

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILLOM TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON FRIDAY
10TH JANUARY 2020 AT 10.00AM IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES**

PRESENT: Mayor Cllr Angela Dixon (AD), Cllr Ruth Peter (RP), Cllr Barbara Crellin (BC), Cllr J Jakubowski (JJ), Cllr T Dixon (TD), Cllr R Kelly (RK) and Clerk Vicky Bradley

183/19 APOLOGIES: Cllr T Fitzwilliam and Cllr J Brown

184/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

185/19 PRECEPT – TO GIVE PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION FOR THE 2020/21 PRECEPT REQUIREMENT

Cllr T Dixon thanked the clerk for preparing a draft budget for the 2020/21 year. Cllr T Dixon has looked thoroughly the figures and the following comments and adjustments were made:

- Our headline draft figure is £133,480 - 10.8% which equates to approximately 3% of the total council tax in monetary terms that means weekly amount for band D of £1.27 and band A 85p. It was noted that MTC are now subsidising more services in the area to keep these available.
- Our key aims in the coming year are: possibly revamp both toilets units, Muga resurfacing & re fenced, possible new items at Haverigg Park, the bus service will continue and maybe expanding
- The committee went through each heading and the main changes were:
 - Donations increase to £3000 to allow MTC to help more charities
 - Seats and paths been changed to town maintenance and to increase to £500 to help assist HMP with the community work by supplying materials etc.
 - Training and sundries up to £1500 to allow for clerk training and new councillor training
 - Christmas lights – the contract is due for renewal this year so the figure is been kept to allow for new lights
 - Project costs increased to £10k to allow us to carry out some of our key aims
 - Xmas market – MTC now have 10 market stalls that are available for locals to hire out if they so wish at local events – Clerk to advertise this.
 - All other costs were kept in line with current expenditure
- After all the adjustments the new figure for the precept was £131,680 which gives a % increase from last year of £9.27% which equates to band D £5.73 per year (£1.10 per wk.) and band A £3.18 per year (73p per wk.) – This figure will be agreed at full council on 29th January.

186/19 TO AGREE TO ADD CCTV ONTO INSURANCE POLICY The clerk has received a quote of approximately £107.44 - All AGREED **Action: Clerk to contact insurance company to confirm**

187/19 FOOTWAY LIGHTING: The Clerk informed the meeting that she had received a letter regarding Copeland's policy on footway lighting – It was agreed that we needed more information regarding which lights are affected and this is to be placed on the agenda for discussion. **Action: Clerk to place on agenda**

The meeting closed at 11.15am

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