

# **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

As the Mayor and Deputy Mayor were absent, standing orders were suspended and Councillor S Walker voted into the Chair.

The standing orders were reinstated.

## 129/23 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors G Dolman, H Jowett-Frost, S Marshall-Clarke, C Morcombe, D Taylor

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

Declarations were received from Councillors;

S Walker – Item 141/23f – Personal interest, to remain in the meeting

M Kerry - Item 141/23f – Personal interest, to remain in the meeting

M Bennett - Item 141/23f – Personal interest, to remain in the meeting

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

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

**RESOLVED**

That the advice is noted

## 132/23 Public Participation

There were none

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

There were none

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

No representative was available.

That the following matters are raised for a response from the Police and PCC;

1. Information on the fire on the High Street. What have enquiries found?
2. Report suspicion of drug dealing behind the shops on the High Street (Marios to Barclays)

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

**RESOLVED**

The minutes were read

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

**RESOLVED**

The minutes were approved as a correct record

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

**RESOLVED**

The minutes were read

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

**RESOLVED**

The minutes were approved 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.

1. To set a budget for the financial year 2024/2025 of £285,957.16

**RESOLVED**

Unanimously voted to accept

1. That the attached budget proposal is approved with a requested precept of £231,385.00. (appendix 1)
2. That under the provisions of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, s41, The Council of the Borough of Amber Valley being the charging Authority for the said Borough are given notice that in the respect of the financial year beginning 1 April 2024 that Alfreton Town Council will require from them the sum of £231,385.00 to meet the expenses of the Town Council and that Alfreton Town Council require Amber Valley Borough Council to levy the said sum as an additional item of the Council Tax
3. Councillors placed on record their thanks to staff for their work in producing the detailed budget report
4. To receive a report on the emptying of the bins at the Bus Station

**RESOLVED**

That the emptying of the bins at the bus station is stopped from 1st February 2024 at an estimated saving of £4,320 per annum

1. To receive a report on the provision of dog bags

**RESOLVED**

1. That the provision is provided from the foyer of the Office and monitored for 3 months
2. That a post is placed on social media stating available from office, food bank and loaves and fishes weekly
3. To note the resignation of Councillor A Richardson and to note the co-option policy and procedure

**RESOLVED**

The resignation, notice and process were noted

1. To receive a report on Motorbike Inhibitors

**RESOLVED**

1. That the quotations are rejected and that the motorbike inhibitors are not installed
2. That a budget up to £500 is set for replacement fencing and spring catches from the Environment budget
3. To receive a grant application from Warriors for £720.00

**RESOLVED**

That on Officer advice the application is refused due to not meeting the criteria of the grant policy

1. To receive a grant application from AYUP for £702.00

The Clerk noted an interest in this item for transparency purposes

**RESOLVED**

That the application is approved and £702.00 awarded to AYUP

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

1. To receive and approve payments for December 2023 £15,906.52

**RESOLVED**

That the payments for December are approved of £15,906.52

1. To approve the bank reconciliation for December 2023

**RESOLVED**

That the payments for December are approved of £15,906.52

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

Councillor Marlene Bennett updated from ACTS – Easter parade being organised, dates to be confirmed

## 144/23 To note correspondence received

EMR – request confirmation that office will be opened as advertised

EMR – CIS email on next agenda

Post Office – add to next agenda

## 145/23 To consider 4 topics for communication

Railway – ticket office and disabled access

AYUP grant

ATFC Junior membership

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

1. Risk Management Policy
2. Equal Opportunities

## 147/23 To consider Planning Applications – applications have been received since the last meeting

**RESOLVED**

The applications were noted

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

A verbal update was received from Councillor K Wood –

Welfare Park – work progressing with finish date anticipated for April 2024

Train station update – meeting held on 18/01/24. £6.5m investment for disabled access.

**The date of next meeting is scheduled for 20th February 2024.**

The minutes were approved as a correct record

Signed…………………………………………………

Dated……………………………

**Appendix 1 – Accepted budget and precept for 2024/25.**

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