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# Rugeley Town Council

Minutes of Full Council Meeting held at the Rugeley Town Council Offices  
7.30pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

PRESENT:

Councillors:

P Ansell	A Cooney
M Davey	D Gaye
C Green (Vice Chair)	I Gunner
I Hodgson	R Hughes
O Lyons	I Pyke
N Stanley (Chair)	

Also Present: H Goodreid (Town Clerk)  
1 Member of public

**The meeting was preceded by a presentation from CCDC Officers on the Cannock Chase CAN app. Notes of this presentation can be found on our website in the documents listed for this meeting and will support the discussion at Item 138.**

Min No	Item	Action
<b>130</b> 130.1	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Cllrs Dipple, Grant, Martin, Panter-Hood, Turner and Tait-Green.	
<b>131</b> 131.1	<b>Declaration of Personal &amp; Prejudicial interest</b> None	
<b>132</b> 132.1	<b>To receive requests for any dispensation</b> None	
<b>133</b> 133.1	<b>Chair to close meeting for public session</b> No matters were raised.	
<b>134</b>	<b>Chair to reopen the council meeting</b>	
<b>135</b> 135.1	<b>To consider approving and signing council minutes</b> It was proposed to accept the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2022. <i>Proposed: Cllr Green; Seconded: Cllr Hodgson</i> <b>The minutes were agreed.</b>	

<p><b>136</b> 136.1</p>	<p><b>Actions Arising</b> All matters had been dealt with or were on the agenda.</p>	
<p><b>137</b> 137.1 137.2 137.3 137.4</p>	<p><b>To note the minutes from the following council meetings:</b> Rose Committee 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 Community Engagement Committee 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 Planning Committee 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 Finance and Management Committee 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022</p> <p>These were noted.</p>	
<p><b>138</b> 138.1  138.2</p>	<p><b>Cannock Chase CAN app</b> Prior to the meeting, Cllrs had received a presentation by officers at CCDC about the CAN app and how it can be used to support health and wellness in the community.</p> <p>It was proposed that the app should be supported and officers to work with CCDC to develop projects that can be used to support activities in Rugeley. It was further proposed to add a page to the Town Council website which would link to the app and promote the Rugeley based activities and support. <i>Proposed: Cllr Cooney; Seconded: Cllr Green</i> <b>The motion was agreed.</b></p>	<p>Town Clerk and officers to work with CCDC on the development of this in Rugeley</p>
<p><b>139</b> 139.1</p>	<p><b>Abusive, Persistent or Vexatious Complaints Policy</b> Cllrs considered the draft policy. It was proposed to accept the report with two amendments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) References to Finance and Management Committee be changed to Full Council</li> <li>2) Clarification be sought as to the length of time personal data would be held.</li> </ol> <p><i>Proposed: Cllr Cooney; Seconded: Cllr Green</i> <b>The motion was agreed</b></p>	<p>Town Clerk to make changes and place on website.</p>
<p><b>140</b> 140.1  140.2</p>	<p><b>Misappropriation of Council Funding 2017/2018</b> Cllrs received a report answering questions raised by members of the public at the December Full Council.</p> <p>It was proposed to accept the report. <i>Proposed: Cllr Green; Seconded: Cllr Cooney.</i> <b>The motion was agreed.</b></p>	
<p><b>141</b> 141.1</p>	<p><b>Precept</b> Cllrs considered the budget for the next 3 years. There was discussion about the nationwide economic situation and the impact of that on the community should an increase in the Precept be proposed. It was noted that the largest increase in costs facing the Council will be on utilities. Should the Solar panels be installed, this would result in savings but was still a few months off.</p>	

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141.2	The feeling by Councillors was that there should not be an increase in the Precept for 2023/2024 although it was also noted that as the tax base had increased, there could be a slight increase in the precept without individual bills increasing. This would be taken to F and M on 18 <sup>th</sup> January for further consideration and would back to Full Council on 1 <sup>st</sup> February for formal consideration.	To be placed on February Full Council agenda.
<b>142</b> 142.1	<b>Community Recognition</b> It was proposed that a certificate / reward be presented to local heroes in recognition of their good works. These would be awarded at the Annual Parish meeting or suitable event. <i>Proposed; Cllr Cooney; Seconded: Cllr Pyke</i> <b>The motion was agreed</b>	Development Manager to create award.
<b>143</b> 143.1	<b>Hearing Loop</b> AVT Communication Systems Ltd had visited the Council offices and advised on the installation of a suitable hearing loop at a cost of £1,350 + VAT. This would include the provision of one 360° mic. This would come from the maintenance budget. It was proposed that this quote be accepted. <i>Proposed: Cllr Davey; Seconded: Cllr Green</i> <b>The motion was agreed.</b>	Town Clerk to place order
<b>144</b> 144.1	<b>Town Clerk Interviews</b> Cllrs were informed that following a meeting of the Shortlisting Panel of Councillors, one candidate would be interviewed on 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2023.	.
<b>145</b> 145.1	<b>Chairs and Vice Chairs Report</b> Cllr Stanley noted that in November he had attended the wreath laying on Remembrance Sunday as Chair of the Council. In addition, Cllr Stanley / Cllr Lyons / Cllr Cooney had attended the Hart School to look at the Zero Carbon teaching unit.	
<b>146</b> 146.1	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> The date of the next meeting was confirmed as being 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2023.	

The meeting finished at 8.15pm.

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