

NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of North Tawton Town Finance Committee held at the Council Offices on Monday 17th December 2012 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs D Rice Cllr I MacLeod (Chairman)
 Cllr Mrs J Morgan Cllr N Morgan
 Cllr S Whiteley

3 Members of the public were in attendance

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs J Rosser.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None were made at this stage.
3. **Budget 2013/2014.** Members considered the budget for the next Financial Year, with a view to recommending a precept to full Council at their meeting on the 8th January 2013.

Members were circulated a Draft Budget 2013/14 (attached) and also informed the predicted income and expenditure for remaining 3 months of the financial year. Members considered the draft budget, line by line.

After some discussion it was agreed to recommend a precept request from West Devon Borough Council for the year 2013/14 of £77,357.00. As previously agreed by the full Council, a reserves contribution of £6,000.00 was included in the budget estimate.

The Clerk was requested to contact local businesses again with a view to sponsoring towards the cost of the town flowers, Christmas trees and the landscaping at Strawberry Fields in return for advertising their business's sponsorship.

It was suggested that changing the heating and hot water system in the office should be investigated.

The Clerk was requested to check the details of the loan with the Public Loans Boards to ascertain when the loan would be repaid.

Members felt that the fees for the Cemetery should be reviewed, the last review was in April 2010 and the Clerk was requested to ascertain fees charges by other Parish/Town Councils in the area.

The Clerk was requested to ascertain details regarding Superannuation Pension for the Clerk and how much the Town Council would have to contribute to the scheme.

It was suggested that the Town Council may be able to submit a Heritage Lottery Grant bid for replacement of the railings in the Memorial Park and works to the stone walling in the ownership of the Town Council.

It was suggested that the monies in the Reserve Accounts held with NatWest Bank should be transferred to another Bank. The Clerk was requested to investigate this. If it was decided to transfer some funds to another Bank the Clerk pointed out that the Financial Regulations would have to be amended, as they currently state that the banking should be with NatWest.

The Clerk was requested to check the Lease Agreement and other documents relating to the office.

3 Urgent matters

No urgent items were raised.

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm.