

MINUTES OF THE POLICY, FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON
ON WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.00 PM

Councillors: Councillor N J C Devenish (Town Mayor) in the Chair

Mrs S M E Swift
K Reynolds

Mrs F N E Boase
R R Pryor

M H Thomas

Officers: Mr C Dawson – Town Clerk
Miss P J Lavelle – Assistant to the Town Clerk

275. Declarations of Interest

The Mayor declared an interest in the Mayor's Allowance which was included in the Budget Monitoring Statement and Draft Budget 2010/11 (Agenda items 5 and 6), and advised that he would not take part in the debate or vote on that specific budget heading.

Councillor Mrs Boase declared an interest in the Schedule of Fees & Charges (Agenda item 6) as a member of the Helston Country Market.

276. Minutes

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs Swift, seconded by Councillor Pryor, it was

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th September 2009 be approved and signed as a true record.

277. Budget Monitoring Statement

Members considered the Budget Monitoring Statement to 30th September 2009. The Town Clerk answered questions following which it was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boase, and

RESOLVED – that the Budget Monitoring Statement be accepted.

278. Draft Budget 2010/11

Members considered a report by the Town Clerk (previously circulated) that contained a draft 2010/11 Budget and the 2009/10 Schedule of Fees and Charges. Each budget heading was individually discussed and the Town Clerk answered Members' questions.

Members made amendments to the draft budget following which it was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Reynolds, and unanimously

RECOMMENDED – that the 2010/11 draft budget, as amended, be presented to Full Council at its meeting scheduled for 17th December 2009.

The Mayor declared an interest in the Mayor's Allowance budget heading and took no part at that point in the debate.

It was proposed by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Reynolds, that the Schedule of Fees & Charges remain the same as 2009/10.

As an amendment it was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Pryor, that the Schedule of Fees & Charges be amended as indicated during the debate. The amendment was carried and became the Substantive Motion and it was

RECOMMENDED – that the amended Schedule of Fees and Charges, as indicated during the debate, be presented to Full Council.

Councillor Mrs Boase declared an interest in the Schedule of Fees & Charges and did not vote.

279. Draft Community Engagement Strategy

Members considered the draft Community Engagement Strategy (previously circulated). The Mayor advised that he was a member of the PACT Panel as a Helston Town Councillor and not as the Office of Mayor. It was then proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Thomas, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Community Engagement Strategy, as amended, be adopted.

Meeting closed 10.31pm.

Confirmed

Town Mayor