

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2012

Present: Councillors: John Jackson (Mayor); David Banks; Geoffrey Blackwell; John Bowman; Jackie Bowman; Hugh Branney; Yvonne Clarkson; George Clements; Peter Connolly; Karl Connor; Brian Dixon; Eileen Eastwood; Anne Faichney; Geoffrey Garrity; Fred Gleaves; Phil Greatorex; Stephen Haraldsen; Reg Heathcote; Ian Hill; Keith Hitchen; Lena Hogg; Allan Holliday; Joan Hully; Alan Jacob; John Kane; Peter Kane; Michael McVeigh; David Moore; Alistair Norwood; Jack Park; Sam Pollen; David Riley; Robert Salkeld; Gilbert Scurrah; Dave Smith; William Southward; Graham Sunderland; Gillian Troughton; Peter Tyson; Jeanette Williams; Norman Williams; Doug Wilson; Felicity Wilson; Elaine Woodburn; Carole Woodman; Henry Wormstrup

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Margarita Docherty; Jon Downie; John Fallows; Peter Stephenson; Paul Whalley

C 78 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 1 December 2011 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record subject to Minute: -

C63 being amended to "Councillors Elaine Woodburn, Allan Holliday, and Keith Hitchen declared personal interests in Agenda Item 8 Executive Report – MRWS due to being members of the partnership and Councillors David Moore, Henry Wormstrup also declared a personal interest.

Councillors Peter Stephenson and Henry Wormstrup declared Personal and Prejudicial Interests in Agenda Item 8 Service Charge due to being a tenant and resident and left the meeting during issues relating to this item; and

C75 being amended to "say Captain Shaws School"

C 79 Declarations of Interests

Councillors John Jackson (Mayor); John Bowman; Jackie Bowman; Hugh Branney; Yvonne Clarkson; George Clements; Peter Connolly; Brian Dixon; Eileen Eastwood; Anne Faichney; Geoffrey Garrity; Fred Gleaves; Reg Heathcote; Ian Hill; Keith Hitchen; Lena Hogg; Allan Holliday; Joan Hully; John Kane; Peter Kane; Michael McVeigh; Jack Park; William Southward; Graham Sunderland; Peter Tyson; Jeanette Williams; Norman Williams; Doug Wilson; Felicity Wilson; Elaine Woodburn; Henry Wormstrup declare Personal Interests in Agenda item 9 Discretionary Concessionary Travel due to being either in receipt of or being eligible to receive.

Councillor N Williams declared a Personal Interest in Agenda Item 9 due to being in receipt of DLA

C 80 Mayor's Announcements

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

C 81 Petitions

There were no petitions under Procedure Rule 19

C 82 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the Public

C 83 Questions from Members of the Council under Procedure Rule 13.1

There were no questions from members of the Council under Procedure Rule 13.1

C 84 Council Implementation Plan 2012/13

The Council considered the draft Council Implementation Plan setting out the vision, goals and objectives for the Council in 2012/13.

RESOLVED – That the draft Council Plan 2012/13 be agreed and adopted as the Council Implementation Plan 2012/13

C 85 Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Concessionary Travel

Consideration was given to a report from Overview and Scrutiny Committee External presenting the findings from the Discretionary Concessionary Travel (DCT) consultation exercise.

During consideration of this Item Member asked for their thanks to be given to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group, the Scrutiny and GIS Officers for all the hard work in putting the report together.

RESOLVED – That a) the report be noted;

b) it be noted that the revised part of the scheme applies Guaranteed Pension Credit eligibility only and the value of the vouchers be increased to £28.00; and

c) the mitigating actions as detailed in section 4 of the report be agreed.

C 86 Treasury Management Strategy 2012/13 – 2014/15 incorporating Annual Investment Strategy 2012/13 and Minimum Revenue provision Statement 2012/13

The Council considered a report setting out the recommendations of the Executive on the Treasury Management Strategy, Annual Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision for 2012/13.

