

## WELLS CITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held in the council chamber at Wells Town Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillor H Siggs – Chairman  
Councillors D Anderson, C Borastero, M Brandon, N Kennedy, J North and C Price

IN ATTENDANCE: Steve Luck (RFO) and Councillors S Robertson, S Davies

10/001F PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of public present

10/002F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor T Robbins

10/003F DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any Declarations of Interest under the Local Authority (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007, issued under SI No. 11/59 including paragraph 12 (2).

No declarations were made

10/004F FINANCIAL REPORT

The Committee received the financial reports for December which had been scrutinised and approved. No items were raised:

10/005F REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN

Nothing to report

10/006F REPORT FROM CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

Report noted. No questions

10/007F. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

Deferred to next meeting

10/008F TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR DROP DOWN SCREEN

Cllr Price presented details of the request to place screen in Town Hall, after discussions on location and price etc it was decided to defer this item.

10/009F REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cruse Bereavement Care, Members approved a grant of £500

10/010F TO CONSIDER PROPOSED DRAFT BUDGET

The Chairman and RFO presented the report and outlined the budget proposal. The main requirement for any increase being the higher level of non domestic rates and the lower level of reserves following the need to replace the Town Hall boiler which had not been a budgeted expenditure item. After some discussion on various budget headings it was agreed to ask the RFO to reduce the proposed budget requirement. Cllr Brandon proposed a compromise 3.46% increase, accepted by members, resulting in a precept requirement of £293,482 raised by a Band B precept of £70.45

10/011F

ITEMS FOR URGENT REPORT

RFO reported loss of Town Hall booking income due to adverse weather

Cllr Borastero proposed that Steve Luck be recommended to Council as Temporary Proper Officer for the Council, this was agreed by members

EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

That pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public is excluded from the meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

No items

The meeting closed at 8.05pm. There were no members of the public present.