COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2007

Present: Councillors: Mrs W B Metherell (Mayor); M J Ashbrook; D Banks; Mrs M Barnes; G Blackwell; Anne Bradshaw; H Branney; Mrs Y R T Clarkson; G Clements; P C Connolly; B A Dixon; Mrs M Docherty; Mrs E Eastwood; Mrs D A Faichney; F J Gleaves; G Garrity; F R Heathcote; J E Hewitson; K H Hitchen; A Holliday; Mrs J I Hully; A E Jacob; F McPhillips; M A McVeigh; D W Moore; A W M Norwood; J Park; G Scurrah; W Southward; J G Sunderland; P D Tyson; Mrs C Watson; P Watson; N Williams; Miss E M Woodburn; Mrs M Woodburn;

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Brenan; N Clarkson; J Close BEM; R Cole; Mrs C A Giel; J Jackson; S J Meteer; J Prince; R Salkeld; A Wonnacott; Mrs D A Wonnacott; H Wormstrup.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2007 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

C 71 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor referred to her recent visit to the Lions Club International North West England Annual Service of Dedication and Thanksgiving at Blackburn Cathedral.

C 72 Executive Report

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Miss E Woodburn gave a progress reports on matters considered by the Executive since the last Council meeting, including an update on the latest position on the joint initiative by the Cumbria districts to work up a bid as an alternative to the bid by the county Council for a unitary Cumbria.

(Note: Councillor J Park declared a personal interest in the discussion on the Local Government White Paper, due to the employment of a member of his family by the Cumbria County Council).

C 73 Guidelines for Discretionary Rate Relief for Charities

Arising from Executive Decision EXE06/0167, it was

RESOLVED – that the revised criteria agreed by the Executive for granting discretionary rate relief to non-profit making organisations be approved and implemented.

C 74 Cumbria County Council Budget

It was moved by Councillor M Ashbrook and duly seconded that Standing Order 8 (1) and 8 (2) be suspended.

A recorded vote was taken having been requisitioned under Standing Order 12 (26). The voting was as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Councillors Ashbrook, Banks, Mrs Barnes, Blackwell, Anne Bradshaw, Branney, Clements, Connolly, Dixon, Mrs Docherty, Mrs Faichney, Garrity, Hewitson, Holliday, Mrs Hully, McVeigh, Mrs Metherell, Park, Southward, Sunderland, Tyson, Mrs C Watson, P Watson, Williams, Miss E Woodburn, Mrs M Woodburn.

AGAINST THE MOTION: Councillors Mrs Y Clarkson, Mrs Eastwood, Gleaves, Heathcote, Hitchen, Jacob, McPhillips, Moore, Norwood.

ABSTAINED: Councillor Scurrah

The vote was declared **CARRIED**

It was then moved by Councillor M Ashbrook and duly seconded

that the Council deplores the rejection of the County Labour opposition Group's alternative budget which significantly reduces the ruling County Conservative/Liberal Democrat Group Council Tax increase of 4.99% and expresses its grave concern at the approval of a budget which amongst other things

- Reduces opening hours at Libraries
- Seeks to reduce Adult Social Care Provisions by £343,000
- Increases Homecare charges by 2% above inflation
- Increases Daycare charges
- Increases charges for Meals on Wheels
- Reduces Education Welfare Facilities
- Reduces Educational Needs Co-ordinators
- Reduces Specialist Advisory Teachers
- Eliminates School Clothing Grants

and finally increases Council Tax for Band A properties to £713.53 per year.

A recorded vote was taken having been requisitioned under Standing Order 12 (26). The voting was as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Councillors Ashbrook, Banks, Blackwell, Anne Bradshaw, Branney, Clements, Connolly, Dixon, Mrs Docherty, Mrs Faichney, Garrity, Hewitson, Holliday, Mrs Hully, McVeigh, Mrs Metherell, Park, Southward, Tyson, Mrs C Watson, P Watson, Miss E Woodburn, Mrs M Woodburn.

AGAINST THE MOTION: Councillors Mrs Y Clarkson, Mrs Eastwood, Gleaves, Heathcote, McPhillips, Moore, Norwood, Sunderland.

ABSTAINED: Councillors Mrs Barnes, Hitchen, Jacob, Scurrah, Williams.

