

LOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

**MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 28 January 2025 at 7pm at
1 Buckingham Court, Rectory Lane, Loughton IG10 2QZ**

Present

Councillors: K Valentine (In the chair)
I Allgood R Brookes A Fricker
S Harriman K-W Lee N MacKinnon
S Murray M Owen J Riley
M Stubbings R Sylvan D Wixley

Officers: P Bryce (Deputy Town Clerk)
K Pendlebury (RFO Pending)

60 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Davies, Dodd, Fontenelle, House, Obaseki, Murphy, and Pond. Cllr Minhas had informed the Town Clerk that he would be arriving late for the meeting. Cllrs Murray and Brookes informed the Town Clerk that they would be leaving the meeting after Agenda Item 7.

61 Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

62 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 December 2024 were CONFIRMED as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

63 Public Representations

None were received.

64 Questions Without Discussion

No questions were received.

65 Town Mayor's / Town Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

66 Council Precept for 2025/26

Members received and noted all the reports relevant to this agenda item.

The Council AGREED

- I. the budget for 2025/26
- II. the amount to be taken from and adjustments to Earmarked Reserves; and
- III. the level of the Precept for 2025/26.

The Council CONFIRMED that the Council's precept for 2025/26 will be set at £1,061,038. This will set the Loughton proportion of the annual council tax for a band D property as £80.48, an increase of £4.13 (£0.08p weekly) from the current year of £76.35.

67 Town Mayor’s Engagements and Announcements

Cllr Valentine, reported the following:

- Cllr Davies attended the EFDC Chairmans Christmas Carol Service at St Mary’s Church Theydon Bois as past Town Mayor
- Cllr Davies attended the 9 Lessons and Carols St John’s Church as past Town Mayor
- Cllr Murray attended and represented Loughton Town Council at the Public Menorah Lighting Ceremony in Loughton
- Cllr Valentine attended a Penguin visit at Woodland Grove Care Home
- Cllr Pond attended the funeral of t/l Judith Woodman (Ex Town Council Councillor)
- Cllr Valentine attended the LADS production “The Last of the Pelican Daughters” at Lopping Hall
- Cllr Valentine attended the Upstage Theatre Company, Loughton Panto, Sleeping Beauty at Lopping Hall
- Cllr Valentine attended the Holocaust Memorial Service – on the land outside Loughton Library.

68 Reports from Committees

68.1 Planning and Licensing

The reports from the meetings held on 23 December 2024, 6 and 20 January 2025 were NOTED.

68.2 Recreation

The report from the meeting held on 15 January was NOTED. Cllr Wixley reported that Min No RC83 the Services Manager will liaise directly with Cllr MacKinnon on areas to be planted.

68.3 Resources and General Services

The minutes from the meeting held on 4 December 2024 and 15 January 2025 were NOTED.

69 Reports from Members on Outside Organisations

Broadway Town Centre Partnership Meeting 9 January 2025 – Cllr Murray was NOTED. Cllr Allgood also reported that Cllr Lee Scott had attended this meeting, a broken lamppost had been repaired, and work starts on the improvement scheme refurbishment next week.

70 Weekly Markets

Members NOTED the update.

71 Designated Town Councillor e-mail addresses

The Council NOTED that to date 11 members have successfully transferred to their new designated Town Council e-mail address. A few members have experienced some difficulties, and these are under review. All members are requested to enable the transfer as soon as possible.

Signed
26 February 2025