

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8.00 PM ON MONDAY  
26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY AT THE CIVIC HALL POYNTON

PRESENT

Mayor P Oakes

Deputy Mayor Ms Hayley Whitaker

Cllrs: K Booth, L A Clarke, S Lees, L Podmore, Mrs J Saunders, T Swatridge, M Blackie, P. Bailey.

Officers in attendance: Haf Barlow (Clerk) S Shaw (Admin)

105. To note, if anyone attending, or present, at the committee meeting is making, or intends to make, an audio recording or film of the meeting.

The Mayor confirmed that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of minute taking and the recording is deleted when the draft minutes are agreed. There were no other declarations of a recording of the meeting.

106. Questions from members of the public

There were no members of the public present.

107. Apologies for absence

M Sewart, J Waterhouse, M Beanland. D Belcher.

108. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary or other interests.

109. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025 are approved as an accurate record. (9 for, 1 abstention)**

110. To note the action list for 2025 – 2026

Town Clerk drew attention to two ongoing issues, the renaming of Civic Way and the Treacle Bus Service.

**RESOLVED: That the action list is received (NC)**

111 Received and noted Mayor's announcements/engagements.

**RESOLVED: That the Mayors announcements /engagements are received**

112. To receive and consider the draft budgets for 2026/27, to agree a budget and the approve the precept request for 2026

The Clerk shared three draft budgets with the Town Council. The variations in the budgets related to the previous commitment of the Town Council to oppose Adlington New Town, with a contribution of £5 per household. Budget A was a cost of a fully funded contribution from the budget; budget B was funded half from reserves and budget C was fully funded from reserves.

Members discussed the various options noting that as well as Adlington New Town greenbelt/grey belt was likely to be a significant issue over the next year.

**RESOLVED: That Budget B and Precept 2026/27 request for £697,750 which represents an increase of 4.97% for a band D property compared to 2025/2026 is approved (NC)**

113 To receive and consider the Internal Audit Report and the Clerks action plan.

The Clerk explained the two recommendations made by the auditor as part of the interim internal audit.

**RESOLVED: That the interim internal audit report for 2025/2026 is received and that the clerk's action plan is approved. (NC)**

114. To receive and adopt the Minutes of Committees:

- a, Management and Establishment Committee 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025
- b, Planning and Environment Committee 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Management and Establishment Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)**

**That the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> December and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)**

115. To agree any communication messages

**RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk prepare a draft communication statement relating to the Precept and circulates to all councillors.**

Meeting end time: 20:25

Chair .....

Dated.....