The vote was declared **CARRIED**

C 75 Overview and Scrutiny Report

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Environmental Well Being, Councillor Anne Bradshaw, gave an update on the activities of Overview and Scrutiny since the last Council meeting.

C 76 Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax 2007/2008 RESOLVED -

- a) That the 2007/08 Revenue Budget be approved at £12,296,883, including non-recurring bids and contributions to the Capital Programme.
- b) That this Council's Council Tax Levy for the financial year 2007/08 be £10,605,775 (£10,960,129 including parish precepts); and
- 1. That it be noted that at its meeting of the 16th January 2007, the Council delegated the final approval of the Council Tax Base to the Head of Finance & Business Development and the final amount is calculated as:
 - a) 22,142.60 as its Council Tax Base for the year 2007/08 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.

b)

PARISH	COUNCIL TAX BASE
	(Band D equivalents)
Arlecdon & Frizington	1131.73
St Bridget's Beckermet	165.81
Bootle	268.58
St Bees	743.71
Cleator Moor	2052.38
Distington	680.95
Drigg & Carleton	182.66
Egremont	2377.20
Eskdale	154.14
Ennerdale & Kinniside	119.18
Gosforth	534.19
Haile & Wilton	116.01
Irton with Santon	167.75
St John's	610.23
Lowside Quarter	219.63
Lamplugh	341.77
Lowca	216.44
Millom	2133.34
Moresby	426.27
Muncaster	145.89
Millom Without	427.57
Ponsonby	37.33
Parton	261.31
Seascale	617.22
Ulpha	75.47
Waberthwaite	97.27
Wasdale	61.42
Whicham	145.02
Weddicar	164.60
All other parts of the Council Area	7467.53
TOTAL	22142.60

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.

3. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2007/08 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

a) £37,689,930 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) £26,729,801 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act.

c) £10,960,129 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.

d) £7,028,860 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 the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its Collection Fund to its General Fund pursuant to the Collection Fund Regulations (Community

Charge Surplus)

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.

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

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.

e) £177.54

f) £354,354

g) £161.54

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	20.76
St Bridget's Beckermet	24.12
Bootle	18.62
St Bees	22.77
Cleator Moor	17.91
Distington	16.89
Drigg & Carleton	15.88
Egremont	34.70
Eskdale	12.98
Ennerdale & Kinniside	22.86
Gosforth	32.53
Haile & Wilton	14.22
Irton with Santon	0.00
St John's	18.85
Lowside Quarter	15.94
Lamplugh	29.26
Lowca	11.55
Millom	32.16
Moresby	23.46
Muncaster	23.99
Millom without	11.69
Ponsonby	0.00
Parton	30.61
Seascale	25.92
Ulpha	0.00
Waberthwaite	20.56
Wasdale	8.47
Whicham	20.00
Weddicar	21.26

The following are calculated by multiplying the amount at 3 (g) and 3 (h) above by the number which in the proportion set out in section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that portion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

VALUATION BANDS

Disabled A £	£	B £	£	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
89.74	107.69	125.64	143.59	161.54	197.44	233.34	269.23	323.08

Added to the following amount:

