

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on
**21st November 2023 at 19.30hrs, in the Chamber, Council Offices,
North Street, Ilminster, TA19 0DG**

Chair: Cllr L Taylor

Committee: Cllr B Hamilton, Cllr B Jenner-Hurford, Cllr M Gunn, Cllr M James,
Cllr J Karchud, Cllr V Keitch, Cllr I MacKillop, Cllr S Osborne, Cllr D Paul,
Cllr A Shearman, Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr N Tinson.

Officers: M Tredwin (Town Clerk), J Earp (Deputy Clerk), V Freeman (Administration
Officer), Jason Fontana (Open Spaces Manager)

In attendance: No members of the public attended.

2023-0142-TC Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

2023-0143-TC Apologies for Absence

Cllr P Sellers

The Clerk has confirmed that reasons have been provided.

2023-0144-TC Somerset Council Member's Reports

Members **NOTED** the Somerset Councillors report.

2023-0145-TC Declarations of Interest

Cllr Osborne declared an interest in Agenda item 9 Draft Budget 2024/2025 as a Somerset Councillor, the Town Clerk advised that Cllr Osborne could take part in any discussions and vote on any resolutions.

Cllr Keitch declared an interest in Agenda item 9 Draft Budget 2024/2025 as a Somerset Councillor, the Town Clerk advised that Cllr Keitch could take part in any discussions and vote on any resolutions.

Cllr Paul declared an interest in Agenda item 9 Draft Budget 2024/2025 as a Director of Ilminster Sports Club Ltd, the Town Clerk advised that Cllr Paul could take part in any discussions and vote on any resolutions.

2023-0146-TC Dispensations

There were none requested or granted.

2023-0147-TC Minutes – Town Council

Members **RESOLVED** by 9 votes for that the Minutes from the meeting held on 17 October 2023 as a correct record.

Proposer Cllr Tinson **Seconded** Cllr Shearman

2023-0148-TC Income and Expenditure report.

Members **NOTED** the report.

2023-0149-TC Exempt Business

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded while members consider this item in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Proposer Cllr Osborne **Seconded** Cllr Keitch

2023-0150-TC Draft Budget 2024/2025

Members discussed the draft budget and the implications of any future Somerset Council cutbacks and any Asset and Service Devolution to local councils.

a) Members **NOTED** the report, from which officers will produce a revised budget for further consideration in December.

b) Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to delegate to officers to meet with representatives of Somerset Council to discuss the Asset and Service devolution and bring to Full Council in December any proposals emanating from the meetings.

Proposer Cllr Osborne **Seconded** Cllr Tinson

c) Members **RESOLVED** by 12 votes for and 1 against to include into the Budget, the increased staffing requirement as outlined in the report taken to Full Council on the 21 November 2023. This is to counteract Somerset Council's planned cutbacks. The revised budget will be brought for ratification to a December Extra Ordinary Full Council meeting.

Proposer Cllr Keitch **Seconded** Cllr Osborne

Meeting ended at 20.52