RESOLVED - That each of the key elements of the below named reports be approved:

1. The Capital Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2012/13 to 2014/15 including the Authorised Limit Prudential Indicator at section 2;
2. The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement which sets out the Council's policy on MRP at section 3;
3. The Treasury Management Strategy 2012/13 to 2014/15 and the treasury Prudential Indicators as at Section 4;
4. The Annual Investment Strategy 2012/13 as at Section 5;
5. To note the changes to the Strategy from last year as specified in sections 4.3 –Indicator for maturity structure of fixed interest rate borrowing 2012/13 and Limits on variable interest rates, investments only, and 5.2 – Country limits.

C 87 Revenue Budget Proposals 2012/13

Consideration was given to the recommendations of the Executive on the Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2012/13.

RESOLVED – That

- a) the net Revenue Budget for 2012/13 at £11,050,425 including the use of earmarked reserves of £435,564, giving a net budget requirement of £10,614,861 to be funded from general grants £6,363,969, Council Tax of £4,029,436 unallocated general fund reserves of £221,456 as detailed in Appendix D of the report be approved;
- b) the one year Government Grant offer, of £100,269, to freeze Council Tax at 2011/12 levels be accepted;
- c) the following decisions that have been included within the 2012/13 Budget requirement be approved as a) & b) above
 - i) the proposals for increase in fees and charges as detailed in Appendix A of the report;
 - ii) the net growth pressure in the budget totalling £588,352, set out in Appendix B of the report;
 - iii) the savings proposals in the budget totalling £1,817,171 as detailed in appendix C;
 - iv) the use of £221,456 from General Fund balances in 2012/13 to support general expenditure;
 - v) the use of £435,564 from Earmarked Reserves and Sinking Funds to support specific expenditure in 2012/13; and

d) the view of the Corporate Director Resources and Transformation, as s151 officer, over the robustness of the budget estimates and level of reserves to comply with section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003.

C 88 Capital Programme for 2012/13 – 2014/15

Consideration was given to the proposed Capital Programme for 2011/12 to 2013/14

RESOLVED – That

- (i) the Capital Programme for 2012/13 at £1,543,649 and future years 2013/14 and 2014/15 at £1,099,800 and £590,000 respectively as summarised in Appendix A of the report, subject to further appraisal of each scheme, via a PID/Project Brief being prepared and presented to and formally approved by Executive, prior to the commencement of spend be approved in principle; and
- (ii) the funding of the capital projects should capital receipts be delayed be approved as detailed in Appendix C and paragraph 4.3 of the report.

C 89 Use of Reserves

Consideration was given to a report setting out the Council's strategy for using its reserves and the balances that are available to provide support to the revenue budget.

RESOLVED – That a) the reserve strategy for 2012/13 as detailed in the report setting out the framework for the use and level of reserves in the future be approved; and

b) the level of reserves held by the Council as detailed in Appendix A of the report be approved.

C 90 Council Tax Resolution

The Council considered the Council Tax for 2011/12 taking account of the precept requirements of Cumbria County Council, Cumbria Police Authority and Parish Councils

RESOLVED – That a) the Council Tax requirement for its own purposes and the precept notified to it by Cumbria County Council; the Cumbria Police Authority and individual Parish precepts as contained in the report be noted; and

b) the level of Council Tax for the year be approved as appended to these minutes

The meeting closed at 6.55 PM

Mayor

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 22 December 2012 the Council calculated the Council Tax Base for 2012/13;
 - (a) for the whole Council area as **22,264.80** [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]
; and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix C.

2. The Council Tax Requirement calculated for the Council's own purposes for 2012/13 (excluding Parish precepts) is **£4,013,675**.

3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2012/13 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£43,424,926** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.

 - (b) **£38,947,840** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

 - (c) **£4,477,086** 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 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).

 - (d) **£201.08** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).

 - (e) **£463,411** being the aggregate amount of all Parish Precepts referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix C).

 - (f) **£180.27** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(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 its area to which no Parish precept relates.

Copeland Borough Council's Council Tax Requirement split by each category of dwelling is shown in the following table;

Council Tax Requirement	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
4,013,675	120.18	140.21	160.24	180.27	220.33	260.39	300.45	360.54

The Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2012/13 at £180.27 is unchanged from the level set in 2011/12, measured in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992.