	dis A	band A	band B	band C	band D	band E	band F	band G	band H
Arlecdon and	uis A	^		O	D	_	•	u	••
Frizington	11.53	13.84	16.15	18.45	20.76	25.37	29.99	34.60	41.52
St Bridgets	13.40	16.08	18.76	21.44	24.12	29.48	34.84	40.20	48.24
Bootle	10.34	12.41	14.48	16.55	18.62	22.76	26.90	31.03	37.24
St Bees	12.65	15.18	17.71	20.24	22.77	27.83	32.89	37.95	45.54
Cleator Moor	9.95	11.94	13.93	15.92	17.91	21.89	25.87	29.85	35.82
Distington	9.38	11.26	13.14	15.01	16.89	20.64	24.40	28.15	33.78
Drigg and Carleton	8.82	10.59	12.35	14.12	15.88	19.41	22.94	26.47	31.76
Egremont	19.28	23.13	26.99	30.84	34.70	42.41	50.12	57.83	69.40
Eskdale	7.21	8.65	10.10	11.54	12.98	15.86	18.75	21.63	25.96
Ennerdale and									
Kinniside	12.70	15.24	17.78	20.32	22.86	27.94	33.02	38.10	45.72
Gosforth	18.07	21.69	25.30	28.92	32.53	39.76	46.99	54.22	65.06
Haile and Wilton	7.90	9.48	11.06	12.64	14.22	17.38	20.54	23.70	28.44
Irton with Santon	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
St Johns	10.47	12.57	14.66	16.76	18.85	23.04	27.23	31.42	37.70
Lowside Quarter	8.86	10.63	12.40	14.17	15.94	19.48	23.02	26.57	31.88
Lamplugh	16.26	19.51	22.76	26.01	29.26	35.76	42.26	48.77	58.52
Lowca	6.42	7.70	8.98	10.27	11.55	14.12	16.68	19.25	23.10
Millom	17.87	21.44	25.01	28.59	32.16	39.31	46.45	53.60	64.32
Moresby	13.03	15.64	18.25	20.85	23.46	28.67	33.89	39.10	46.92
Muncaster	13.33	15.99	18.66	21.32	23.99	29.32	34.65	39.98	47.98
Millom Without	6.49	7.79	9.09	10.39	11.69	14.29	16.89	19.48	23.38
Ponsonby	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Parton	17.01	20.41	23.81	27.21	30.61	37.41	44.21	51.02	61.22
Seascale	14.40	17.28	20.16	23.04	25.92	31.68	37.44	43.20	51.84
Ulpha	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Waberthwaite	11.42	13.71	15.99	18.28	20.56	25.13	29.70	34.27	41.12
Wasdale	4.71	5.65	6.59	7.53	8.47	10.35	12.23	14.12	16.94
Whicham	11.11	13.33	15.56	17.78	20.00	24.44	28.89	33.33	40.00
Weddicar	11.81	14.17	16.54	18.90	21.26	25.98	30.71	35.43	42.52

4. That it be noted that for the year 2007/08 Cumbria County Council 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

Disable	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
Disable						•	5	• •

	d A	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cumbria									
County		713.5	832.4	951.3	1,070.	1,308.	1,545.	1,783.	2,140.
Council	594.61	3	6	8	30	14	99	83	60
Police		114.0	133.0	152.0					
Authority	95.05	6	7	8	171.09	209.11	247.13	285.15	342.18

5. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(I) 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 2007/08 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below.

PARISH	disb A	band A	band B	band C	band D	band E	band F	band G	band H
Arlecdon and Frizington	790.93	949.12	1107.32	1265.50	1423.69	1740.06	2056.45	2372.81	2847.38
St Bridgets	792.80	951.36	1109.93	1268.49	1427.05	1744.17	2061.30	2378.41	2854.10
Bootle	789.74	947.69	1105.65	1263.60	1421.55	1737.45	2053.36	2369.24	2843.10
St Bees	792.05	950.46	1108.88	1267.29	1425.70	1742.52	2059.35	2376.16	2851.40
Cleator Moor	789.35	947.22	1105.10	1262.97	1420.84	1736.58	2052.33	2368.06	2841.68
Distington	788.78	946.54	1104.31	1262.06	1419.82	1735.33	2050.86	2366.36	2839.64
Drigg and Carleton	788.22	945.87	1103.52	1261.17	1418.81	1734.10	2049.40	2364.68	2837.62
Egremont	798.68	958.41	1118.16	1277.89	1437.63	1757.10	2076.58	2396.04	2875.26
Eskdale	786.61	943.93	1101.27	1258.59	1415.91	1730.55	2045.21	2359.84	2831.82
Ennerdale and Kinniside	792.10	950.52	1108.95	1267.37	1425.79	1742.63	2059.48	2376.31	2851.58
Gosforth	797.47	956.97	1116.47	1275.97	1435.46	1754.45	2073.45	2392.43	2870.92
Haile and Wilton	787.30	944.76	1102.23	1259.69	1417.15	1732.07	2047.00	2361.91	2834.30
Irton with Santon	779.40	935.28	1091.17	1247.05	1402.93	1714.69	2026.46	2338.21	2805.86
St Johns	789.87	947.85	1105.83	1263.81	1421.78	1737.73	2053.69	2369.63	2843.56
Lowside Quarter	788.26	945.91	1103.57	1261.22	1418.87	1734.17	2049.48	2364.78	2837.74
Lamplugh	795.66	954.79	1113.93	1273.06	1432.19	1750.45	2068.72	2386.98	2864.38
Lowca	785.82	942.98	1100.15	1257.32	1414.48	1728.81	2043.14	2357.46	2828.96
Millom	797.27	956.72	1116.18	1275.64	1435.09	1754.00	2072.91	2391.81	2870.18
Moresby	792.43	950.92	1109.42	1267.90	1426.39	1743.36	2060.35	2377.31	2852.78
Muncaster	792.73	951.27	1109.83	1268.37	1426.92	1744.01	2061.11	2378.19	2853.84
Millom Without	785.89	943.07	1100.26	1257.44	1414.62	1728.98	2043.35	2357.69	2829.24
Ponsonby	779.40	935.28	1091.17	1247.05	1402.93	1714.69	2026.46	2338.21	2805.86
Parton	796.41	955.69	1114.98	1274.26	1433.54	1752.10	2070.67	2389.23	2867.08
Seascale	793.80	952.56	1111.33	1270.09	1428.85	1746.37	2063.90	2381.41	2857.70
Ulpha	779.40	935.28	1091.17	1247.05	1402.93	1714.69	2026.46	2338.21	2805.86
Waberthwaite	790.82	948.99	1107.16	1265.33	1423.49	1739.82	2056.16	2372.48	2846.98
Wasdale	784.11	940.93	1097.76	1254.58	1411.40	1725.04	2038.69	2352.33	2822.80
Whicham	790.51	948.61	1106.73	1264.83	1422.93	1739.13	2055.35	2371.54	2845.86
Weddicar	791.21	949.45	1107.71	1265.95	1424.19	1740.67	2057.17	2373.64	2848.38
Whitehaven	779.40	935.28	1091.17	1247.05	1402.93	1714.69	2026.46	2338.21	2805.86

