

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 18th January 2010 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth at 7:00 pm.

Present: Councillors Mrs V E Eva (Chairman) A K Ayres, Mrs A J Biggins, I J Body, Mrs J E Booth, G W Chin-Quee, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, S D Eva, G F Evans, Ms D E Merrett and D A Sterratt

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
S J Polglase (Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Officer)

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F3806 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Elliott (family bereavement) and Jewell (attending another meeting).

F3807 **INTERESTS**

None received.

F3808 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2009 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

Further it was proposed by Councillor Mrs V E Eva, seconded by Councillor Ayres and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the special meeting held on 11th January 2010 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

F3809 **DRAFT ESTIMATES 2010/11**

The Chairman reported upon the recent Committee consideration of the draft estimates and recommended draft budget that incorporated those amendments, but retained a £7,300 increase in respect of community grants as she was mindful that many community organisations must be restricted regarding sources of funding with the demise of the District Council. She also advocated the deferment of the recruitment process for the vacant part-time Town Management Assistant for review later in the financial year. The level of General Fund Reserve would need to be gradually increased over a number of financial years and the Council needed to make good its spending from General Fund Reserve in 2009/10. Also the reduction in the interest rate had severely affected income levels. Those factors required an 8% increase to precept prior to the consideration of service growth items.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs V E Eva, seconded by Councillor Chin-Quee and

RESOLVED that the Council be recommended to agree estimates for 2010/11 as per Option 5 with a precept call of £962,950 an increase of 10.18% over 2009/10. Assuming a General Fund Reserve equivalent of 1.94 months total expenditure.

It was RESOLVED that the voting on this matter be recorded. Those that voted for the MOTION: Councillors Ayres, Body, Mrs Booth, Chin-Quee, Cramp, Mrs Davies, S D Eva, Mrs V E Eva, Evans and Mrs Ryan (10). Those against: Councillors Mrs Biggins, Ms Merrett and Sterratt.

F3810 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

RESOLVED that the Accounts and Petty Cash Schedules (attached) for December 2009 be approved.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed.....

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