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A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE WAS HELD IN THE MOOT HALL ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2nd 2008 AT 6.45pm

Committee	Chairman	I Potts
Members	Vice Chairman	HR Potts
Present :	Councillors	KJ Budding (<i>unpaid RFO</i>)
[in alphabetical order]		PR Elliott
		J Pape
		Mrs C Patterson
		S Rooke
Apologies from	Councillors	Mrs E Langan
Committee		LH Thwaytes
Members :		
Copies to all remaining Members of Council for information, <i>some of whom were in attendance at this Committee Meeting in an advisory capacity.</i>		

F1/01/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received by the Chairman on the Committee's behalf.

F2/01/08 PART ONE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Members **AGREED** that Part One minutes of the last meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, held on Tuesday December 3rd 2007, were a true and accurate record. The Chairman was authorised to sign them as such. Recommendations contained in these minutes were considered for adoption by Council on December 12th 2007.

F3/01/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

F4/01/08 CUMBRIA VISION

Mr Simon Sjenitzer from Cumbria Vision gave a presentation to explain to the committee what Cumbria Vision does and how that fits in with the economic development agenda for Cumbria, answering several Members' questions. The Chairman thanked Mr Sjenitzer, who left copies of Cumbria Vision's September 2007 **Cumbria Economic Plan** for Members to read.

F5/01/08 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

The Chairman's report was received and noted, including a reminder of Standing Orders re. length and duration of speeches.

F6/01/08 RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The RFO's Report was received and noted, including :

- a letter of thanks received from Age Concern Eden re. grant funding towards a garden
- a letter from the bank re. a refund of bank charges

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- a letter from the Cumbria Clock Company re. the renewal premium of £85 plus VAT per annum for the maintenance agreement for the town clock, which the committee **RECOMMENDED** to Council should be accepted (the RFO was asked to check if this included cleaning of the face or simply servicing & maintaining the mechanism) **RFO**
- insurance of the town clock and of the church organ, both of which belong to the Town and thereby its Council (the RFO was asked to further investigate the insurance options and the possibility of giving a long-term lease to the Church for the organ and the clock - to enable these to be included under the Church insurance policy) **RFO**
- a quote of £532 including VAT for safety improvements needed to the Market Arcade lighting (the RFO was asked to obtain a second quote for this work) and the committee **RECOMMENDED** to Council that this work then be undertaken urgently **RFO**

F7/01/08 EXPENDITURE RECOMMENDED BY WORKING PARTIES

None this month.

F8/01/08 CHARITABLE TRUST OPTIONS APPRAISAL

The RFO had given out his options appraisal at December 12th's Council meeting, for Members to take home to read. This was discussed and the RFO was asked to invite Mr Carl Glynn from Voluntary Action Cumbria to attend the Council's February meeting, to answer queries from Members about charitable trusts. Should this not be possible, he was asked to arrange a specific meeting which all Members could attend with Mr Glynn on an alternative date. **RFO**

F9/01/08 CORRESPONDENCE

None outstanding this month.

F10/01/08 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members **RESOLVED** that under Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public should be excluded from the remainder of this meeting while the following item of business was discussed. *There were no members of the press or public present at this time.*

F11/01/08 PART TWO MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Members **AGREED** that Part Two minutes of the last meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, held on Tuesday December 3rd 2007, were a true and accurate record. The Chairman was authorised to sign them as such. Recommendations contained in these minutes were considered for adoption by Council on December 12th 2007. **IP**

F12/01/08 NEXT MEETING

Members noted that the next ordinary meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee would be held on **Monday February 4th (at the usual time of 7.45pm)** in the Moot Hall, **or upon the rising of the Planning Committee**. There being no further business, **the meeting closed at 7.58pm.** **ALL**