



MINUTES

Of the Town Council's
Annual Council Meeting
held on
Thursday 4th January 2024

PRESENT: Councillors: Aston Blasczyk, Carter, Chikandamina, Cooke, Davies, Hannington, Heighway, Hunt, Mehta, Parnaby, Preece & Turley.

APOLOGIES: Councillors: Parker.

Staff: Simon Eccleston (Clerk), Sarah Houlston (Deputy Clerk)

A quorum was present when decisions were made. Name's present must be recorded.

OCM24/15	Chair opens the meeting at 6pm
OCM24/16	Apologies Apologies for Councillor Parker for family reasons Proposed Councillor Turley Seconded Councillor Blasczyk Unanimously agreed by all councillors
	Public Session No members of the public present
OCM24/17	Minutes RESOLVED MINUTES FROM OCM 12 th June 2023 ARE APPROVED Proposed Councillor Mehta Seconded Councillor Chikandamina Unanimously agreed by all councillors who were present at the June meeting
OCM24/18	Borough Cllr Update Councillor Mehta has been working on reducing ASB, visual improvement on Dawley High Street & conducting work in his ward. Councillor Preece has been working alongside Councillor Mehta.
OCM24/19	Grants Verbal update from the Clerk detailing year to date expenditure & remaining balances. Verbal update from Clerk regarding grant request from Dawley Town FC for upto the value of £6,250 for work at Doseley Road.



	Councillor Heighway highlights concern as the grant is for retrospective work The Clerk explains that when the original work came in that the work had not been completed. Councillor Preece explained the deadlines with completing the work with regards to the Football Association. Councillor Aston stated she felt comfortable contributing half the funds. Councillor Cooke shared that he would also be comfortable to do same. Councillor Davies informs council that GDTC has a long history of supporting Dawley Town FC through projects such as ground maintenance & shirt sponsorship. Councillor Davies highlights the desire to continue to work with Dawley Town FC on future projects. Councillor Davies proposes that this grant is declined in full at this stage and that the club are invited to apply for another grant for work not yet completed to comply with the councils grant criteria. Proposed Councillor Davies Seconded Councillor Parnaby Councillor Preece & Councillor Hannington abstained. Unanimously agreed by all councillors. Councillor Ward Fund Request from Councillor Shaun Davies & Councillor Elise Davies for match funding for below projects. Old Park Year 6 leavers trip £250 each councillor Ladygrove Year 6 leavers trip £250 each councillor Chatty Club Malinslee £250 each councillor Baby Babble £175 each councillor RESOLVED MATCH FUNDING IS APPROVED Proposed Councillor Preece Seconded Councillor Mehta Unanimously agreed by all councillors. Councillor Mehta reminds Councillors that there is a submission deadline of 31st January for Borough Councillors and has asked if any further requests could be delegated to the Clerk for approval. RESOLVED- CLERK IS GIVEN DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO APPROVE MATCH FUNDING REQUESTD UNTIL 31ST JANUARY 2024. Proposed Councillor Chikandamina Seconded Councillor Hannington Unanimously agreed by all councillors.
OCM24/20	Finance The Council is to receive and authorise list of expenditure for October & November The Council is to receive and authorise AdvantEdge Finance Report reconciled until November 2023 The Council is to receive and authorise GPC Expenditure Report September & October 2023



	RESOLVED- FINANCE REPORTS APPROVED Proposed Councillor Turley Seconded Councillor Preece Unanimously agreed by all councillors.
OCM24/21	Finance- Budget setting for 2024/25 Clerk to present budget recommended at the Exec Committee meeting in November for discussion. The recommended budget sets the net precept at £769,384-97 which is a weekly increase of £1.09 per band D household. At the previous meeting the Exec committee looked at further ways the Council could reduce the burden on households, the Clerk & Chair were tasked to look into what actions could be recommended. After reviewing income and looking at new ways of raising revenue, along with reviewing expenditure, the Council have been presented a budget that sets the net precept at £719,384-97 which is a weekly increase of 76p per Band D household. Council are pleased that this budget allows the continued delivery of events including Dawley Day, Malinslee Big Picnic, Annual Barmouth trip, Christmas parties and the Christmas lights switch- ons whilst also continuing to deliver essential services such as the community action team and the youth service. The budget ensures community buildings are kept open for valued community groups & services and that amenities such as play parks, bus shelters and bins are maintained. RESOLVED COUNCIL SET THE NET PRECEPT FOR 2024/25 AT £719,384-97 Proposed Councillor Parnaby Seconded by Councillor Hunt Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

Meeting closed at 6.45pm