

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2008

Present: Councillors: Mrs D A Faichney; (Mayor); D Banks; G Blackwell; J W Bowman; H Branney; A Carroll; N Clarkson; Mrs Y R T Clarkson; G Clements; R Cole; P C Connolly; B A Dixon; Mrs M Docherty; Mrs E Eastwood; G Garrity; Mrs C A Giel; F Gleaves; R Heathcote; K Hitchen; A Holliday; A E Jacob; J Kane; T J Knowles; M A McVeigh; S J Meter; W Metherell; D W Moore; A Norwood; J Park; R F Pitt; G Scurrah; W Southward; J G Sunderland; P D Tyson; Mrs C Watson; P Watson; P Whalley; C J Whiteside; Mrs J Williams; N Williams; D A Wilson; A Wonnacott; Mrs M Woodburn; H Wormstrup.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Brenan; Mrs J I Hully; J Jackson; A D Mossop; J Prince; R Salkeld; E M Woodburn.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on 28 January and 26 February (Special) 2008 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record, subject to the addition of councillor Mrs J I Hully to the list of apologies for 26 February..

C 191 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor referred to the various engagements she had fulfilled since the last meeting of the Council.

C 192 Executive Report

The Deputy Leaders, Councillors A Holliday (Effective Leadership), C Giel (Achieving Transformation), and G Clements (Promoting Prosperity), gave progress reports on matters considered by the Executive since the last Council meeting.

C 193 Audit Commission Direction of Travel Report

Arising from the Achieving Transformation report, Councillor Giel undertook to provide a written reply to Councillor Pitt on the matters relating to the Council's performance referred to by Councillor Pitt, as compared to the performance on delivery of the Corporate Plan referred to in the Executive report.

In response to Councillor Pitt's question, the Head of Finance and Business Development gave an explanation of the issues raised concerning the Final Accounts, which was noted by the Council.

C 194 Regeneration Restructure

Arising from the Achieving Transformation report, Councillor Giel undertook to provide Councillor Norwood with a written reply on the impact on Regeneration services of recent resignations/vacancies.

C 195 Kerbside Recycling Prize Draws

Arising from the Promoting Prosperity report, the Deputy Leader agreed to provide Councillor Sunderland with a written reply on the legality of kerbside prize draws.

C 196 SPAA Steering Group

Arising from the Promoting Prosperity report, Councillor Branney agreed to provide Councillor Wilson with a written reply on the make-up of the SPAA Steering Group.

C 197 Overview and Scrutiny Report

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee gave an update on overview and scrutiny activities since the last meeting of the Council.

C 198 Corporate Equality Scheme

Consideration was given to a a proposed Corporate Equality Scheme, comprising Disability Equality, Race Equality and Gender Equality Schemes.

RESOLVED – that the proposed Corporate Equality Scheme be approved, subject to the inclusion of an additional clause at the start of the third section of para 2 (General Principles):

- Taking account of the general principles of this scheme when reviewing and formulating its policies and developing its services

C 199 Draft Revenue Budget, Council Tax and Capital Programme 2008/2009

RESOLVED that the Council approves

(A)

- 1) the net budget requirement of £12.309m for the borough for 2008/09 (and note the provisional figures of £12.36m for 2009/10 and £12.313m for 2010/11 subject to the Government's final settlement figures for these years) as summarised at Appendix A;
- 2) that further amounts of £1.665m, £1.695m and £1.695m be utilised from earmarked reserves in 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11 respectively to fund the Council's regeneration projects (making the total net operating budget for 2008/09 £13.974m rising to just over £14m per annum for the following two years), leaving £1.897m in earmarked reserves at the end of 2010/11 to fund future commitments;
- 3) that the optimal level of unallocated general reserves be held at £1.434m for the foreseeable future to mitigate any foreseeable business risk (the figures are summarised at Appendix A);
- 4) the capital expenditure of £0.759m for 2008/09, £0.460m for 2009/10 and £0.237m for 2010/11;

- 5) the borough Council Tax be increased by 3.9% (which is in line with inflation at November 2007 price levels when the budget was calculated);
- 6) the proposed fees and charges as shown in Appendix C to the report;
- 7) the reserves strategy attached as Appendix D to the report.

