



Coleford Town Council

At the Meeting of the Coleford Town Council held at the Town House, Lords Hill Walk, Coleford on Tuesday, 15 January there were present:

- Cllrs. Mr N Penny (Mayor)
Mr B Thompson (Deputy Mayor)
Mr P Kay
Mr K Ball
Mrs H Lusty
Mr I Baird
Mr C Elsmore
Mrs E Elsmore
Mrs Carole Allaway-Martin
Mrs M Cox
Mrs N Holloway
Mr R Drury
- Ms. A Lapington (Town Clerk)
Mr C Haine (Administrative Assistant)

Dist. Cllr. R James

Public Forum

Dist. Cllr James reported, as Cabinet Member, that there was support amongst Cabinet Members, regarding the importance of preserving St Johns Church building. Cllr Penny noted Cllr. James encouraging comments, which would be fed into the St Johns Next Generation Meeting scheduled for later this week.

Dist. Cllr. James also reported the Cabinet's 'plastic free' initiatives were being taken forward by the newly created Plastic Free Working Group. Dist. Cllr. James further added that FoDDC were considering ways that they can immediately move to plastic free activities and initiatives (e.g. how plastic is disposed, non-plastic cup usage, etc.). Cllr. Penny further endorsed the Town Council's support, and reported that the next Working Group meeting was scheduled for 30 January 2019

210. Apologies were noted from Cllr. Hale

211. Cllr. Penny declared a pecuniary interest in Items 215 and 216

212. There were no dispensation requests.

213. To approve the minutes of 18 December 2018

Cllr. Ball noted that there was an error on Page 1, Item 205, in that the proposer and seconder should have read, as follows: Proposed: Cllr. Ball and Seconded: Cllr. Penny.

It was proposed that the minutes of 18 December be agreed.

Proposed: Cllr. Ball

Seconded: Cllr. Thompson

On being put to the vote it was unanimously agreed

214. To raise matters arising from the meeting of 18 December 18

There were no matters arising

Cllr Penny left the room



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215. To agree to the budget for 2019 - 2020

Cllr. Thompson led the discussion on the draft budget that had been circulated, following last Full Council meeting, and the Town Clerk further outlined the position. After some clarification it was proposed that the budget, as presented, of £457,600 be agreed.

Proposed: Cllr. Thompson

Seconded: Cllr. Kay

On being put to the vote it was unanimously agreed.

216. To agree to the precept for 2019

Cllr Thompson led the discussion, and proposed a precept of £395,000

Proposed: Cllr. Thompson

Seconded: Cllr. Ball

A counter proposal for a precept of £392,500 was made.

Proposed: Cllr Baird

Seconded: Cllr. C Elsmore

On being put to the vote eight were against two in favour & one abstention.

This motion fell.

The substantive motion was put to the vote

On being put to the vote eight were in favour with three abstentions.

Cllr Penny re-entered the room

217. To agree the input to the Forest of Dean youth meeting

Cllr. Penny summarised his 'mapping' exercise, and also Cllrs. Drury and Ball's comments. After further discussion, it was proposed that the Town Council look at a Coleford-focussed solution, building on services already identified, consulting with current users, and more significantly those further afield - currently not engaged, in an attempt to deliver improved services from these discussions.

Proposed: Cllr. Thompson

Seconded: Cllr. Ball

On being put to the vote it was unanimously agreed

The meeting ended at 7.45 pm