

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE/PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING** held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2006 at 7.00 pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor M.R. Cotton - Chairman  
Councillor R. Clark - Vice-Chairman

Councillors J.H. Dixon  
M. Freeman  
F. Granger  
A.J. Richings (joined meeting 7.25 pm)  
C.A.C. White

**ALSO PRESENT**

Councillor C.A. Dennis

25. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors R.A. Mann and J. Moreland

26. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2006**

Having been circulated, it was

**RESOLVED:** that they should be signed as a true and correct record.

27. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

(a) **West Cornwall CCTV**

The Town Clerk referred to the report prepared by Penwith District Council which had been circulated to members on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2006 and members were also advised of a presentation which had been made by Chief Inspector Mike Ward of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary at the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December.

The Town Clerk advised that at that meeting, it had been resolved that the District Council should be asked for further information relating to CCTV provision, including a cost benefit analysis, a break-down of incidents between daylight and dark and the number of incidents logged by each individual camera.

The Town Clerk advised that it was unlikely that the additional information would be available for the full Town Council Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> December and he further advised that the matter could be considered in the January cycle of meetings as a 'stand-alone' item, having confirmed the remainder of the budget.

The final summary page of the budget highlighted the cost per household in respect of the additional precept required to provide updates to the cameras which equated to £3.22 per annum for residents in a Band D property.

Members provided information with regard to occasions when the CCTV cameras had failed to provide photographic evidence of damage to commercial properties and discussion took place with regard to crime protection and the intervention and prevention aspects of the system.

In the absence of a cost benefit analysis and further detail of the cameras as outlined above, it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the matter be deferred to the full Town Council Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> December (if the requested information was available) or through to the January cycle of meetings.

(b) Resolution to Exclude the Press and Public

Due to the confidential nature of the next two items to be discussed, it was

**RESOLVED:** to exclude the press and the public from the next part of the meeting.

(c) Staffing Matters

See Confidential Appendix "A".

(d) Golowan - Latest Position

See Confidential Appendix "B".

Councillors Dixon and White declared a prejudicial interest in this matter and retired from the meeting.

(e) Resolution to Re-Admit the Press and Public

It was

**RESOLVED:** to re-admit the press and public to the meeting.

28. **FINANCIAL POSITION INCLUDING REVISED ESTIMATES 2006/07 AND ESTIMATES 2007/08**

The committee thanked the members of staff in the Town Clerk's Office for the production of the revised estimates for the current year and the estimates for 2007/08 and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the financial position to the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006 be noted and that the revised estimates 2006/07 and the estimates for 2007/08 be approved, giving rise to a precept requirement in the sum of £407,990.00, representing a rise of 3.559 per cent over the previous year.

NB. CCTV expenditure to be considered in January as agreed above (see Appendix 'C' for both financial position, revised estimates current year and estimates 2007/08).

29. **APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT**

(a) Minor Awards

(i) Porth Gwella CIC - Reply to Query

A response had been received from the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly PCT which stated that they were unaware of the above organisation and were also unaware of any referrals made by GP practices. It was

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Clerk write to the organisation seeking details of GP referrals in order that the matter could be considered during the January cycle of meetings.

(ii) First Air Ambulance Service Trust

Having made a donation in the current financial year, it was

**RESOLVED:** to defer the request from First Air Ambulance to the next financial year.

(iii) Spectrum

It was

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Clerk should seek further information with regard to the number of people residing in the parish area who would benefit from this project and to defer the decision to the next cycle of meetings.

(iv) Fifth St. Michael's Way Charity Walk

It was

**RESOLVED:** to make a grant of £100.00.

(v) Penzance Sea Cadet Unit

It was

**RESOLVED:** to make a grant of £150.00.

8.45 pm

Chairman  
25<sup>th</sup> January 2007