

# **SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

Minutes of the proceedings of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the  
**Council** held at **7 p.m.** in the **Council Offices**, Advice &  
Information Centre, Sedgefield, on  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

**Present**            **Cllr. Gloria Wills (Chairman)**  
                         **Cllr. Lynne Dentith (Vice-Chairman)**  
                         **Cllrs. Allan Blakemore, David Brown, Vanessa Carmichael, Mel Carr,**  
                         **Tim Jeanes, Chris Lines, Ian Sutherland, Alf Walton, Dudley Waters**

**Officer**            **Lesley Swinbank (Town Clerk)**

**1. Apologies**

Cllrs. Mark Cant, Maxine Robinson.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

None

**3. Estimates: Review of 2013 / 2014**

The financial estimates for 2013 / 2014 had been circulated with the agenda. In addition the full breakdown was circulated at the meeting.

Members discussed the figures and the Chairman Cllr. Gloria Wills and the Clerk answered all queries.

**RESOLVED**

**To approve the Estimates / Review for 2013 / 2014.**

**4. Precept: Consideration of setting the precept for 2014 / 2015.**

**4.1 Letter re Tax Base / Precept from DCC**

A letter from Paul Darby (Financial Officer, DCC) dated 25<sup>th</sup> November had been circulated with the agenda. This gave details of the revenue support grant and the subsequent reduction in the Localising Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTSS) available and in particular the figures as will apply to Sedgefield Town Council. This also indicated the amount of the precept which would result in a zero increase in the council tax for Sedgefield.

A further letter from Mr. Darby dated 21<sup>st</sup> December was circulated at the meeting. This

followed the meeting at County Hall of the Local Councils Working Group earlier that day which the Clerk had attended. This confirmed that there had been a marginally smaller decrease in the revenue support grant which would have a very minor impact on the LCTSS grant and subsequently on the amount of precept which would lead to a zero increase on the council tax as above. DCC have indicated that this adjustment will be made to the 2015 / 2016 grant allocation thereby ensuring that the figures which the town council have already used to calculate the precept for 2014 / 2015 may remain.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information and to use the figures as calculated to determine the precept for 2014 / 2015.**

**4.2 Financial Budget Comparison 2014 / 2015**

The draft estimates for 2015 / 2016 had been circulated.

The Chairman, Cllr. Gloria Wills and the Clerk answered all queries / questions on these.

**5. Recommendation for the Sedgefield Town Council Precept for Full Council to consider at their meeting on Monday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**

**RESOLVED**

**To recommend a precept for £231,454 which represents a zero increase on the council tax.**

The Chairman, Cllr. Gloria Wills thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.45pm.