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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2026, 6.00 PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, KIRKHAM

ATTENDEES:

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| Neil Byers | Councillor (Cllr.) and Chair |
| James Cameron | Cllr. |
| Chris Hopkinson | Cllr. |
| Diane Ireland | Cllr. |
| Peter Sutcliffe (part) | Cllr. |
| Maggie Ledger | Cllr. |
| Elizabeth Squires (Minutes) | Town Clerk and RFO |

26/02/01b APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Brierley, Hesketh and Jones.

26/02/02b DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest in an Agenda item. Members are reminded that in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act, 1972, and the Council's Standing Orders, any direct or pecuniary or other interest should be declared.

No declarations.

26/02/03b MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) PW Hosting Arrangements

The Town Clerk informed the members that PW had been informed that the SEO element of the hosting arrangements was not being included for 2026/27. This was agreed by the members at 10 February 2026 meeting (Part 2).

Cllr. Sutcliffe joined the meeting.

(ii) 2026/27 Contract with Fylde Council

The contract with Fylde Council for 2026/27 has been amended following Cllr. Hopkinson's discussion with them. The cost of the contract has increased by 15%

with further increases anticipated for 2027/28. Arrangements for 2027/28 are to be discussed and agreed by members during 2026/27.

(iii) **2026/27 Precept**

To agree the Precept for 2026/27.

Members reviewed the budget for 2026/27. Amendments had been made to the draft budget following further information received (i.e. PW SEO, the Fylde Council contract for the forthcoming year, staff pay increase (in line with inflation) etc. The decision to withdraw interest earned from the Corporate Notice account to support the 2026/27 precept was included in the revised budget. An increase of 12.5% (was proposed and seconded. Members voted:

Voting: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

26/02/15 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 March 2026 at 7.00pm, Kirkham Community Centre.

Signed

Cllr. Jones, Mayor and Chair

Dated:

Elizabeth Squires, Town Clerk