

**Dawlish Town Council**  
Minutes of a Meeting of the  
Town Council  
Held at The Manor House, Dawlish on  
Wednesday, 31 January 2018

**Present:**

Councillors Almond, Bloomfield, Clemens, Foden, Lowther, Mawhood, Nickless, Prowse, Robins, and Tamlyn.

**In attendance:**

Andrew McKenzie (Town Clerk) and Yola Mitchell (Finance Officer).

**Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

*The following minutes will be considered for approval at the next meeting of the Town Council and may be subject to change until that time.*

**119 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

In the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, it was proposed by Councillor Prowse and seconded by Councillor Lowther that Councillor Clemens be elected Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

**Resolved**

that Councillor Clemens be elected Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

**120 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors A. Fenne, G. Fenne, Mayne (Deputy Mayor), Taylor and Wrigley (Mayor).

**121 DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE**

No report received.

**122 MINUTES**

Members considered the minutes of the previous meeting.

**Resolved**

that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10 January 2018 be approved.

**123 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**124 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

No report received.

**125 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

No reports received.

**126 TOWN COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

No reports received.

**127 TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2018/19**

Members considered the recommendations of the Finance & General Purposes Committee which had met on the 25 January 2018 to propose the draft budget for 2018/19.

The proposals included requesting Teignbridge District Council to collect a precept of £426,440 on Dawlish Town Council's behalf. This would be topped up by the Council Tax Support Grant of £48,530 for the 2018/19 financial year.

The Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, Councillor Clemens thanked all those involved in the preparation of the budget. He advised that the Council Tax Support Grant for 2018/19 was a 10% reduction on that received in the current year. Teignbridge was currently the only District Council in Devon continuing to provide the Council Tax Support Grant to Town and Parish Council's but would cease to do so in 2019/20.

Due to the number of properties built in the Parish the Council Tax Base had increased. Although there was to be a 1.6% rise on the previous year's precept, it represented a 0.75% or 59p reduction on a Band D property. In the current financial year, a Band D property was £78.86 and the proposed budget would result in a Band D property being £78.27.

**Resolved** unanimously that

(a) That the level of precept to be collected by Teignbridge District Council on the Town Council's behalf be set at £426,440 for 2018/19. The Council Tax Support Grant of £48,530 to be added to this;

(b) That the proposed Town Council budget for 2018/19 be adopted.

*The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 7.19 p.m.*

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Cllr Humphrey Clemens  
CHAIRMAN