NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER 2022 AT 15.00 HRS AT THE TOWN HALL.

Councillors: p K E Craze – Chairman

B Murrow – Vice Chairman

p G R Blunden

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p S J Clarke

In attendance: Cllrs D Hawkins, A D O'Sullivan

Officer: G Flexman - Town Clerk

The Chairman welcomed everyone to this first budget meeting for 2023-24 of the Executives.

25. APOLOGIES – Cllr B Murrow

26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members have a general dispensation to discuss budgets and set a precept for 2023-24.

27. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

28. MINUTES

The Chairman referred to the minutes of the last meeting held on 30 September 2022.

It was

RESOLVED: That the minutes of 30 September 2022 be signed as a correct record.

The minutes were duly signed.

29. MATTERS ARISING – That a Working Group be set up to consider Project Progress.

30. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman said that after several email exchanges with local residents of Marine Drive West, and also John Sorrell, Parking Services Team Manager at HCC, John has spoken to Nicholas Waite of the Gypsy and Traveller Team and will visit the in-situ camper van on the cliff top next week, speak to the owner and issue a 'Moving On' Notice if appropriate.

31. COMMITTEE BUDGETS 2023-24

The Town Clerk referred to Appendix 1, being first draft of Committee Budgets for 2023-24.

Members went through the budgets page by page. The Town Clerk highlighted the overall budget of £1.282m with proposed Cap Ex of £120k again which was agreed by members. Where appropriate, an inflation rate of 10% has been used, based on half year projections and likely expenditure next year. Regarding salaries and wages, a rise of £2k per employee was budgeted, based on national negotiations. Overall staff numbers will remain the same.

Subject to some minor amendments, Committee Budgets for 2023/2024 would be endorsed at the Executive Committee at its meeting on Friday 11 November 2022 for consideration by the standing committees, Amenities on 28 November and F&GP on 19 December 2022.

There was also discussion about transferring £22.5k from General Reserve to reduce the Precept to £1,259,740 resulting in an overall increase of 4.98%, similar to last year, but that would be down to full Town Council when approving the final precept on 3 January 2023.

RESOLVED: Executives meet on 11 November 2022 to recommend 2023-24 budget.

32. YOUTH STRATEGY

Cllr Clarke said this was discussed at the last Execs meeting on 30 September, but the Chairman explained he wanted to establish precisely who would be on the Youth Strategy Working Group with Cllrs David Hawkins, Steve Clarke, Keith Craze and Geoff Blunden. (Post Meeting Note: Silma Ramsaywack & Helen Wallis-Dowling also expressed interest).

It was previously agreed a Working Group be set up to look at the council's future Youth Strategy, including the Ashley Community building, future direction of youth services within the town, coordinating with other organisations, and how best to facilitate this over the next 6 months utilising the current Youth Services Manager on a consultancy basis, as required.

RESOLVED: That the Working Group meet to discuss / agree NMTC Youth Strategy.

33. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Steve Clarke updated members on Gore Road matters:

- a) Strategic Site meeting is being held on 10 November at 1.00pm, being Teams Meeting update from agents regarding housing land at Gore Road.
- b) Community HUB Outline Planning Application number 22/11157. Decision due by 8 December. Town Council has an Option to Buy land for £100k once OPP granted.
- c) Application for 17 houses adjacent to Old Barn. Brian Stevenson and Darryl Howells attended NMTC Planning Committee yesterday and advised there had been a change in circumstances that arose from NFDC drafting a Heads of Term on the S106 Agreement, so the application is having to go back to NFDC Planning Committee on 9th November.

34. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Next Execs Meeting Friday 11 November 2022 at 3.00pm

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 4.30 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

CHAIRMAN	 DATE	
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