



1 February 2024

The meeting of **BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL** will be held in the **ANNEXE, COLLEGE HOUSE** on **Thursday 8 February 2024** at **6.45PM** when the following Members are summoned to attend:

Councillors R Connolly (Mayor), Ian Wellings (Deputy Mayor), C Aked, C Baines MBE, S Barlow, J Buckley, A Chetter, D Cooper, N Cooper, T Green, R Ireland, E Marshall, L Neal, L Rochelle, K Sawbridge BEM, R Seabright.

Yours Sincerely

Clare Turner
Town Clerk

BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA – THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2024

1. Welcome

Members are asked to receive a welcome to the meeting from the Mayor.

2. Apologies for Absence

Members are asked to receive any apologies for absence.

3. Declarations of Interest

Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting, and which is not included in the register of interests. Members are reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest or other registerable interest.

4. Public Question Time

Members of the public who are electors of the parish of Bridgnorth are advised that they are welcome to ask questions about agenda items. If a question relates more generally to the business of the Council, advance notification is preferred in order to provide a more considered response. Verbal responses are not always possible, and so questions may receive a written reply. In accordance with Standing Order 1s (viii), questions should be related to matters of Town Council policy or practice and not related to the individual affairs of either the questioner or another named person.

(Clerks Note: The Council will generally permit up to 15 minutes for public questions, each question being limited to 3 minutes)

5. Minutes

5.1. To approve the minutes of the meeting of Bridgnorth Town Council held on Tuesday 16th January 2024

6. Members Question Time

Members are asked to receive questions, if any, in accordance with Standing Order 27 and to take no more than 15 minutes in total.

7. Items for Next Agenda

Members are asked to discuss items for inclusion on the next agenda.

8. Precept and Budget Setting for Financial Year 2024/2025

At the meeting held on 16th January 2024, the Town Council resolved to approve the draft budget, as presented, subject to the Council receiving formal approval from central government to borrow.

The draft budget showed expenditure of £1,163,744 and income of £365,583 with a precept requirement of £798,161.

Members are asked to consider the following recommendations:

- i) To agree the summary budget (Appendix A) for financial year 2024/2025.

(Precept of £798,161 and Band D equivalent of £171.26, percentage increase of 9.98%.)

- ii) To approve the issuing of the precept, requiring Shropshire Council to pay Bridgnorth Town Council £798,161 (seven hundred and ninety-eight thousand, one hundred and sixty-one pounds) to meet its expenditure for the financial year 2024/2025.
- iii) For the precept paperwork to be prepared and signed by the Town Clerk and Mayor, and sent to Shropshire Council.