

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Town Council meeting held on
Tuesday 21st January 2025 in The Space, Market Walk, Keynsham
at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs Adrian Beaumont, Alex Beaumont, D Biddleston, D Brassington, C Brennan, M Burton, E Cannon, C Davis, C Fricker, A Greenfield, A Halliday, H MacFie, C Leonard and A Wait.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dawn Drury – Town Clerk, Alan Jenner – Assistant Town Clerk and Mandy Hazell – Responsible Financial Officer

266. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

267. NOT PRESENT

Cllr S Alenshasy.

268. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

269. DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

270. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

To note that the Town Council's next ordinary meeting is after this Extra Ordinary meeting at 8.00 pm.

271. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

In accordance with Standing Order 3(d) to RESOLVE that pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of the matter to be transacted - agenda items 6 - 9 to progress sensitive issues.

272. PRESENTATION BY AN OFFICER AND ARCHITECT CONTRACTOR IN RESPECT OF THE KEYNSHAM MEMORIAL PARK 4 YEAR PLAN.

RESOLVED:

- (i) *To receive and note the presentation.*
- (ii) *To approve the match funding for the Keynsham Memorial Park.*

273. RESTRUCTURING OF YOUTH SERVICE

RESOLVED:

- (i) To receive and note the report.*
- (ii) To approve the recommendations.*

274. 2025/2026 BUDGET

RESOLVED:

- (i) To receive and note the budget including the recommendations in respect of salaries from the Personnel Committee meeting on 8th January 2025 and Finance and Policy Committee meeting on 14th January 2025.*
- (ii) To receive a recommendation from Finance and Policy Committee to approve the final budget for 2025/2026.*
- (iii) To approve the Earmarked Reserves Drawdown.*

A request was made for named votes to be recorded in the minutes in respect of approving the budget for 2025 -2026.

Cllr E Cannon proposed the motion for Earmarked Reserves Drawdown.
Cllr M Burton seconded the motion for Earmarked Reserves Drawdown.

Votes in support of the Earmarked Reserves Drawdown: Cllrs Adrian Beaumont, Alex Beaumont, D Biddleston, D Brassington, M Burton, E Cannon, C Davis, C Fricker, A Greenfield, A H MacFie, C Leonard and A Wait

Abstentions: Cllr C Brennan and A Halliday.

There were no objections.

Note: Cllr Brennan left the room.

- (iv) To approve the General Reserves.*

A request was made for named votes to be recorded in the minutes in respect of approving the General Reserves for 2025-2026.

Cllr E Cannon proposed the motion for the General Reserves to be approved.

Cllr Alex Beaumont seconded the motion for the General Reserves to be approved.

Votes in support of the General Reserves: Cllrs Adrian Beaumont, Alex Beaumont, D Biddleston,

D Brassington, M Burton, E Cannon, C Davis, C Fricker, A Greenfield, A Halliday, H MacFie and C Leonard.

Abstention: Cllr A Wait.

There were no objections.

Cllr Brennan was out of the room.

275. 2025/2026 PRECEPT OPTIONS

RESOLVED:

- (i) To receive the calculations for the 2025/2026 Precept based on the Budget from agenda item 8.*
- (ii) To receive and note the resolutions from the Finance & Policy Committee to increase the Precept by 12%.*
- (iii) That the Precept papers for option 1 and option 2 be received and noted.*
- (iv) That the Precept papers option 2 be used in the decision of the precept.*

A request was made for named votes in respect of the following motion.

Cllr E Cannon proposed the motion for a Precept increase of 41%.

Cllr M Burton seconded the motion for the Precept increase of 41% to be approved.

Votes in support of the proposed 41% Precept increase: Cllrs D Biddleston, M Burton, E Cannon, C Davis,

Objections: Cllrs Adrian Beaumont, Alex Beaumont, D Brassington, C Fricker, A Greenfield, A Halliday, H MacFie, C Leonard and A Wait

Abstention: Cllr Brennan

- (v) To note that the Clerk and the RFO recommended an increase of 40.63% to create a balanced budget.*

A request was made for named votes to be recorded in the minutes in respect of approving the Precept for 2025 -2026.

Cllr A Wait proposed the motion for a Precept of 12%.

Cllr Alex Beaumont seconded the motion for a Precept of 12%.

Votes in support of the Precept of 12%: Cllrs Adrian Beaumont, Alex Beaumont, D Brassington, C Fricker, A Greenfield, A Halliday, H MacFie and C Leonard.

Votes against the motion for a Precept of 12% increase.

D Biddleston, M Burton, E Cannon, C Davis,

There were no objections.

Cllr Brennan was out of the room.

(vi) That a Precept increase figure of 12% for 2025 – 2026 be approved.

(vii) That the Precept Requirements form for 2025 – 2026 be signed by the Town Clerk and returned to B&NES Council.

A request was made for named votes to be recorded in the minutes in respect of approving an affordable version of the budget with a reduced budget of £100,000.00. This decision was made as the Precept decision is below 40.63% (balanced budget).

Cllr A Wait proposed the motion to use the affordable version of the budget with a reduced budget of £100,000.00. This decision was made as the precept decision is below 40.63% (balanced budget).

Cllr A Greenfield seconded the motion to use the affordable version of the budget with a reduced budget of £100,000.00. This decision was made as the precept decision is below 40.63% (balanced budget).

Votes in support of the affordable version of the budget with a reduced budget of £100,000.00. This decision was made as the precept decision is below 40.63% (balanced budget): Cllrs Adrian Beaumont, Alex Beaumont, D Brassington, C Fricker, A Greenfield, H MacFie and C Leonard.

Votes against the motion of the affordable version of the budget with a reduced budget of £100,000.00. This decision was made as the precept decision is below 40.63% (balanced budget): Cllrs D Biddleston, M Burton, E Cannon and C Davis.

Abstentions: Cllrs C Brennan and A Halliday,

(i) To approve the affordable version of the budget with a reduced budget of £100,000.00. This decision was made as the precept decision is below 40.63% (balanced budget).

(ii) To note that formation of a Sub-Committee will be approved at the next Town Council meeting to consider the reduction of the budget by

£100,000.00.

The meeting finished at 8.20 p.m.

Signed: (Chairman) Dated:

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