



**A MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE AND
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER 2022 AT 7.00pm
AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER**

Present

Cllr K Cargill (Mayor), Cllr V Blake (Deputy Mayor), Cllr G Forman, Cllr M Bowe and Cllr C Neal-Sturgess

In attendance Mrs V Lowe, Town Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

1. Apologies

There were no apologies – all councillors present.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest on agenda items.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the previous meeting had been signed at Full Council.

4. Finance Issues

- a. The monthly management accounts which had been circulated in advance were approved.
- b. The Town Clerk presented projected figures for the remainder of the financial year plus a proposed budget for 2023-24. The figures had been circulated in advance of the meeting and the Town Clerk responded to questions raised. The figures were discussed at length and it was agreed to keep the increase in the Band D Council Tax contribution to 5%. The Town Clerk was asked to look at various options to make the necessary adjustments to the budget.
- c. It was agreed to put a proposition to Full Council that a precept of £329,813 was requested from Stratford-on-Avon District Council for the year 2023-2024.
- d. The Town Clerk reported that £2596.42 CIL funds had been received from SDC in respect of the Alauna Avenue garage block development.
- e. The Town Clerk reported that ATC had been successful in obtaining a grant from WCC from the Household Support Fund. This had enabled £3050 of Tesco vouchers to be purchased and distributed to 122 families in Alcester primary schools who had been nominated by their schools.
- f. The Town Clerk reported that there had been another underground water leak at the EPCC. The contractor had advised that the whole pipe should probably be replaced but as the pipe is 200 metres long the cost would be circa £9000. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact the insurers to seek advice on whether replacement was covered on ATC's insurance policy, failing which, the Town Clerk will arrange for a repair.
Having spoken to the insurers, the Town Clerk authorised the pipe to be repaired – the work was completed on 17th December.
- g. The Town Clerk updated Councillors on the informal meeting with Warwickshire County Council regarding the future of the old library.

5. Propositions to Full Council

There is a proposition to Full Council as referred to in item 4c.

The meeting was then closed by the Mayor.