FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 19th January 2009 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth at 7:00 pm.

Present: Councillors G F Evans (Chairman), Mrs A J Biggins, I J Body,

G W Chin-Quee, O K Cramp, B Elliott, S D Eva, Mrs V E Eva, D J Noakes,

Mrs M Ryan, and M A Varney

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)

S J Polglase (Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Officer)

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F3671 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ayres (holiday), Mrs Booth (family matters), Mrs Davies (ill), Ms Merrett (ill) and Sterratt (ill)

F3672 INTERESTS

None received

F3673 MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Elliott, seconded by Councillor Noakes and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2008 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

F3674 **2009/10 BUDGET**

It was duly noted that the 2009/10 precept call of £873,967 had been made to Carrick District Council in lieu of Cornwall Council.

F3675 CORNWALL AND ISLES OF SCILLY PRIMARY CARE TRUST – FIVE YEAR STRATEGY

It was duly noted that a public meeting would be held on 27th January 2009 at the Community Room of the Health Centre, Trevaylor Road, Falmouth between 4:00pm and 7:00pm to receive reaction to the strategy.

F3676 <u>LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS – CORNWALL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL</u> COUNCILS

The Town Clerk and Councillor S D Eva reported upon attendance at the larger Councils meeting on 8th January 2009 seeking to address engagement issues with ONE Cornwall.

The Town Clerk also reported the current position regarding the active partnership arrangements and devolved service request for the Falmouth Tourist Information Centre.

F3677 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

It was proposed by Councillor Chin-Quee, seconded by Councillor Varney and

RESOLVED that the Community Engagement Strategy be endorsed and approved and is attached as part of these minutes.

Further the Town Mayor reported that the Council's application for Quality Status had been submitted.

F3678 **FEES AND CHARGES 2009/10**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs V E Eva, seconded by Councillor Varney and

RESOLVED that the scale of fees and charges attached as part of these minutes be approved and operated from 1st April 2009.

F3679 COUNCIL TAX BASE

The Deputy Clerk and Finance Officer reported the 2009/10 tax base information (7353.65 band D equivalent properties for Falmouth). There appeared to be some discrepancy with approach adopted by ONE Cornwall and representations had been duly made. The report was noted.

F3680 2009/10 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL AUDIT

It was proposed by Councillor Body, seconded by Councillor Chin-Quee and

RESOLVED that the Finance Sub-Committee considers which areas of the Council's financial management systems to direct Internal Audit to

F3681 CORNWALL LOCALISM CHARTER

The Town Clerk reported upon concerns with the proposed Charter.

It was proposed by Councillor S D Eva, seconded by Councillor Cramp and

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred for Councillors to review the charter further and to be reconsidered at the Council Meeting on 2nd February 2009.

F3682 THE NEW MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

The proposed New Model Code of Conduct was duly noted.

F3683 ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH

It was proposed by Councillor Varney, seconded by Councillor Mrs V E Eva and

RESOLVED that the Accounts and Petty Cash Schedules (attached) for December 2008 be approved.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.15pm.

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