

AT A MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Monday 21 January 2019

Present: The Mayor, T Abram, the Deputy Mayor, Cllr M Cosgrove, Cllrs E J Wilcox, A J Walker, D Simmons, N Kay, S Campbell, G Wade, C Belsom, A Hook

In attendance: Louise Bareham, Town Clerk

Absent: Cllrs Mulhern, Martin, Green

Questions from Members of the public are recorded as an annex to the minutes.

578. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Flower. It was proposed by the Mayor, Cllr Abram, and, on being put to the meeting, it was **RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllr Flower**

579. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

580. CIVIC

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the budget at £7,250**

581. STAFFING AND PROFESSIONAL

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the budget at £161,450 subject to further comment during Private Session.**

582. OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATION

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the budget at £61,590**

583. THE ALEXANDER CENTRE

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the budget at £4,000**

584. THE GUILDHALL

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the budget at £11,800**

585. FRONT BRENTS JETTY

It was noted that the figure of £14,000 had been included within the budget to facilitate a loan for the replacement of the jetty, although it was anticipated that the funds would not be required until 2020-2021. It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the budget at £15,720**

586. TOWN CARETAKER

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the budget at £2,200**

587. COMMUNITY GRANTS

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the budget at £26,000**

588. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the budget at £9,120**

589. EVENTS

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the budget at £9,120**

590. PUBLIC REALM GROUP

The Town Caretaker is undertaking work at minimal cost, some was being funded by Swale Borough Council and further work would use the existing reserves. It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the budget at NIL**

591. SPECIAL PROVISION

Faversham's Magna Carta was recognised for its national importance and the Council was being encouraged to maintain a permanent exhibition. It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the budget at £51,200**

592 HERITAGE HUB

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the budget at £34,220**

593. INCOME

The projected income of £380,534 was noted.

594. SUMMARY OF RESERVES

The projected reserves were noted and will be confirmed after 1st April 2019. Cllr Simmons confirmed the need to leave the £5,000 commitment for ZF5 rather than general footpaths.

595. PRECEPT 2019-2020

Cllr Cosgrove suggested that the budget be agreed at the December Town Council meeting, rather than a separate Finance Meeting in January in future. It was agreed that the Budget Workshop was a useful event, although it did not preclude items being added, but should be held during November.

It was proposed by Cllr Simmons, seconded by Cllr Walker and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to set the Precept for 2019/2020 at £368,684 with the Band D remaining at £57.99.**

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting ***It was RESOLVED under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business, as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.***

596. STAFFING AND PROFESSIONAL

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the recommendations of the Staffing Committee**

ANNEX

No questions from the public were received