

## BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Brandon Town Council Meeting Precept Meeting  
held at Old School House, Market Hill, Brandon on Thursday 4th January 2024 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllr P Wittam (Chair), Cllr B Brabbs, Cllr G Brocklehurst, Cllr P Etherington,  
Cllr P Gorringe, Cllr J Hughes, Cllr H Kostecki, Cllr V Lukaniuk, Cllr P Ridgwell,  
Cllr J Savage, Cllr C Watts

**Also Present:** 1 member of the public

1 **APOLOGIES** for absence and approval of reasons tendered.  
Cllr D Palmer, Cllr N Siebert – apologies accepted.

2 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** and additions to Members Register of Interest.  
Cllr P Etherington – Non-pecuniary interest. Cllr G Brocklehurst – Non-pecuniary interest.

3 **TO CONSIDER AND FORMULATE A BUDGET FOR BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2024/25**

Cllr Wittam stated that he had calculated, after looking at the figures for the Brandon precept for 2024/25, the budgetary increase would be approximately equated to 26 pence per household per week.

There were lengthy discussions and the general feeling was that the budget was realistic.

Cllr Etherington commented that for next year the Council would like to see the most recent Income & Expenditure sheet that had been used to inform the decision-making process.

Cllr Etherington further commented that the Council need to review the Councils income.

Cllr Savage commented on how well the meeting had run with everybody being respectful of each other and hoped that all future meetings could be conducted in the same manner.

Brandon Town Council proceeded to accept the draft budget amounting to £389,479.65.

**Proposer:** Cllr P Etherington

**Seconder:** Cllr B Brabbs

Resolution Record No: **BTC/138/04/Jan/24**

**CARRIED:** Unanimous

The precept figure of £389,480 resulted in an increase of 19.03% based on a tax base of 2,538.02.

4 **URGENT BUSINESS** any items the Chairman considers a matter of urgent business – to be submitted no less than 48hrs prior to the meeting or by discussion with the Chairman.

Cllr Wittam informed everyone present of the passing of Bill Bishop a former Councillor of Brandon Town Council commenting that he was much respected and would be sadly missed.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed .....