

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the **TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL** held at the Council Chamber, Drake Road, Tavistock on **TUESDAY 11th February, 2020 at 6.40pm.**

PRESENT Councillor Mrs A Johnson (Mayor)

Councillors Ms L Crawford, J Ellis, Mrs M Ewings, A Fey, A Lewis, Mrs U Mann, Mrs G Parker, G Parker, B Smith, H Smith, P Squire, A Venning, P Ward and P Williamson.

IN ATTENDANCE Town Clerk, General Manager, Assistant to the Town Clerk.

335. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors A Hutton and J Moody.

336. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The following declaration of interest was made – Councillor Mrs M Ewings declared a personal interest in the setting of the Precept and Budget insofar as it related to public conveniences by virtue of being a Member of West Devon Borough Council.

337. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the meeting of Tavistock Town Council held on Tuesday 14th January, 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

338. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

No Public representations or questions had been received.

ITEMS REQUIRING A DECISION

339. COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2020 - 2021

Further to the consideration of the Budget and Policy Committee and previous decisions of the Council, the Council considered the proposed Tavistock Town Council Budget 2020–2021 and associated Tavistock Town Council Precept 2020–2021. Arising therefrom it was:-

RESOLVED THAT: -

- a) the Tavistock Town Council Budget 2020–2021* (Appendix 1 refers); and
- b) the Tavistock Town Council Precept 2020–2021 in the sum of £728,255 or £166.24 per band D equivalent property; and
- c) the Rolling Capital Programme (Appendix 2 refers)

be received and adopted.

Noted That:

- i) In determining the above it was acknowledged by way of resolution that prospective provision in respect of public conveniences had been made in anticipation of the transfer to the Council of the Guildhall Public Conveniences. Consequently, should it become appropriate/necessary, at a future date, to consider whether or not to repurpose a proportion of same that would require consideration of the associated business case and proper due diligence by the Council. The potential opportunity to work with West Devon Borough Council, and other partners, to seek to achieve sustainable long-term provision of toilets for the Town was welcomed.
- ii) In response to a question reference was made to arrangements in place to support the operation of Tavistock Heritage Trust insofar as its work contributed toward the approved purposes associated with the Guildhall Gateway Centre Project.

The Meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

CHAIRMAN