(B)

That it be noted that at its meeting of the 15^h January 2008, the Council delegated the final approval of the Council Tax Base to the Head of Finance & Business Development. The final amount is calculated as:

- a) 22,273.51 being the amount calculated in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of the Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as its council tax base for the year.
- b) Part of the Council's area (band D equivalent Council Tax Base)

PARISH	COUNCIL TAX BASE (Band D equivalents)
Arlecdon & Frizington	1168.52
St Bridget's Beckermest	167.09
Bootle	272.36
St Bees	744.61
Cleator Moor	2065.56
Distington	685.54
Drigg & Carleton	182.09
Egremont	2376.26
Eskdale	156.48
Ennerdale & Kinniside	120.08
Gosforth	533.21
Haile & Wilton	114.36
Irton with Santon	172.70
St John's	618.35
Lowside Quarter	221.93
Lamplugh	345.08
Lowca	227.8
Millom	2125.93
Moresby	422.23
Muncaster	145.12
Millom Without	434.74
Ponsonby	37.22
Parton	259.73
Seascale	613.66
Ulpha	74.06

PARISH	COUNCIL TAX BASE (Band D equivalents)
Waberthwaite	97.95
Wasdale	61.24
Whicham	147.21
Weddicar	165.98
All other parts of the Council Area	7516.42
TOTAL	22273.51

Being the amounts calculated by the Council in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations,
as the amount of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(C)

That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2008/09 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended):

- a) £41,910,313 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act.

- b) £29,232,278 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act.

- c) £12,678,035 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year. This is Copeland's budget requirement of £12,309,646 plus Parish Council precepts of £368,389

- d) £8,571,245 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed Non-Domestic rates, Revenue Support Grant and increased by £7,245 being the sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its Collection Fund to its General Fund pursuant to the Collection Fund Regulations (Council Tax Surplus).

- e) £184.38 being the amount at 3(c) above less the amount at 3(d) above, all divided by the amount at 2(a) above calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.

f) £368,389 being the aggregate amount of all special items Parish and Town Council Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act

g) £167.84 being the amount at 3(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(f) above by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which no special item relates.

h) The following are calculated by adding to the amount at 3 (g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 2 (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which one or more special items relate.

PARISH	Parish/Town precepts (Band D equivalents) £
Arlecdon & Frizington	21.39
St Bridget's Beckermet	26.93
Bootle	25.70
St Bees	22.74
Cleator Moor	18.15
Distington	17.50
Drigg & Carleton	17.19
Egremont	35.77
Eskdale	12.78
Ennerdale & Kinniside	23.82
Gosforth	33.06
Haile & Wilton	15.74
Irton with Santon	0.00
St John's	19.00
Lowside Quarter	15.77
Lamplugh	42.02
Lowca	11.41
Millom	32.27
Moresby	23.68
Muncaster	24.84
Millom without	11.50
Ponsonby	0.00
Parton	30.80
Seascale	26.40
Ulpha	0.00
Waberthwaite	20.42
Wasdale	8.65
Whicham	20.38

Waberthwaite	11.34	13.61	15.88	18.15	20.42	24.96	29.50	34.03	40.84
Wasdale	4.81	5.77	6.73	7.69	8.65	10.57	12.49	14.42	17.30
Whicham	11.32	13.59	15.85	18.12	20.38	24.91	29.44	33.97	40.76
Weddicar	12.55	15.06	17.57	20.08	22.59	27.61	32.63	37.65	<u>45.18</u>

(D)

That it be noted that for the year 2008/09 Cumbria County Council and the Cumbria Police Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

VALUATION BANDS

	Disabled A	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Cumbria County Council	617.8	741.36	864.9 2	988.4 8	1112.0 4	1359.1 6	1606.2 8	1853.4 0	2224.0 8
Police Authority	99.70	119.64	139.5 8	159.5 2	179.46	219.34	259.22	299.10	358.92

(E)

That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(l) and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2008/09 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below, and after the Police Authority have agreed their preferred option.

