

DEVIZES TOWN COUNCIL
16th December 2021

Councillors: Britten Brown Corbett
 East Gay Geddes
 Giraud-Saunders Greenwood Hoult
 Hunter Nash Oliver
 Rose Stevens Wallis
 Wooldridge

Officers: Simon Fisher –Town Clerk
 Jan Rendle – Committee Administrator

Members of the Public: One

390. MINUTES

The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14th October 2021, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

391. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burton, Bridewell, Hopkins, Pennington and Ormerod.

392. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None declared.

393. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

394. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 15

None.

395. 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.

396. PROCEDURE: SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO 5

It was proposed by Councillor Greenwood, seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders 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.

397. FOR INFORMATION – SUSTAINABILITY WORKING PARTY

Wiltshire Councillor Graham Wright had asked to see the report, suggesting that it could be used as a model for other towns; it was intended to invite him to a future meeting of the working party. Officers confirmed that, as members had now had sight of the report, it would be published widely within the community.

398. FOR DECISION – APPOINTMENT OF MAYORAL NOMINATION FOR CIVIC YEAR 2022/2023

Councillor Giraud-Saunders nominated Councillor Peter Corbett for election as Mayor for the municipal year 2022/2023, and was seconded by Councillor Greenwood.

There being no further nominations, members voted on the proposal and it was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT Councillor Peter Corbett receives the Council's nomination as Town Mayor for the following municipal year.

399. FOR DECISION – ADOPTION OF BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-2023

Some members considered there to have been a lack of input and scrutiny of the budget by Councillors, although it was noted that the budget had been presented for discussion at the previous meeting. Members requested that a Finance Committee be established to oversee the budget more closely. Following some discussion, it was suggested that a members' working party could be set up more quickly, with a formal committee being formed at a future date.

It was proposed by Councillor Corbett, seconded by Councillor Nash and AGREED

THAT the Committee accepts the revised draft budget for 2022/23, with the proviso that a finance working group be set up at the earliest opportunity.

Councillor Wallis abstained from the vote.

It was further proposed by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Greenwood and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the establishment of a Finance working party would be added to the next agenda of the Community & Civic Resources Committee, to be held on 4th January 2022.

400. FOR DECISION – AGREE PRECEPT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/23

It was proposed by Councillor Nash, seconded by Councillor Greenwood and
RESOLVED

THAT Council agrees the setting of the precept for the financial year
2022/2023 at £1,101,013.

Councillor Wallis abstained from the vote.

401. COMMON SEAL

It was proposed by Councillor Giraud-Saunders, seconded by Councillor Oliver and
AGREED

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.

402. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

403. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The member of the public queried a missing Mediaeval Trail plaque. It was
confirmed that officers would investigate this issue.

CHAIRMAN