

**DEVIZES TOWN COUNCIL**  
**19<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Councillors:	Burton	Carter	Corbett
	P Evans	S Evans	Gay
	Geddes	Giraud-Saunders	Hopkins
	Johnson	Nash	Parsons
	Pennington	Rose	Rowland

Officers:       Simon Fisher –Town Clerk  
                  Richard Hopkins – Administration & Finance Manager

Members of the Public: None

**441. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**442. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bridewell, Greenwood, Godwin, Von Berg, Stevens and Shaw

**443. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**444. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**445. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 15**

None.

**446. MINUTES OF MEETINGS FOR INFORMATION**

The committee noted the list of meetings, whose minutes have been signed, held since the last meeting of the Council.

**447. PROCEDURE: SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO 5**

It was proposed by Councillor Giraud-Saunders, seconded by Councillor Evans and  
**RESOLVED**

THAT For the purposes of dealing with the remaining items on the agenda, Standing Order No 5 (Members to stand when speaking) be suspended.

**448. REPRESENTATION FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS**

None.

**449. FOR INFORMATION – PROJECT LIST**

The report was received and noted.

**450. FOR DECISION - ADOPTION OF BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021**

It was proposed by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Johnson and  
AGREED unanimously

THAT the Council agrees the recommended budget for 2020/21.

**451. FOR DECISION – AGREE PRECEPT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/21**

It was proposed by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Pennington and  
AGREED unanimously

THAT the Council agrees the precept of £1,037,180 for the financial  
year 2020/21, as indicated by the agreed budget.

**452. FOR DECISION – APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR AS MAYORAL  
NOMINATION FOR 2020/21**

It was proposed by Councillor Hopkins, seconded by Councillor Carter and AGREED

THAT Councillor Andrew Johnson is confirmed as the nomination for  
Town Mayor for the municipal year 2020/21.

**453. FOR DECISION – PUBLICATION SCHEME**

It was proposed by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Carter and  
AGREED unanimously

THAT the amended Publication Scheme is adopted by Council.

**454. FOR DECISION – CLIMATE EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

After some discussion it was proposed by Councillor Geddes, seconded by  
Councillor Carter and AGREED unanimously

THAT the committee notes and shares the community's concern about  
changes to our climate and recognise that whilst the Council  
has already taken some steps to address the authority's carbon  
footprint, it will seek to formulate environmental policies that will  
further reduce the Council's environmental impact.

**455. COMMON SEAL**

It was proposed by Councillor Geddes, seconded by Councillor Johnson and agreed unanimously

THAT the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to or the Town Clerk do sign on behalf of the Council where appropriate any Orders, Deeds or Documents necessary to give effect to any of the matters and recommendations contained in the reports received and adopted at this meeting or other decisions of the Council thereat.

**456. QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions.

**457. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

**458. ADDITIONAL ITEM FOR DECISION – NOMINATION OF THE WHARF THEATRE TO BE LISTED AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE**

It was proposed by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Geddes and AGREED unanimously

THAT the Council agrees that the Wharf Theatre meets the listing criteria as an Asset of Community Value.

CHAIRMAN