PRECEPTS RECEIVED

A. COUNTY COUNCIL

The County Council, at its meeting on 15th February 2007, set a budget requirement of £299,110,000 which requires a total Council Tax precept of £186,978,000

The split of the precepts is as follows:

<u>District</u>	Precept £
Allandala	00 010 501
Allerdale	33,918,561
Barrow	22,877,259
Carlisle	36,275,869
Copeland	23,699,273
Eden	21,706,274
South Lakeland	48,500,764

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

BAND	COUNCIL
	TAX
	£
Α	713.53
В	832.46
С	951.38
D	1,070.30
E	1,308.14
F	1,545.99
G	1,783.83
Н	2,140.60

B. POLICE AUTHORITY

The Police Authority, at its meeting on 14th February 2007, set a budget requirement of £94,029,000 which requires a total Council Tax precept of £29,888,380

The split of the precepts is as follows:

<u>District</u>	Precept £
Allerdale Barrow	5,421,952 3,656,977
Carlisle	5,798,772
Copeland Eden	3,788,377 3,469,792
South Lakeland	7,752,947

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

BAND	COUNCIL TAX £
A B C	114.06 133.07 152.08
D	171.09
E F	209.11 247.13
G	285.15
П	342.18

C. PARISH PRECEPTS

PARISH	PRECEPT	BAND D
	RECEIVED	CHARGE
	2007/08	£
Arlecdon and Frizington	23500.00	20.76
St Bridgets Parish	4000.00	24.12
Bootle	5000.00	18.62
St Bees	16935.00	22.77
Cleator Moor	36750.00	17.91
Distington	11500.00	16.89
Drigg and Carleton	2900.00	15.88
Egremont	82500.00	34.70
Eskdale	2000.00	12.98
Ennerdale and		
Kinniside	2724.00	22.86
Gosforth	17375.00	32.53
Haile and Wilton	1650.00	14.22
Irton with Santon	0.00	0.00
St Johns	11500.00	18.85
Lowside Quarter	3500.00	15.94
Lamplugh	10000.00	29.26
Lowca	2500.00	11.55
Millom	68600.00	32.16
Moresby	10000.00	23.46
Muncaster	3500.00	23.99
Millom Without	5000.00	11.69
Ponsonby	0.00	0.00
Parton	8000.00	30.61
Seascale	16000.00	25.92
Ulpha	0.00	0.00
Waberthwaite	2000.00	20.56
Wasdale	520.00	8.47
Whicham	2900.00	20.00
Weddicar	3500.00	21.26

