



Annual Business Rate Payers

Minutes

Tuesday, 16 February 2021 at 10:30

PRESENT:-

Councillor Smith (in the Chair) & Councillor Wainwright.

Ms K Sly (Finance Director), Ms L Snow (Finance Manager), Mrs S Wintle (Corporate Services Manager) & Mrs C Webb (Executive Services Officer).

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest declared at the meeting.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2020 were confirmed by assent.

4 THE BUDGET 2021/22

The Finance Director gave a presentation to the Committee regarding the Council's budget for 2021/22.

The Chairman & Councillor Wainwright thanked the Finance Director and her team for producing the budget under difficult circumstances as a result of the pandemic.

Jonathan Newman, Town Centre Manager, reported via email that he had no questions for the Committee and would await the business rates figures for 2021/22. The Finance Director reported that the Council would communicate any new Government grants to the Town Centre Manager as soon as the information became available.

Carol Todd, E E Greens, asked via email, following the Council's recent public consultation on the Wintergardens, what had the residents indicated they would like to see regarding the use of the space and when would work commence on the Market Place. The Chairman responded to the questions.

Carol Todd reported that she had met several employees from Bam Nuttalls who had started work on the Third River Crossing and was pleased that local employment was being used in the project.

The Chairman and the Finance Director thanked those who had taken the time to attend the meeting.

The meeting ended at: 12:30