	disb A	band A	band B	band C	band D	band E	band F	band G	band H
Arlecdon and Frizington	822.62	987.15	1151.68	1316.20	1480.73	1809.77	2138.84	2467.88	2961.46
St Bridgets	825.70	990.84	1155.99	1321.13	1486.27	1816.54	2146.84	2477.11	2972.54
Bootle	825.02	990.02	1155.03	1320.03	1485.04	1815.04	2145.06	2475.06	2970.08
St Bees Cleator Moor	823.37	988.05	1152.73	1317.40	1482.08	1811.42	2140.79	2470.13	2964.16
Distington	820.82	984.99	1149.16	1313.32	1477.49	1805.81	2134.16	2462.48	2954.98
Drigg and Carleton	820.46	984.56	1148.65	1312.75	1476.84	1805.02	2133.22	2461.40	2953.68
Egremont	820.29	984.35	1148.41	1312.47	1476.53	1804.64	2132.77	2460.88	2953.06
Eskdale	830.61	996.74	1162.86	1328.99	1495.11	1827.35	2159.61	2491.85	2990.22
Ennerdale and Kinniside	817.84	981.41	1144.98	1308.55	1472.12	1799.25	2126.40	2453.53	2944.24
Gosforth	823.97	988.77	1153.57	1318.36	1483.16	1812.74	2142.35	2471.93	2966.32
Haile and Wilton	829.11	994.93	1160.75	1326.58	1492.40	1824.04	2155.69	2487.33	2984.80
Irton with Santon	819.48	983.38	1147.28	1311.18	1475.08	1802.87	2130.68	2458.46	2950.16
St Johns	810.74	972.89	1135.04	1297.19	1459.34	1783.63	2107.94	2432.23	2918.68
Lowside Quarter	821.30	985.56	1149.82	1314.08	1478.34	1806.85	2135.38	2463.90	2956.68
Lamplugh	819.50	983.40	1147.31	1311.21	1475.11	1802.90	2130.72	2458.51	2950.22
Lowca	834.08	1000.90	1167.72	1334.54	1501.36	1834.99	2168.64	2502.26	3002.72
Millom	817.08	980.50	1143.91	1307.33	1470.75	1797.58	2124.42	2451.25	2941.50
Moresby	828.67	994.40	1160.14	1325.87	1491.61	1823.07	2154.55	2486.01	2983.22
Muncaster	823.90	988.68	1153.46	1318.24	1483.02	1812.57	2142.14	2471.70	2966.04
Millom Without	824.54	989.45	1154.36	1319.27	1484.18	1813.99	2143.82	2473.63	2968.36
Ponsonby	817.13	980.56	1143.98	1307.41	1470.84	1797.69	2124.55	2451.40	2941.68
Parton	810.74	972.89	1135.04	1297.19	1459.34	1783.63	2107.94	2432.23	2918.68
	827.85	993.42	1159.00	1324.57	1490.14	1821.27	2152.43	2483.56	2980.28

Seascale	825.41	990.49	1155.57	1320.66	1485.74	1815.90	2146.07	2476.23	2971.48
Ulpha	810.74	972.89	1135.04	1297.19	1459.34	1783.63	2107.94	2432.23	2918.68
Waberthwaite	822.08	986.50	1150.92	1315.34	1479.76	1808.59	2137.44	2466.26	2959.52
Wasdale	815.55	978.66	1141.77	1304.88	1467.99	1794.20	2120.43	2446.65	2935.98
Whicham	822.06	986.48	1150.89	1315.31	1479.72	1808.54	2137.38	2466.20	2959.44
Weddicar	823.29	987.95	1152.61	1317.27	1481.93	1811.24	2140.57	2469.88	2963.86
Whitehaven	810.74	972.89	1135.04	1297.19	1459.34	1783.63	2107.94	2432.23	2918.68

PRECEPTS RECEIVED

A. COUNTY COUNCIL

The County Council, at its meeting on 14th February 2008, set a budget requirement of £327,400,000 which requires a total Council Tax precept of £196,159,000

The split of the precepts is as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>Precept</u> £
Allerdale	35,361,774
Barrow	2,397,059
Carlisle	38,103,825
Copeland	24,768,974
Eden	22,834,230
South Lakeland	51,113,138

The Council Tax to be levied in respect of the County's precept requirement is as follows:

BAND	COUNCIL TAX £
A	741.36
B	864.92
C	988.48
D	1,112.04
E	1,359.16
F	1,606.28
G	1,853.40
H	2,224.08

B. POLICE AUTHORITY

The Police Authority, at its meeting on 20th February 2008, set a budget requirement of £97,395,000 which requires a total Council Tax precept of £31,656,037

The split of the precepts is as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>Precept</u> £
Allerdale	5,706,665
Barrow	3,869,405
Carlisle	6,149,175
Copeland	3,997,204
Eden	3,684,976
South Lakeland	8,248,612

The Council Tax to be levied in respect of the Police Authority's precept requirement is as follows:

<u>BAND</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u> <u>TAX</u> £
A	119.64
B	139.58
C	159.52
D	179.46
E	219.34
F	259.22
G	299.10
H	358.92

