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Minutes of the meeting of Corby Town Council held at 7pm, 17th January 2023 at The Chamber, Corby Cube, George Street, Corby, NN17 1QG.

Present :

Cllr M Pengelly	Cllr C Reilly	Cllr M Keane	Cllr W Colquhoun
Cllr M Reuby	Cllr R Beeby	Cllr A Dalziel	Cllr S Goddard
Cllr Lyn Buckingham	Cllr R Newby	Cllr T Chikoto	
Cllr P McEwan	Cllr Leanne Buckingham	Cllr R Armour	

2 members of the public in attendance and 1 member of the press.

360/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr Dady, Cllr Leanne Buckingham and Cllr S Rielly

361/22 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATED TO BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA

None declared

362/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public was in attendance to speak about their campaign in relation to their sister who was murdered in Corby in 1986.

363/22 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes for the Full Council meeting held on 13th October 2022, The minutes were signed by the Mayor as a true record.

The minutes of the Finance & Resources Committee were received from 13th October 2022 and 29th November 2022.

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7th November, 5th December 2022 were noted and received.

The minutes of the Events Committee from the meeting held 17th October, 14th November 2022 and 23rd January 2023 were received and noted.

The draft minutes of the Environment committee held on the 10th October 2022 were received and noted.

364/22 BUDGET 23/24

The council carefully considered the budget and following recommendation from the Finance Committee from the meeting held 10th January 2023 and a detailed discussion it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to set the budget as shown in appendix 1.

365/22 PRECEPT REQUEST 23 24

The council considered the level of precept needed to support the budget and following discussion it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to set the precept at £445,000. 00. A band D property would pay £27.41 per annum which is an increase of £7.78 per year or 15p per week.

366/22 YOUTH COUNCIL TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference for the Youth Council were circulated and future action points identified. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the terms of reference as circulated with an aim for the Youth Council to become operational in November 2023.

367/22 ALLOTMENT TRANSFER

A discussion was held regarding the proposed transfer of statutory allotment sites from North Northants Council. It was **RESOLVED** that future decisions would be delegated held through Finance and Policy Committee regarding the terms of the transfer.

368/22 PENSION CONTRIBUTION RATE

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the pension contribution rate following the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) valuation of its funds which occurs every three years. The purpose of the valuation is to monitor the funding level of the Fund and individual employers against the current value of their pension liabilities and to set employer contribution rates for the following three years.

369/22 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS MEMBERSHIP

It was **RESOLVED** that Town Councillors become a member of the National Association of Councillors at a cost of £21 per member per annum.

370/22 TOWN BOARD DEAL

A discussion was held regarding the projects for the town centre which are being lead by North Northants Council. It was agreed to continue to press for larger involvement in the

371/22 DYING TO WORK CAMPAIGN

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the following motion : ‘ Every employee, facing the trauma of a terminal illness diagnosis, should be treated with compassion and understanding in order to assist them at such a distressing time. In society we would expect nothing else, and this should be no different in the workplace. Limited protections do exist for chronic long term degenerative illnesses at work through reasonable adjustments. However, a terminal diagnosis, where life expectancy is not foreseen by a medical professional for longer than 12 months, should be protected to ensure nobody has to undergo the additional stress and worry about their job. ‘

372/22 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND DATES OF NEXT MEETING



Date of next meeting : March 2023, Date TBC

Meeting Closed 20.30pm

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Appendix 1

Staffing Costs	£193,000.00	Increase in staff due to size of council and inflation
Professional services	£9,500.00	
Training	£6,000.00	
Insurance	£5,000.00	Potential increase in insurance due to larger events
Elections	£14,500.00	
Audit	£2,000.00	
Stationery/Office equipment	£3,000.00	
Broadband & IT	£7,500.00	
Accommodation	£14,000.00	Break clause at Feb 2024
PR & Marketing	£5,000.00	
Members costs	£2,000.00	
Events	£45,000.00	
Youth Projects	£15,000.00	Youth Council to be created in 23/24
Community grants	£38,000.00	Increase of community grant scheme
Transferred services	£25,500.00	
Balance to Reserves	£55,000.00	
Environment	£5,000.00	
Total	£445,000.00	

Projected carry forward	£261,000.00	
Projected expenditure 23/24	£445,000.00	
Precept request	£445,000	
Tax base	16,236	
Band D	£27.41	15p per week increase or £7.78 per year

Reserves

Projected general reserves at end March 2024

2024 £156,000.00

Election reserves end of March 2024

£29,000.00 *Building up to £43,500.00 for May 2025 elections*