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HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 2016 at 8.00PM

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The Chairman introduced this item and advised that usually the Annual General Meeting of the Council is held on the second Thursday in May. The Chairman added that unfortunately he would be away on the scheduled date in May but would wish to be present at the meeting so was seeking approval from Council to suspend the Standing Orders that specify this date as the second Thursday,

The Clerk confirmed that usually the Annual General Meeting would be scheduled for Thursday 12 May and it was being proposed that this be changed to Thursday 19 May 2016. The Clerk added that for this to be effected that part of Standing Order 6.2 which states that the Annual General Meeting of the Council is usually held on the second Thursday in May would have to be suspended for 2016.

The Clerk added that usually also there would be a Finance and Administration Committee meeting after the Annual General Meeting and to effect that Standing Order 19.12.3 which states that the Finance & Administration Committee meeting is held on the second Thursday of the month would also need to be suspended.

Members had no objections to the proposal.

Resolved:

- That part of Standing Order 6.2 which states that the Annual General Meeting of the Council is usually held on the second Thursday in May be suspended for 2016 and Standing Order 19.12.3 which states that the Finance & Administration Committee meeting is held on the second Thursday of the month is suspended for May 2016.

CC1571/16 Barn Dance/Ceilidh and Other Fund Raising Activities

The Chairman introduced this item and advised Members that a Barn Dance is being organised for Saturday 12 March at All Saints Church Hall. The Chairman added that any help in selling tickets which are now available would be appreciated as would any help in organising the event, particularly on the evening itself.

The Chairman also asked Members whether they can give consideration to other possible charity fund raising events for the year.

CC1572/16 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.04pm.