



Thornaby Town Council

Council Meeting Minutes from Precept meeting held on:

Monday 13th January 2025 at 18.30

At Thornaby Town Hall, Mandale Road, Thornaby, TS17 6AW

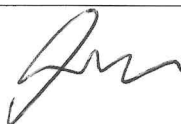
Present	MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Glenn Eastick (Vice Chair) Cllr Richard Eglington Cllr Mark Fairbairn Cllr Les Hodge (Chair) Cllr Julie Hodge Cllr Mick Moore Cllr Steve Walmsley Cllr Sylvia Walmsley Pam Danks, Town Clerk — Minute taker
FC-25-489	NOTICE OF MEETING: The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.
FC-25-490	MEMBERS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Ian Dalgarno – Holiday Cllr Phil Genery – Working away MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE WITHOUT CONTACTING CLERK: Cllr Steve Godwin – Post operative recovery Cllr Ray Godwin – Working nightshifts Cllr Tina Large – Long term illness MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE WITHOUT REASON: Cllr Nathan Gale
FC-25-491	CODE OF CONDUCT: There were no declarations of interest received.
FC-25-492	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No attendance by members of the public

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FC-25-493	COUNCIL BUDGET: To consider and agree the Budget for 2025/26 1. Salaries budget to reduce to £35k 2. Photocopier budget to increase to £3.5k to match 2024/25 cost 3. Postage budget reduce to £300 as more email being used. 4. Telephone & IT system support budget to increase to £5k. 5. Memberships budget increase to £1.5k to match 2024/25 cost 6. Accountancy to increase to £6.5k to match 2024/25 cost 7. Thornaby Pride budget increase to £24k as edition has grown in content and each publication costs now £6k. 8. Audit budget to reduce to £3k to match 2024/25 cost 9. Councillor training and travel reduce to £100 10. Security & Fire alarm budget to be implemented £1k 11. Music, TV & Lottery licence budget to be implemented £550 12. Thornaby show Budget increased to £20k 13. Thornafest budget adjusted down to £20k 14. Carols at the lamps budget increased to £1.5k 15. Insurance budget increased to 10k 16. Town Hall rates budget increased to £1.2k 17. Town Hall utilities decreased to 315k 18. Town Hall maintenance decreased to £5k 19. Community Grants budget increased to 10k 20. Special Projects budget decreased to £20k 21. Archives & history budget created for £500 22. Defibrillator maintenance budget created for £1k All other areas not listed will remain with the same budget figure as 2024/25. It was resolved and agreed: that Defibrillator weekly maintenance checks should transfer to the Caretaker as from commencement of 2025/26 FY to reduce costs. Any repairs and replacement items, along with new Defibrillators and cases and installations remain to be obtained from Cromas as current.
FC-25-494	COUNCIL PRECEPT: To consider and agree the Precept for 2025/26 Discussion took place as to whether or not to increase the Precept for 2025/26. The Precept for 2024/25 was set at £166,768 and the tax base (based on 98.25% collection rate) was £5,695.06. The funding received was £36,050. Making precept £202,818.00. It was resolved and agreed that the Precept for 2025/26 would be increased by 4.90%. Paperwork to be completed and submitted to SBC for £174,939.63 which will be added to the provisional funding amount of £36,050. Making total £210,989.63

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The indicative tax base (based on 98.25% collection rate) for 2025/26 is £5,856.19. The indicative provisional funding allocation is £36,050. After allowing for £36,050 grant the total funding available to the Parish has increased by 4.029%.

Financial Year	2024-25	2025-26	% Increase
Total Funding	202,818.00	210,989.63	4.03%
Total Grant	36,050.00	36,050.00	0.00%
Precept requirement	166,768.00	174,939.63	4.90%

Request sent to Suzanne Lloyd at SBC 14th January 2025.

FC-25-495 **COUNCIL OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATION:** To review amount outstanding loan amounts.

Balance as at last statement received 31/03/24:

- PW501662 £56,000
- 257664 £273,135.78

2024/25 payments taken to date:

- PW501662 £5,754.50
- 257664 £16,265.70

The next statement for 2024/25 will be available at the Council meeting in April.

FC-25-496 **COUNCIL RESERVES:** To consider and agree the Reserves for 2025/26

Discussion took place on the amount of reserves used during 2024/25 to make necessary repairs and improvements to the Town Hall and it was agreed that these amounts were seen as an investment into the building and will further improve it for prosperity. Current insurance valuation post restoration being further increased and now upwards of £7 million.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That money in reserves and invested with CCLA to remain in place and additional funds over and above precept would need to be taken from it.

FC-25-497 **CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING:** Monday 27th January @18.30.

1. Non-attendance / Non response to invites for Council meetings.
2. Chairman proposal

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