

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2019 at 6.30PM

PRESENT:- COUN S MEIKLE (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- K Hawley, K Duffy, L Fenwick & M A Cartwright

Messrs:- T Duffy, G Carne, S Miles, R Moore, S McGlen & A Watson

115. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were offered and accepted from Councillors S McDonnell, K Liddell, S Simpson, A Long, C Watkins & A Wilkinson. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reasons submitted for the absences received on the grounds where given above, and the Councillors' apologies for absence be recorded.**

116. To receive declarations of interest

Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise, none were received.

117. 2019/20 Draft Budget and precept demand

The report of The Town Clerk detailing the outline budget for 2019/2020 and the proposed precept was considered.

The Clerk answered questions from Members about the outline budget, including civic costs, events, potential savings, income generation, and use of reserves. Members provided feedback on the detailed draft budgets that had been circulated with the report and noted that a further report and detailed final budgets would be presented to Finance Committee and full Council in February for approval and adoption.

Members discussed the recommended precept level and 0% Band D equivalent increase rate as recommended in the report. Following a lengthy debate, Cllr A Watson proposed an amendment to the original motion of a 1% reduction in precept cost to council tax payers and Cllr R Moore seconded this motion. Following a recorded vote the amendment was defeated and it was **RESOLVED the**

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**precept figure for 2019/2020 be set at £1,280,443, equivalent to a Band D Council Tax figure of £289.00 – a 0% increase from 2018/2019.  
FURTHER RESOLVED the detailed budget for 2019/20 be considered at a future meeting.**

Motion for precept rate to be set at 0%

For – S McGlen, L. Fenwick, K Hawley, K. Duffy, T. Duffy & S Meikle (6 votes)

Against – R. Moore, S. Miles, G. Carne, M A Cartwright & A Watson (5 votes)