

# **WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Present:** Councillor C Hayes (Deputy Chairman in the Chair);  
Councillor R Gill; Councillor B O’Kane; Councillor R White

M. Jewell, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

V. Gorley, Assistant Clerk

Member of the Public

Prior to the Meeting starting the Deputy Mayor informed all those present that  
There were no alarms being tested that night and indicated where the toilets were

### **2680/25 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillor G Roberts	illness
Councillor R Taylor	illness
Councillor J Carr	Work Commitments
Councillor R Redmond	Holiday
Councillor E Dinsdale	Family Commitment
Councillor G Dinsdale	Family Commitment
Councillor A Pearson	illness
Councillor A Spedding	Family Commitment

It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor White that  
the apologies for absence be accepted and noted

**RESOLVED** - That the apologies for absence be accepted and noted.

### **2681/25 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Hayes declared that he was a member of the Whitehaven Tidy Town  
Group and the Harbour Users Group.

Councillor Gill declared that he was a member of Whitehaven Heritage Action  
Group

**2682/25 Public Participation**

There was no public participation

**2683/25 2025/26 Whitehaven Town Council Revenue Budget and Precept**

The Council considered a report on the Council's Revenue Budget and Precept for 2025/26. The Assistant Clerk read out the full report to the Council. The Council wished it to be recorded that in answer to a question from Councillor O'Kane the Clerk informed the Council that there had been no written representations/comments/objections received from any of the Councillors who were summoned to attend the Meeting and who could not attend the Meeting and who had submitted their apologies for absence. Following a discussion on the Report it was noted that the Council Ward Grants budget had been reduced to £12,000.00 for one year only and that there had been an increase of 0.0235% in the Town Council Precept for 2025/26 which would result in an annual increase of £1.66 per Band D property which equated to £0.0319p per week.

It was:-

- i. Proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Gill that the proposed 2025/26 Budget had been considered

**RESOLVED** – That the 2025/26 Revenue Budget and Precept had been considered

- ii. Proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor White that no amendments be made. A vote was held and it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** – That no amendments be made

- iii. Proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor O'Kane that subject to i and ii above that the 2025/26 Revenue Budget and Precept be approved

- iv. Proposed by Councillor O'Kane and seconded by Councillor White that the Chairman and the Clerk sign the Precept 2025/26 Form received from Cumberland Council to advise Cumberland Council of the approved Whitehaven Town Council Precept for 2025/26 to inform the setting of the overall Council Tax requirement for 2025/26. A vote was held and it was

- v. **RESOLVED** - That the Deputy Chairman and the Clerk sign the Precept 2025/26 Form received from Cumberland Council to advise Cumberland Council of the approved Whitehaven Town Council Precept for 2025/26 to inform the setting of the overall Council Tax requirement for 2025/26.

The Meeting Closed at 6.30pm

Deputy Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. King', written in a cursive style.