

NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra Council Meeting DRAFT

held on Wednesday 9th December 2024 at Cedar House, 3 New Road, North Walsham NR28 9DE

Present:

Town Councillors: Cllr Wright (Chair) Cllr Spall Cllr Hester

Cllr Beach Cllr Brand Cllr Dibben

Cllr Seward Cllr Covell Cllr Ginbey Cllr Bunton

Town Clerk: Wendy Murphy

Members of Public: 28

The meeting opened at 18.30.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Heinrich

2. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> - (Standing Orders: 13b-pecuniary interest; 13c-personal interest if the code of conduct requires; Councillors will leave the meeting for the item, unless a dispensation is granted)

Personal interests: None Dispensation: None Pecuniary interests: None

3. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was decided that the public forum would come before the detailed report was reviewed, so that any decisions would be based on public feedback.

Numerous questions were raised by the public, including and relating to the following:

- The amount of money in the NWTC bank accounts
- Staff long term sickness
- Responsibility for errors, lack of financial transparency/forecasts
- Previous Internal Auditors vs newly appointed Auditor
- War Memorial Park Charity
- Councillor and staff Training
- Explanation of Precept/Council Tax amounts confirming that the NWTC precept has not been raised from last year.
- Planning consultations to be dealt with at Full Council meetings

4. TO RECEIVE AUDIT REPORT ON FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

All Councillors unanimously accepted the report's findings and suggested actions. They also apologised for the Council's shortcomings over recent years.

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It was proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Hester (all in favour), and RESOLVED that an Action Plan would be set up for and agreed at the next Full Council meeting 17th December 2024. The actions will either be dealt with by the Full Council or delegated to the relevant Committee.

These will then be reviewed and reported on publicly at each subsequent Full Council meeting.

5. DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Extra-ordinary meeting 11th December 2024 19.00 Full Council 17th December 2024 18.30 Finance 7th January 2025 13.30 Development & Amenities 21st January 2025 18.30

Meeting closed at 19.41

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