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A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE WAS HELD IN THE MOOT HALL ON MONDAY DECEMBER 3rd 2007 AT 8.00pm

Part One (public)

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

F1/12/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

F2/12/07 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Members **AGREED** that minutes of the last meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, held on Tuesday November 6th 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 November 14th 2007.

F3/12/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

F4/12/07 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

RECOMMEND to Council that the Clerk write to the Chamber of Trade & Community Association on ATC's behalf to applaud their efforts and offer congratulations on the successful Christmas Lights event held on December 1st.

It was **AGREED** that the Council's electrical contractor would be reminded about lights on the Top Cross and Moot Hall steps.

F5/12/07 RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

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

- confirmation that EDC had authorised a Percy Fawcett grant for the Age Concern Eden garden and for Appleby in Bloom costs
- that Lord Hothfield would raise with the next PCC meeting a query re. insurance of the Church Clock, owned and maintained by the Town Council

ACTION

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Clerk

Clerk

F6/12/07 EXPENDITURE RECOMMENDED BY WORKING PARTIES

AGREED that the RFO would bring the proposed wording and cost of a planned newspaper advertisement seeking an appropriate possible potential partner for the Exhibition Centre (should Council resolve to approve this project) to full Council on December 12. The Clerk was asked to include an agenda item.

RFO
Clerk

F7/12/07 2008-09 BUDGETS AND PRECEPT

Members further discussed the RFO's preparatory work for the 2008-09 Budget and hence the proposed level of Precept for that year. The Chairman called for a vote. Cllr Thwaytes requested a recorded vote. Cllrs I Potts, Duncan, Patterson, Pape and Langan were in favour of recommending the budget. Cllrs H Potts and Budding abstained (the latter because he is currently acting as an unpaid Officer of the Council). Cllr Thwaytes was against it. The vote was therefore carried by five to one.

RECOMMEND to Council that this Budget be approved and that a Precept for 2008-09 be requested of **£56,722**.

Clerk

F8/12/07 NHS CONSULTATION

This item was deferred until full Council on December 12, where Cllr Morgan will present a summary of a large NHS consultation document on **providing more healthcare in the community in North Cumbria**, the consultation period for which ends on January 4 2008. The Clerk was asked to include an agenda item.

Clerk

F9/12/07 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 items of business were discussed. *The press & public left the meeting at this point.*

F10/12/07 FAIR HILL LEASE

RECOMMEND to Council that Cllr H Potts purchase an appropriate suite of three good locks on ATC's behalf for use at Fair Hill.

HP

RECOMMEND to Council that the Police be reminded that no caravans are to be given access to Fair Hill before 6am on the Thursday at the beginning of the Fair unless the Mayor has given specific permission.

Clerk

RECOMMEND to Council that the Lease be amended accordingly and that it also state that the RFO must have sight of the Gypsies' Fair Hill insurance certificate before commencement of the Fair.

Clerk

Minutes for the remainder of this item are not for publication under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. A signed pink confidential Part Two minute will be retained on file in the Clerk's Office for Councillors reference only.

F11/12/07 65 BOROUGHGATE (LIBERTY) LEASE

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F12/12/07 NEXT MEETING

Members noted that the next ordinary meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee would be held on **Wednesday January 2nd at 7.45pm** in the Moot Hall, **or upon the rising of the Planning Committee**. There being no further business, **the meeting closed at 9.30 pm**.

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