

Minutes of a meeting of CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL held following a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee in the Council Chamber, Market Square on Monday 9 October 2023.

**PRESENT**

Cllrs. A. Samuel (Mayor), S. Ashton, M. Best, T. Bond, K. Head, D. Livesley, J. Nathan and A. Stuart.

In attendance: Town Clerk K. Sheehan, Deputy Clerk G. Hughes and 3 members of the public.

**OPEN FORUM**

No one wished to speak.

73 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Draycott (personal), Morris (personal) and Wakeman (work commitments).

74 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

23/24

Cllr. Head declared an interest in the item relating to season charges by virtue of being a member of the rugby club. Both Cllrs. Head and Best declared an interest in the item relating to rents and hire charges by virtue of being members of CUDOS.

75 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2023**

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The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 25 September were **AGREED** as a true and accurate record.

76 **FINANCE:**

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a. To consider the rents and hire charges for 2024/25

Councillors considered a report from the Clerk modelling an inflation-based rise of 7.7% to the Council's rents and hire charges for the forthcoming financial year. The proposal to raise rents and hire charges by this amount was **AGREED**, subject to the inclusion of the Council Chamber and LIC room in this rise.

b. To consider the season charges for the use of the GRC to sports club for the 2023/24 season

Following discussion, it was **AGREED** to hold the monthly charges to the sports clubs at 22/23 levels, subject to a review of usage and costs to be conducted in January 2024.

77 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

23/24

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 18.45, Council Chamber.

It was **AGREED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was advisable that the public and press be excluded and were instructed to withdraw.

**CONFIDENTIAL SESSION: EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC – Staffing and commercially sensitive information.**

78 **YOUTH SERVICE REVIEW**

23/24 To receive the external report on the Youth Service and determine next steps/approve tender documentation

Councillors noted the report summarising the findings of the review of the current provider which has been conducted in the summer.

The draft tender specification and application form was reviewed. Subject to the Town Clerk obtaining professional advice on including the estimated value of the contract in these documents, they were **AGREED** for publication w/c 16<sup>th</sup> October.

The meeting closed at 20.08.

**Signed:** .....

**Dated:** .....

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