

**MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 15 MARCH 2010 at 7.00 pm**

PRESENT: Councillors Wells (Chairman), Biscoe, Mrs Callen, Mrs Carlyon, Cox, Mrs Cox, Mrs Hosken, Dr MacKenzie, Nolan, Rich and Roden
Russell Holden, Town Clerk and Roger Gazzard, Treasurer

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Biscoe, Mrs Callen and Cooke

Councillor Bowyer was also in attendance

389 DISCLOSURE OR DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Roden declared an interest in Minute 397, in his capacity as being a Regional Officer for Unison.

390 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 15 February 2010 having been before Council on 22 February 2010 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**391 TREASURER'S REPORT (Appendix 'A')
Management Accounts 2009-2010**

The Treasurer reported the budget figures reflected the revised estimate agreed by Council in January 2010.

He advised he had still not received a reply from South West Water regarding a "leak allowance" following two leaks that occurred over the winter period, one in Victoria Gardens and the second leak on the Treverbyn allotment site.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the Treasurer's report be approved and adopted.

392 HEALTH AND SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE (MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS) (F4/11)

The Chairman reported on the meeting of the Health and Safety Sub-Committee held prior to the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and it was

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the meeting of the Health and Safety Sub-Committee (Municipal Buildings), Appendix 'B' be approved and adopted.

393 CCTV (F37)

Further to Minute 355(ii), members discussed the current CCTV accounts, previously circulated and it was considered there was a large variance between the budget and total figures and there was no indication of who was contributing to the scheme.

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The Town Clerk confirmed he had received a reply from the Devon and Cornwall Police confirming the level of service would be improved if Lifeline did not operate alongside CCTV at Carrick House. He reported it was likely that Lifeline would be relocated at Scorrier but expressed concern that the CCTV centre in Truro would then operate with a reduced number of staff.

Members were advised a new CCTV manager had been engaged and the Town Clerk would be attending a CCTV meeting at the end of March.

RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk report back to the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to be held 19 April 2010 on the CCTV meeting.

394 TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE (F4/2/1)

(i) Storm Shop Premises

The Town Clerk reported he had received confirmation that Truro City Council could lease the shop premises from Cornwall Council and advised the costings involved. He confirmed Cornwall Council were drawing up draft Heads of Terms and the Treasurer advised the initial six year lease should also contain a clause to protect the City Council against any drastic rent increase in the future.

Members expressed concern regarding incurring additional charges for insurance, water and business rates and considered a valuation of the storm shop premises should be considered before purchase.

RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk's report be noted.

(ii) City of Truro Official Map of Truro

The Town Clerk confirmed Totally Truro were currently working on the preparation of a new City of Truro official map, the current map having been originally designed by the Working for Truro Association.

(iii) Municipal Buildings

Members discussed Cornwall Council's decision to dispose of some of its assets and the maintenance implications should Truro City Council proceed with the purchase the Municipal Buildings.

RECOMMENDED that the purchase of the Municipal Buildings be considered at the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to be held on 19 April 2010.

395 COUNCILLORS (F6)

The Town Clerk reported Mrs Sarah Trevelin had unfortunately resigned as Councillor for the Trehaverne Ward for personal reasons and he had informed Cornwall Council accordingly.

He advised the Notice of a Casual Vacancy in the Trehaverne Ward had been published on Monday 8 March and if an election was sought by electors, this would be held on Thursday 27 May 2010

396 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that in accordance with s1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item by reason of its confidential or special nature.

**397 STAFFING (F4)
General Office**

Further to Minute 372, the Town Clerk advised that, in view of the lack of government funding, the City Council was now on a waiting list to gain funding for the recruitment of an apprentice for the general office. He however advised he had an appointment with a representative from Truro College next week to discuss the employment of an apprentice.

The Town Clerk reported the work situation in the general office had improved and a meeting with the employee at present on maternity leave had been arranged to discuss the date she anticipated returning to work.

The meeting opened for press and public access.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

CHAIRMAN