

## **FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a special meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, S D Eva, G F Evans, A J Jewell, Ms D E Merrett and Mrs M Ryan.

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

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### F3803 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Chin-Quee (ill), Elliott (family bereavement) and Sterratt (work).

### F3804 **INTERESTS**

None received.

### F3805 **DRAFT BUDGET 2010/11**

The Chairman advised that she had called the meeting to revisit the budget discussion to enable the Council to set its budget and determine its precept on 18th January 2010 as agreed with Cornwall Council. She requested that if necessary the Council considers whether the aspirations in Option 4 as presented were still acceptable, and a full debate ensued.

Councillor S D Eva requested that the Council consider possible structural changes to increase efficiency and possibly realise financial savings. The Chairman of the Staffing Committee agreed to Chair an informal meeting prior to the scheduled meeting on 18th January 2010. The Town Clerk reminded members that the Staffing Committee had already indicated that no changes were required in the staffing structure of the Council for 2010/11 that had been agreed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the purposes of budget setting.

The Council were broadly in support of the aspirations recorded at Option 4 of the budget projections, however wished to see reductions to bring the increase in precept to 11%, this to be achieved by:

- Grants restructure to increase by £5,000 (not £7,300)
- Christmas lights replacement fund to be £5,000 (not £6,000)
- Kimberley Park Lodge/Toilets Works £40,000 (not £50,000)
- Trescobeas (Phase 3) to be £40,000 (not £50,000)
- Out of Hours Wardens to be £20,000 (not £25,000)
- Newsletter to be £10,000 (not £16,000)
- General fund reserves be set at a level equivalent to 1.7 months operating costs, however the Council identifies its intention to increase this for the 2011/12 financial year and thereafter

Further the Town Clerk and Town Manager respectively review newsletter and Shoppers Shuttle Bus operations.

The Town Clerk left the meeting prior to its conclusion.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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