4. To note that the County Council and the Police Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

Cumbria County Council

Precept £	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
25,860,565	774.33	903.39	1,032.44	1,161.50	1,419.61	1,677.72	1,935.83	2,323.00

Cumbria Police Authority

Precept £	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
4,470,549	133.86	156.17	178.48	200.79	245.41	290.03	334.65	401.58

5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables overleaf as the amounts of Council Tax for 2012/13 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Appendix A

Council Tax Schedule 2012/13	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
Arlecdon&Frizington	1046.90	1221.38	1395.86	1570.35	1919.32	2268.28	2617.25	3140.70
Beckermet	1044.99	1219.16	1393.32	1567.49	1915.82	2264.15	2612.48	3134.98
Bootle	1046.30	1220.69	1395.07	1569.46	1918.23	2267.00	2615.76	3138.92
Cleator Moor	1051.29	1226.51	1401.72	1576.94	1927.37	2277.80	2628.23	3153.88
Distington	1040.16	1213.53	1386.88	1560.25	1906.97	2253.69	2600.41	3120.50
Drigg& Carleton	1039.06	1212.24	1385.41	1558.59	1904.94	2251.29	2597.65	3117.18
Egremont	1055.68	1231.63	1407.57	1583.52	1935.41	2287.30	2639.20	3167.04
Ennerdale&Kinniside	1042.48	1216.24	1389.98	1563.73	1911.22	2258.72	2606.21	3127.46
Eskdale	1044.27	1218.32	1392.36	1566.41	1914.50	2262.59	2610.68	3132.82
Gosforth	1053.16	1228.70	1404.22	1579.75	1930.80	2281.86	2632.91	3159.50
Haile & Wilton	1045.85	1220.16	1394.47	1568.78	1917.40	2266.01	2614.63	3137.56
Irton with Santon	1033.53	1205.79	1378.04	1550.30	1894.81	2239.32	2583.83	3100.60
Laplugh	1052.65	1228.10	1403.53	1578.98	1929.86	2280.75	2631.63	3157.96
Lowca	1039.90	1213.22	1386.53	1559.85	1906.48	2253.11	2599.75	3119.70
Lowside Quarter	1038.08	1211.10	1384.11	1557.13	1903.16	2249.19	2595.21	3114.26
Millom	1051.67	1226.95	1402.23	1577.51	1928.07	2278.62	2629.18	3155.02
Millom Without	1039.26	1212.48	1385.68	1558.90	1905.32	2251.74	2598.16	3117.80
Moresby	1043.16	1217.02	1390.88	1564.74	1912.46	2260.18	2607.90	3129.48
Muncaster	1047.58	1222.19	1396.78	1571.38	1920.57	2269.77	2618.96	3142.76
Parton	1054.32	1230.05	1405.76	1581.49	1932.93	2284.37	2635.81	3162.98
Ponsonby	1056.14	1232.17	1408.19	1584.22	1936.27	2288.32	2640.36	3168.44
St.Bees	1053.27	1228.82	1404.36	1579.91	1931.00	2282.09	2633.18	3159.82
Seascale	1046.93	1221.42	1395.91	1570.40	1919.38	2268.35	2617.33	3140.80
Ulpha	1028.82	1200.29	1371.76	1543.23	1886.17	2229.11	2572.05	3086.46
Waberthwaite	1035.65	1208.26	1380.87	1553.48	1898.70	2243.91	2589.13	3106.96
Wasdale	1038.90	1212.06	1385.20	1558.36	1904.66	2250.96	2597.26	3116.72
Weddicar	1043.84	1217.81	1391.78	1565.76	1913.71	2261.65	2609.60	3131.52
Whicham	1051.93	1227.26	1402.57	1577.90	1928.54	2279.19	2629.83	3155.80
Whitehaven (unparished)	1028.37	1199.77	1371.16	1542.56	1885.35	2228.14	2570.93	3085.12