



ST ANDREWS PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Full Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 21st January 7:40pm
At Redhouse Community Centre, Swindon

Councillors Present: Cherie Adams, Daniel Adams, K Beyioku, Jake Chandler (Chairman), Steve Heyes, Sue MacDonald, Paul Morris, Kate Tomlinson, Paul West, Vince Williams and Debbie Young

Councillors Not Present: K Beyioku

Officer Present: Emma Sylvester – Chief Executive Officer
Luke Jones – Operations Manager
Louise Rose – Administration Officer
Alex Hughes – Temporary RCC Manager

Public Present: 0

174. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and reasons accepted from Councillor K Beyioku

175. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No Declarations of Interest were received

176. BUDGET

Members considered the budget for 2026/27 along with the following recommendations from committees.

RESOLVED

- (i) **New Office Space** – A budget of £9,000 was approved.
- (ii) **Grounds Maintenance and Play Areas**
 - a. Play area surfaces – Not approved.
 - b. MUGA – Not approved.
 - c. Play area repairs – £8,000 approved.
 - d. UTV trailer – £1,600 approved.
 - e. Vehicle budget – Reduced by £1,600.
 - f. Road sweeping – Not approved.
 - g. Weed killing – Not approved.
 - h. CCTV – Not approved.

20:50 Cllr C Adams left the meeting

- (iii) **Redhouse Community Centre**
 - a. Tables – Not approved.
 - b. Reception chairs – Not approved.
 - c. Play repairs – £400 approved.
 - d. Decorating – Not approved.
 - e. Earmark Funds for future repairs – Not approved

21:01 Cllr D Adams left the room

- f. Website contribution – £400 approved, to be funded from General Reserves and completed within the current financial year to ensure compliance with the Digital Assertion.

21:03 Cllr D Adams returned to the room

21:04 Cllr P Morris left the room

- g. Lighting – Not approved.

21:10 Cllr P Morris returned to the room

- h. CCTV – Not approved.
- (iv) **Youth** – No budget approved.
- (v) **Employee Assistance Programme (EAP)** – Not approved.
- (vi) **General Reserves** – Members agreed to top up General Reserves by £22,000. Cllr Kate Tomlinson requested that her vote against be recorded.
- (vii) **Community Grants** – No budget approved.

177. The meeting was adjourned at 21:30 for the CEO to check the figures

178. The meeting was readjourned at 21:59

179. BUDGET

Members further considered the budget and **RESOLVED** to reduce the budget for staff taxi support by 50%, reduce the legal fees budget by 50%, and include an additional £20,000 of income through cost-cutting measures across the whole budget.

RESOLVED

To agree the budget for 2026/27 as detailed in the attached document in the Minute Book
To issue a precept of £767,584.00 to Swindon Borough Council.
Cllrs D Adams, P Morris and K Tomlinson voted against.

The meeting closed at 20:22

Chairman _____

Date _____