

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF EDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 28th JANUARY, 2019 AT 4.30PM IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, STUBBINS HILL, EDLINGTON

Present: Mayor Rob Reid (Chairman) and Councillors Keri Anderson, Joan Briggs, Maureen Patterson, Daniel Sweeney and Linda Smith.

Also in Attendance: Simon Oldham (Town Clerk).

2019.18 To consider and approve apologies for absence.

None.

2019.19 To consider motions for the variation to the order of business (if any).

None.

2019.20 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's code of conduct or Members register of disclosable pecuniary interests.

None.

2019.21 To identify items for which the press and public may be excluded (if any).

None.

2019.22 Reconsideration and determination of the Parish Precept/Budget for 2019/20 deferred from meeting on 15th January, 2019 and in light of this, to consider whether to proceed with the proposed CCTV installation at the Community Woodland perimeter bordering the Recreation ground.

RESOLVED (1) to note the revised draft budget/precept presented by the Clerk and supplementary information explaining the budgetary pressures facing the Town Council as a result of the reduction in Council Tax Support Grant of £7925 in 2019/20 and its phasing out entirely from 2020/21; (2) to note and support the revised draft projected income/expenditure estimates for 2019/20 and the current summary of the Council's reserves, prepared by the Clerk incorporating the following budgetary savings and additional fee income :-

Approved budget reductions:

Allotments		1000
Rec/Miners Garden		1000
Member/Officer Training		200
Admin/Audit		200
Community Centre		300
Cemetery		0
S137 Grant funding		500
Gala		250
Miscellaneous		0
Community Woodland		3000
Xmas Events		568
Remembrance/Armistice		350
TOTAL		7368

Approved increase in fees:

Grainger Hire		1395
Allotment Fees		102
Cemetery fees		0
Overall savings supported		8865

Representing a £1 per hour fee increase for hire of the Grainger Centre, effective from 1/4/19 and a 5% increase in allotment fees in 2020.

(3) the savings indicated in (2) above relating to Christmas events include the ceasing of providing a Senior Citizen's Bingo event in 2019;

(4) in light of the revised projected income/expenditure estimates, incorporating the efficiencies set out at (2) above, the Precept be set at £127601 for 2019/20 representing a 8.02% increase on last year's precept and a total funding requirement of £135526 (i.e. Precept £127601 plus £7925 Council Tax Support Grant) and the Clerk be requested to notify DMBC Finance Team accordingly and

(5) to agree not to proceed at present with funding of the CCTV project from accumulated reserves for the recreationground/community woodland in light of the budget pressures faced by the reduction of Council Tax Support Grant and its phasing out entirely from 2020/21 (coupled with the increased revenue costs of circa £2800 that the project would incur with annual maintenance and Central control monitoring costs) and further considerations be investigated on the scope for proceeding with the project either by sourcing grant funding or other potential options.

2019.23 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 12th February, 2019 at 10.00am.

The meeting closed at 5pm.