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### KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL

#### **Full Council**

# Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th January 2025

Meeting started: 6.00pm Concluded: 6.10pm

Present: Cllr Jill Waring (chair), Cllr Cressida Dickens, Cllr Sylvia Dymond, Cllr Andrew Gould, Cllr Dave Grocott, Cllr Mary Maxfield, Cllr Jason Owen, Cllr Sarah Pickup, Cllr Ray Tait, Cllr Paul Waring and Cllr Keith Cooper

#### FC/24-25/05/01 Apologies

Apologies were received and approved from

Cllr Kevin Johnson (health)

Cllr Gill Burnett-Faulkner (leave)

Cllr Simon Jones (work)

#### FC/24-25/05/02 Declaration of Pecuniary and Other Interests

None were declared

#### FC/24-25/05/03 Public Participation

None

### FC/24-25/05/04 Budget and Precept 2025 - 2026

Members discussed the budget and the following gueries were raised.

- a) Audit was it enough due to the extra interims? Advised that the extra audits were due to circumstances, and it was anticipated to return to previous format.
- b) Accountancy fees, advised that it was prudent to have something in the budget line should circumstances require the need to bring in outside resources.
- c) Support grant advised of withdrawal by borough and the replacement and if and when we can apply for the funding that is replacing the support grant due to level of reserves.

## It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following:

- a) That the budget be agreed for the financial year 2025 2026
- b) that the council resolved to keep the precept the same as the previous year at £34.05 per Band D equivalent.

#### FC/24-25/05/05 Date of the Next Meeting

To note the date, time and venue of the next meeting scheduled for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 at 7.00pm, Victoria Hall, Liverpool Road Kidsgrove Staffordshire ST7 4EL