C. PARISH PRECEPTS

PARISH	PRECEPT RECEIVED 2008/09	BAND D	
		CHARGE £	
Arlecdon and Frizington	25000.00	21.39	
St Bridgets Parish	4500.00	26.93	
Bootle	7000.00	25.70	
St Bees	16935.00	22.74	
Cleator Moor	37500.00	18.15	
Distington	12000.00	17.50	
Drigg and Carleton	3130.00	17.19	
Egremont	85000.00	35.77	
Eskdale	2000.00	12.78	
Ennerdale and Kinniside	2860.00	23.82	
Gosforth	17629.00	33.06	
Haile and Wilton	1800.00	15.74	
Irton with Santon	0.00	0.00	
St Johns	11750.00	19.00	
Lowside Quarter	3500.00	15.77	
Lamplugh	14500.00	42.02	
Lowca	2600.00	11.41	
Millom	68600.00	32.27	
Moresby	10000.00	23.68	
Muncaster	3605.00	24.84	
Millom Without	5000.00	11.50	
Ponsonby	0.00	0.00	
Parton	8000.00	30.80	
Seascale	16200.00	26.40	
Ulpha	0.00	0.00	
Waberthwaite	2000.00	20.42	
Wasdale	530.00	8.65	
Whicham	3000.00	20.38	
Weddicar	3750.00	22.59	
	368389.00		

COLLECTION FUND POSITION IN RELATION TO COUNCIL TAX ITEMS**EXPENDITURE**

	£	£
Cumbria County Council	23,700,895	
Police Authority Precept	3,788,636	
Increase in Bad Debts provision	136,923	
Copeland Borough Council (inc Parishes)	<u>3,931,604</u>	
		31,558,058

INCOME

Council Tax estimated to be Collected as at 15 th January 2008	31,721,004	
		<u>31,721,004</u>

ESTIMATED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR 2007/08		162,946
Deficit brought forward from 2006/07		(99,743)
TOTAL SURPLUS		63,203

APPORTIONMENT OF SURPLUS

Cumbria County Council		48,246
Police Authority		7,712
Copeland Borough Council		<u>7,245</u>
		<u>63,203</u>

	BAND A DISA	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
NO OF DWELLINGS IN VALUATION LIST 31st DEC 2007		19,252	4,309	3,901	2,902	1,681	417	87	15
ADD ESTIMATED NO. OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES (Apportioned)		81	34	34	18	8	1	0	0
DEDUCT ESTIMATED NO. OF PROPERTIES TO BE DELETED. COMMERCIAL, EXEMPTIONS & DEMOLISHED		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEDUCT NO. OF PROPERTIES WHICH WILL BE EXEMPT		605	77	59	35	22	4	2	1
ADJUSTMENT FOR NO. OF PROPERTIES WHICH WILL FALL INTO LOWER BAND DUE TO DISABLED PERSONS	82	-52	8	-12	-4	-12	-4	-2	-4
DEDUCT SINGLE PERSON DISCOUNTS AT 25%	17	7,698	1,281	891	514	237	45	10	0
DEDUCT DISCOUNTS AT 50% ON EMPTY & DISREGARDED PROPERTIES	1	992	185	157	111	59	28	9	8
MOD PROPERTIES IN LIEU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL NET OF DISCOUNTS EXEMPTIONS ETC.	77.25	16,255.50	3,861.25	3,562.75	2,697.00	1,566.25	384.75	76.00	6.00
BAND D EQUIVALENT	42.92	10,837.00	3,003.19	3,166.89	2,697.00	1,914.31	555.75	126.67	12.00

TOTAL RELEVANT AMOUNT (A)
ESTIMATED COUNCIL TAX BASE
2ND HOMES
2ND HOMES @ 98.5%
TOTAL ESTIMATED COUNCIL TAX
BASE

22,355.72
22,020.39
256.98
253.13
22,273.51

A x Collection Rate @ 98.5%

C 200 Treasury Management

The Council considered a report setting out the statutory background to the requirement to set Treasury Management strategy for three years, and proposing a Strategy for agreement and implementation.

RESOLVED – that

- (a) the report be noted;
- (b) the revised prudential indicators and limits be approved; and
- (c) the updated Treasury Management Strategy and Investment strategy be approved.

C 201 Medium Term Financial Strategy

RESOLVED – that the Budget and Council Tax requirement for 2008/2009, Budget Strategy, Capital Programme, Reserves Strategy and Treasury Management Strategy as agreed at this meeting be incorporated within the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

C 202 Annual Meeting 2008

RESOLVED – that the Annual meeting of the Council be held on 13 May 2008 as previously agreed.

The meeting closed at 4.45 pm

Mayor