

**Minutes of the Strategy Committee Meeting of the Town Council held on
Wednesday 10th November 2021 at 6.00pm**

Present

St Michael's Ward

Cllr J Bonetta (Chairman)
Cllr D Munge
Cllr McCollum
Cllr Proszowska

St Paul's Ward

Cllr S Sexton

In attendance

Stephen Hill, Town Clerk

21/11/SC

Vice Chairman

The Committee considered election of a Vice Chairman for the Strategy Committee.

Members RESOLVED unanimously to elect Cllr Sexton as Vice Chairman of the Strategy Committee.

Proposed by Cllr Proszowska and seconded by Cllr Bonetta

21/12/SC

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs T Howard (St Michael's Ward) and Hanratty (St Paul's Ward). Cllr Coombs gave his apologies although he is not on the Committee. Cllr McCollum was noted as arriving later.

21/13/SC

Declarations of Interests

None

21/14/SC

Dispensations

There were no requests for or grants of dispensations made by the Town Clerk in relation to the business of the meeting.

21/15/SC

Public Question Time for items on the agenda

There were no public questions.

21/16/SC

Strategy Committee held on 4th October 2021

Members RESOLVED to approve for accuracy the minutes of the Strategy Committee Meeting held on the 4th October 2021

Proposed by Cllr Sexton and seconded by Cllr Munge
For 3, Against 0, Abstentions 1.

Signed Chair

Date

21/17/SC [Budget setting 2022-2023](#)

Members considered the [budget headings](#) and made the following recommendations to Finance and Policy Committee on 29th November 2021 in respect of the budget and precept setting:

Cllr McCollum joined the meeting 18:14pm

Confirmed that any salary underspend from 2021/22 could be used to establish a social media budget, with Full Council approval.

Proposed £2,500 Tourism Budget.

Noted that electric vehicle charging points could be self-funding and therefore not needed as a budget heading.

Noted that the Climate Change WG has asked for a visit to and research of Honiton to assess carbon footprint and propose actions.

Proposed £10,000 Climate Change budget.

Proposed £3,000 Health & Wellbeing budget.

Proposed £15,000 Youth Sports (to incorporate £12k budget already included).

Proposed £5,000 added to the Neighbourhood Plan Earmarked Reserve (EMR) of £20k.

Proposed £0k for Fair Trade town.

Proposed £1,000 budget heading for each Working Group.

It was suggested that the budget heading relating to the HCC be revised and that the lease to HCC enables HCC to apply for funds from HTC and not to include an EMR.

Proposed £3,000 for Councillors' Strategy.

Proposed £20,000 for Public Engagement, for example noticeboards, surgeries, communications/social media and Neighbourhood Planning. Committee noted that there will be staffing implications of the above.

Members RESOLVED unanimously to recommend to Finance and Policy Committee on 29th November 2021 in respect of the budget and precept setting.

Proposed by Cllr McCollum and seconded by Cllr Sexton

21/18/SC [Project Review and Prioritisation](#)

Committee CONSIDERED the list of current work (August 2021) and PROVIDED feedback to the Finance & Policy Committee that the list could be prioritised and highlighted "early wins".

Members RESOLVED unanimously to ask each Councillor on Strategy Committee to add to and/or adjust the draft list by 18.11.21.

Proposed by Cllr Bonetta and seconded by Cllr Proszowska

Members RESOLVED unanimously to extend the meeting until 8.30pm.

21/19/SC Climate change Working Group and Decision from FC 8/11/21
Members RESOLVED unanimously to:
A) establish a Climate Change Working Group (as noted by Full Council 8 November 2021); and
Proposed by Cllr Sexton and seconded by Cllr Munge

B) decided people to be included on the Working Group: Cllrs Sexton, Munge and Bonetta with Mr J Wyatt, Mrs C Kolek, Mr Waldren and Mrs J Richards with others invited to attend.
Proposed by Cllr McCollum and seconded by Cllr Sexton

The Working Group plans to meet 23 November 2021.

21/20/SC Report back re Climate webinar Citizens' Assembly 20 October 2021
A report back from the webinar was provided.

21/21/SC [Report re Climate Plan](#)
Committee NOTED the report Summary of Devon Carbon Neutral plan which is expected to be finalised summer 2022.

21/22/SC Invitation for Devon's second Local Councillor Climate Emergency Support Network - 30th November
Members RESOLVED unanimously that Cllr Munge plan to attend.
Proposed by Cllr Bonetta and seconded by Cllr Sexton

21/23/SC To close the meeting
The meeting was closed at 20:20.