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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF CULLOMPTON TOWN COUNCIL
DATED THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7:00PM
AT CULLOMPTON TOWN HALL

PRESENT:

Councillors: E Buczkowski, J Buczkowski, R Dietrich, P James, P Regardsoe, C Snow, J Stanford, M Thompson (Chair).

Officers: Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Administrative Assistant.

Others: Mid Devon District Councillor L Knight.

C23/131 Apologies for Absences. Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors T Spring, J Johns.

C23/132 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations. No Declarations of Interests were made.

Councillor C Snow arrived at the meeting at 19:02.

C23/133 Public Question Time. No members of the public were present.

C23/134 Minutes.

RESOLVED approve the minutes with a minor amendment to the date of the meeting listed.

C23/135 Budget 2024-2025.

RESOLVED that the Earmarked Reserves as listed in the agenda be approved and the budget for the Financial Year 2024-2025 is confirmed as:

• Earmarked Reserves	£335,447.00
• Revenue Expenditure	£564,215.00
• General Reserves	<u>£188,071.00</u>
Total Funding Requirement	£1,087,733.00

This will consist of:

• Equity	£523,518.00
• Income	£39,400.00
• Precept	<u>£524,815.00</u>
Total	£1,087,733.00

C23/136 Rebranding.

RESOLVED that a rebranding exercise is deferred at this time. Cullompton Community College is to be approached as a potential GCSE Art project and costings for van signwriting and Town signage are to be established.

C23/137 20s Plenty.

RESOLVED that Cullompton Town Council applies to join the Devon County Council's 20 is Plenty scheme.

C23/138 Governance. To consider:

1. Additional membership of the Governance, Finance and Resources Committee.
RESOLVED that Councillors R Dietrich and P Regardsoe join the Governance, Finance and Resources Committee.
2. To consider the Mayor's request to relinquish his role as Chair of the Appeals Committee (the Appeals Committee Terms of Reference specify that either the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Council is required to Chair the Appeals Committee).

It was agreed that the Mayor will remain as the Chair of the Appeals Committee for the present time.

C23/139 Work Experience.

RESOLVED that the Town Council participates in local Work Experience programs.

C23/134 Forward Plan. The forward plan was **NOTED** by Council. The Clerk was asked to add additional items to future agendas such as Comments, complaints and Correspondence.

C23/135 Exclusion of Press and Public.

RESOLVED that, in accordance with the [Public Bodies \(Access to Meetings\) Act 1960 Section 1\(2\)](#), the public and press are excluded from the meeting as disclosure is considered prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

C23/136 Legal Matters. Updates on legal matters were noted.

RESOLVED that quotations are obtained for the installation CCTV to deter vandalism at the public toilet facility.

C23/137 Town Hall.

RESOLVED that the Town Council administrative function is moved to the spaces viewed in The Hayridge Centre as soon as practicable and that Officers are directed to provide an options paper on the future of the Town Hall that is to include transfer to a Charitable Trust.

The Chair requested a recorded vote:

Those in favour of the motion: Councillors E Buczkowski, J Buczkowski, R Dietrich, P James, P Regardsoe, J Standford.

Those against the motion: None.

Those abstaining: Councillors C Snow, M Thompson.

The proposal was therefore carried.

These Minutes were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting by the Chair of the Full Council meeting held on 28 March 2024 (Councillor M Thompson).