

THESE MINUTES NOT YET CONFIRMED

LOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 24 January 2023 at 7.00pm at Loughton Town Council, Council Chamber, 1 Buckingham Court, Rectory Lane, Loughton IG10 2QZ.

Present:

Councillors:

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| B Cohen | | |
| S Fontenelle (joined during Min No 139) | | |
| S Murray | C C Pond | C P Pond |
| K Rainbow | M Stubbings | G Wiskin |
| D Wixley | | |

Officers:

M Squire (Town Clerk)
K Lumb (Deputy Town Clerk)
P Bryce (Community Manager)

133 Death of a former Town Councillor

Members NOTED the death of Patricia Richardson, former Town Councillor.

134 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Abrahams, Beales, Brookes, Davies, Downing, Jennings, Murphy, Owen and Riley. It was reported that Cllr Brookes was attending a select committee meeting at Epping Forest District Council (EFDC).

135 Declarations of Interest

None were received.

136 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2022 were CONFIRMED as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

137 Public Representations

None were received.

138 Questions Without Discussion

None were received.

139 Town Mayor's / Town Clerk's Report

The Town Mayor reported that a Holocaust Memorial Service organised by the Epping Forest Holocaust Educations Trust will be taking place on the side of Loughton Library, Traps Hill on Friday 27 January 2023 at 11.30 am and were invited to attend. This is the first of this type of service to be held in Loughton and will be taking place on the site where a memorial stone will be placed in due course. The Town Mayor reminded Councillors that invitations to her Civic Celebration will be sent via email, to save on costs. She also reminded Councillors of the Treasure Hunt date 23 April 2023.

Cllr Fontenelle joined the meeting during the following item.

140 Council Precept for 2023/24

The Council NOTED that the tax base for 2023/24 had been confirmed as £12,667.90 and the Estimates and financial forecast reports presented.

The Council AGREED

- I. the budget for 2023/24
- II. the amount to be taken from and adjustments to Earmarked Reserves; and
- III. the level of the Precept for 2023/24

The Council unanimously RESOLVED to set the precept for 2023/24 at £904,300. This will set the Loughton proportion of the annual council tax for a band D property as £71.39, an increase of £6.23 from the current year of £65.16.

141 Town Mayor's Engagements and Announcements

Members NOTED the list of the Town Mayor's Engagements and Announcements.

142 Reports from Committees

142.1 Planning and Licensing

The reports from the meetings held on 19 December 2022 and 9 January 2023 were NOTED.

142.2 Recreation

The report from the meeting held on 11 January 2023 was NOTED.

142.3 Resources and General Services

The report from the meeting held on 11 January 2023 was NOTED.

143 Reports from Members on Outside Organisations

No reports were presented.

144 King Charles Coronation Day

The Town Clerk reported that details had just emerged from Buckingham Palace about the focus of each three days of the Coronation Weekend 6-8 May 2023. The formal Coronation will take place on Saturday 6 May, this will be televised. Sunday 7 May is the day for local celebrations, with Big Lunch and street parties, before a televised concert from Windsor that evening. Bank Holiday Monday 8 May is called 'The Big Help Out' and focuses the attention of volunteering and community groups.

Tentative ideas discussed were community picnics and provision of bunting in the High Road and Broadway and it was AGREED to pass this to the next Resources and General Services Committee meeting for further discussion.

Signed:

Date: 21 February 2023