COLLECTION FUND POSITION IN RELATION TO COUNCIL TAX ITEMS

EXPENDITURE	£	£
Cumbria County Council Police Authority Precept Decrease in Bad Debts position Copeland Borough Council (inc Parishes)	22,848,667 3,655,180 (94,657) 3,885,769	30,294,959
INCOME		
Council Tax estimated to be Collected as at 15 th January 2007	30,292,945	<u>30,292,945</u>
ESTIMATED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR 2006/07 Surplus brought forward from 2005/06		(202,014) 204,145
TOTAL SURPLUS		2,131
APPORTIONMENT OF SURPLUS		
Cumbria County Council Police Authority Copeland Borough Council		1,622 259 <u>250</u>

<u>2,131</u>

CALCULATION OF COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR WHOLE OF COPELAND

Valuation Band	Disabled A	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н
No. of properties in Valuation List	0	19239	4253	3860	2881	1642	406	85	15
Deduct No.of properties which will be Exempt	0	581	84	57	26	18	4	2	1
Number of demolished Dwellings and								_	
Boundary changes	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Add estimated No. of additional properties 01/04/07 - 31/03/08	0	45	45	42	61	36	8	0	0
Deduct estimated No. of properties to be deleted eg. Demolitions 01/04/07 - 31/03/08	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deduct No. of Properties which will fall into a Lower Band due to Disabled Persons Reductions	0	70	28	39	26	19	10	4	4
Add No. of Properties From A Higher Valuation Band Due To Disabled Persons Reductions	70	28	39	26	19	10	4	4	0
Deduct Discounts @ 25% Single Persons	10	7716	1218	831	502	231	49	7	0
Deduct 25% discount with 1 or more disregard	2	111	33	32	10	9	0	0	0
Deduct discounts @ 2 x 25%	2	7	3	3	9	2	5	5	5
Deduct @ 10% Discounts for Second Homes	0	421	112	100	67	48	17	6	1
Deduct Discounts @ 50% - Class C Empty Properties	0	557	64	53	37	14	2	0	2
TOTAL	66.00	16324.15	3867.55	3578.25	2751.30	1578.20	386.55	78.15	6.40
Proportions	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9	1	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9
Multiply Total by Proportions to give Band D Equivalents	36.67	10882.77	3008.08	3180.65	2751.30	1928.92	558.33	130.28	12.80

22,489.80 TOTAL BAND "D" EQUIVALENTS (A)

10.00 LESS PROVISION FOR SUCCESSFUL VALUATION BANDING APPEALS (B)

 (A - B) x Collection Rate
 98.50%

 Single Persons
 25.00%

 Discount %
 25.00%

 Second Property
 10.00%

 Empty Property
 50.00%

 Discount %
 50.00%

22,142.60

22,479.80

ESTIMATED COUNCIL TAX BASE (T) FOR

THE WHOLE OF COPELAND

C 77 Budget Strategy

The Council considered a proposed revised Budget Strategy for three years from 2008/09 to 2010/12.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the strategy is adopted as the Resource Planning Strategy; and
- (b) the process detailed in the report is followed.

C 78 Councillor Role Descriptions

The Council considered draft Role Descriptions for the following posts:

Generic Role (all 51 Members) Leader Leader of Opposition Group Executive Member Regulatory Committee Chair Other Committee Chair Overview and Scrutiny Chair

RESOLVED – that the draft Role Descriptions be approved subject to the Member Training and Development Panel being asked to clarify the determination of the number of executive portfolios under the Leader's Role Description and to consider the inclusion of a reference to the Audit Committee in the section on Overview and Scrutiny in the generic Role Description.

C 79 Prudential Indicators

Consideration was given to a report setting out the Council's prudential indicators for the period 2007/08 to 2009/10 and setting out expected treasury operations for this period.

RESOLVED – that the Council

- (a) Adopts the prudential indicators and limits for 2007/08 to 2009/10 contained within the report;
- (b) Approves the treasury management strategy 2007/08, and the treasury prudential indicators ;
- (c) Approves the investment strategy 2007-08 contained in the treasury management strategy and the detailed criteria included.

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm