

Minutes of the Meeting (of the 14 December 2017 meeting of the council, reconvened and adjourned on 11 January 2018) of St Ives Town Council held in The Council Chamber, The Guildhall, St Ives on Thursday 18 January 2018 at 6.00pm

PRESENT

Chairman – Councillor S Tanner
Vice-Chairman – Councillor J Symons

COUNCILLORS

Andrewes T	Lait R
Garrod H	Mitchell A (from 6.14pm)
Glanville R	Nicholls C
Griffin J	Tulley R
Harris A	Williams T

OFFICERS

Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Councillors Henry and J Tanner.

145. PUBLIC SPEAKING

None.

146. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

147. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBER/OFFICER INTERESTS

None.

148. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None.

149. MINUTES

Following consideration of the Minutes tabled at the meeting, it was

RESOLVED – that the Chairman signs as a true and correct record the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 11 January 2018

150. BUDGET & PRECEPT 2018/2019

Councillor Mitchell arrived at the meeting at the outset of consideration of this item.

Members considered the report of the Town Clerk / RFO, noting that in accordance with usual procedure, each of the standing committees had reviewed its budget requirements for the coming financial year. The Finance & General Purposes Committee had considered a comprehensive report following the budget proposals suggested by the Community & Environment and the Facilities Committees. The drafting process had enabled detailed consideration and a number of revisions as the budget passed through each committee and benefitted from fine-tuning by Councillors and the Town Clerk / RFO.

The Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee thanked the Clerk and the Finance Officers for the comprehensive budget report.

During discussion various matters were considered, including:

- the need for the council to provide value for money across the parish in an equitable way
- consideration of the proposed increase in precept
- the proposed budget reflected policy choices made over the course of the council year and by setting the budget the council was continuing this democratic process
- along with the aim of proving value for money, the challenge in the coming year would be efficient and effective service delivery
- a number of potential reductions in the proposed budget were set out and debated
- it was noted that there had been full deliberation throughout the committee stage of the budget setting process

Upon a call for a recorded vote:

The vote was first taken on a duly proposed and seconded amendment, that the budget be reduced by the various measures as set out by Councillor Glanville in a written representation circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting and presented verbally by Councillor Glanville at the meeting.

Results of the recorded vote on the amendment:

Voting for: Councillors Garrood, Glanville, Griffin and Nicholls.

Voting against: Councillors Andrewes, Harris, Lait, Mitchell, Symons, S Tanner, Tulley and Williams.

Abstaining: None

Not present: Councillors Chard, Henry, Hughes and J Tanner

(4 for, 8 against, 0 absentions, 4 absent – the vote on the amendment was lost and so the vote was then taken on the original motion.)

Results of the recorded vote on the duly proposed and seconded motion that the 2018/2019 be approved as set out in the report and incorporating the suggested amendments as set out at paragraph 2.5 of the report.

Voting for: Councillors Andrewes, Harris, Lait, Mitchell, Symons, S Tanner, Tulley and Williams.

Voting against: Councillors Garrood, Glanville, Griffin and Nicholls.

Abstaining: None

Not present: Councillors Chard, Henry, Hughes and J Tanner

(8 for, 4 against, 0 absentions, 4 absent – the motion was carried.)

Accordingly, it was

RESOLVED – that

- 1) the budget for 2018/2019 as circulated prior to the meeting and incorporating the amendments set out at paragraph 2.5 of the report, be approved and adopted; and
- 2) the precept of £568,233 for 2018/2019 be approved.

Meeting closed at 6.44 pm

Chairman