

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Saltash Town Council held in The Guildhall on Monday 10th September 2012 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors: M Gee, (Chairman), R Bickford, P Clements, Mrs. H Frank, D Holley (part), A Killeya, D Yates, R Austin, C Oakes, W Phillips.

ALSO PRESENT: R Lane - Town Clerk.

APOLOGIES: Councillors: G Ellison, Mrs. S Hooper MBE, B Reid, C Riches, John Pickering.

HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed those present of the actions required in the event of a fire or emergency.

185/12/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. Declarations from Members of any registerable (5A of the Interim Code of Conduct) and/or non-registerable (5B) interests in matters to be considered at this meeting.
- b. Declarations from Members of Matters of Public Interest regarding matters to be considered at this meeting
- c. Dispensations required

Councillor	Agenda Item	Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary	Reason
None			

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

186/12/13 TOWN COUNCIL PRIORITIES

The Chairman presented precept options and the town council priorities document (as detailed below) to members for their consideration.

Following a detailed debate and voting.

It was agreed that the document and town council priorities as revised from 2011 for

2012 would be as set out below.

2012 Priorities (within priority banding these are not in order of preference)

Explanatory Note

The purpose of the document is to prepare for the precept process by considering the priorities of the council on the basis of 'trying to do everything means nothing gets done'.

It does not prevent additional priorities coming up during the year, or priorities changing according to substantial new information, but it should be taken as a very strong consideration in settling 'how about...?' discussions during this year's precept process.

The process was first done from scratch in 2009, with a review in 2010 and 2011, and this for 2012. The intention is to do it from scratch in the year of each council, and review in each of the other three years, therefore 2013's priority setting will be from scratch.

Overall Precept Direction

- a) A large rise in the precept (e.g. approx 10%+) for overall increased services
- b) a rise in the precept (approx 5%) for overall maintained services
- c) a freeze in the precept for slightly reduced overall services
- d) a reduction in the precept for significantly reduced overall services

It was unanimously agreed that the precept for 2012/13 be option (b) a rise in the precept (approximately 5%) for overall maintained services.

Top Priority

4 Town-centre improvement projects

High Priorities

5 Enhancing the look of empty buildings in the Town Centre

14 Subsidising Local Economy Initiatives (e.g. Saltash Card)

32 Funding Festivals

33 Additional STC allotments

52 Grants for Community Groups

54 Staff and Councillor Training

66 Crime Reduction (CATS, clubs and projects etc.)

72 Promoting development of Saltash Station

76 Continuing Refurbishment of Guildhall

86 Local Plan

9 Tourism and Publicity Initiatives

82 To further investigate taking on and refurbishing Cornwall Council toilets where finance follows function

Medium Priorities

2 Funding for specific CIC projects

8 Signage for Industrial Estates

10/23 Benches in and out of Fore St

11 Beautifying roundabouts

13 Planters in Fore St

17 Supporting Ferry Services (no subsidy by Town Council)

19 Maintaining Festive Lights

22 Bus shelters

25 Maintaining Public Rights of Way

26 Elwell Woods

27 Weed Control

28 Christmas Event

30 Community toilet scheme

35 To investigate joint service devolution for Grass Cutting / Weeds provided Finance Follows Function'

36/48 To provide maintenance and power of new streetlighting,

43 Providing bike racks and dog stakes in Fore Street

46 Developing new cycling or walking opportunities

47 Community Events (Showcase, Beating the Bounds etc.)

57 Saltash Town Youth Council

59 CAB

60 Insurance / maintenance for community projects

62 Cemetery Maintenance

67 Taking on / managing new buildings on a case by case basis as appropriate

68/70 Seed funding large-scale community projects

73 Promoting public transport use in Saltash

74 Acquiring new space for Saltash Heritage in partnership with Heritage and CIC

77 Salt Bins

80 Developing Guildhall as a venue (for weddings, licence etc.)

81 Development of Guildhall Long Room as Art Gallery

12 Maintaining verges on highways

42/61 Environmental Initiatives / Community clean-up projects

69 Items directly related to Quality Town Status

34 Improve Play Areas

Low Priorities

7 Seed funding Major regeneration projects for town centre

6 Acquiring and managing shop space in Fore St

31 Footpath / Walk Leaflets

41 Acquiring / maintaining new playing fields

49 Staff Support for Community Groups (e.g. Neighbourhood Associations/ neighbourhood Watch)

50 CCTV

53 Fair Trade Initiatives

56 Road Safety committee

15 Subsidising Bus Services

16 Subsidising Rail Services

75 Speed reduction measures other than traffic calming

78 Restoration and protection of regalia

85 Investigate technological solutions to display planning applications

Non Priorities

1 General funding to CIC (for project work / staff etc.)

18 Building new traffic calming measures

37 Longstone park band-stand

44 STC dog bins

63 Increased restoration of damaged gravestones

71 Additional marketing of Saltash Town Council

79 Revival of gardens for allotments scheme

40 Building / managing new public toilets

64 Digitise cemetery records (for family history / research etc.)

It was **RESOLVED** that:

1. The precept for 2012/13 be option (b) a rise in the precept (approximately 5%) for overall maintained services.
2. the document and town council priorities for 2012/13 as updated above be adopted.

187/12/13 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, it was **RESOLVED** that the press/public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business.

None

188/12/13 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

It was **RESOLVED** that the public and press be re-admitted to the Meeting.

189/12/13 URGENT NON-FINANCIAL MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR

DISPENSATIONS

The Chairman informed members that following consultation with Calc it had been confirmed that legislation gives the Council the authority to delegate responsibility for committees to receive and award dispensations.

As it is a permanent item on committee agenda's this will allow consideration of a dispensation for one meeting or in perpetuity.

It was **RESOLVED** that Council delegate authority and responsibility for committees to receive and award dispensations.

LAND AT WATERSIDE TAMAR STREET , SALTASH LEASE

The Chairman referred to the proposed sub-lease of this council with the Saltash Waterside Community Association in relation to the responsibility for maintenance and insurance.

It was re-affirmed that maintenance and insurance was within the council's priority policy.

It was **RESOLVED** that the sub-lease with the Saltash Waterside Community Association include the councils responsibility for maintenance and insurance.

190/12/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18th September 2012 (Planning)
Thursday 4th October 2012

191/12/13 COMMON SEAL

It was **RESOLVED** that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to all Deeds and Documents necessary to give effect to the foregoing Acts and Proceedings.

Rising at 8.25 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated 4th October 2012 _____