

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held in the Council Chamber on Monday 26 November 2012, on the rising of the Town Council.

Meeting commenced at 7.33pm.

PRESENT

Cllr C Richards (Chairman, Town Mayor)

Cllr S Hall (Deputy Town Mayor)

Cllr A J Dent

Cllr A L Jones

Cllr C A Kitson

Cllr R S Mitchell

Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt

Cllr T D Wright

Clerk: Mrs J E Vanstone

12.329 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public wished to speak.

12.330 Apologies for Absence

None, all members being present.

12.331 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 9 July 2012 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

12.332 Chairman's Comments

The Chairman, Cllr C Richards, said that the Council's finances were in a very good state but it would not be long before the Council would be paying for a town handyman.

He then said that he had had an idea for the Council to set up a Town Improvement Fund with an annual budget of maybe £10000. He said that if there was anything in the town that residents thought needed doing, then the Council would have the funds to do it. He realised that East Devon District Council and Devon County Council should be undertaking these projects but budgets were not going to allow such schemes to be undertaken.

Cllr A L Jones said he thought that was a good idea. East Devon District Council used to have a similar fund but that had stopped some years ago. He asked if the funds could be ring-fenced if not spent each financial year.

Cllr Richards said he thought it would be possible to ring-fence unused funds.

Cllr A J Dent agreed it was a good idea and that the exercise of working with the Otter Valley Association to improve the seafront shelter had worked really well and had involved the community. He wondered if residents could be encouraged to raise money to go towards such projects.

12.333 Precept 2013/14

- (i) The estimated figures for 2012/13 were received.
- (ii) The Precept requirement for financial year 2013/14 was considered. The figures presented indicated a requirement for £100,000.

Resolved: Recommend to the Town Council that the Precept Requirement for 2013/14 should be £100,000.

12.334 Any other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

No other business was raised.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.47pm.

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Chairman

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Date