

## **BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Town Council Finance and Resources Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 29 July 2008 at 6.30 pm at the William Elder Building, Castlegate, Berwick-upon-Tweed**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors: P Herdman (Chairman of the Council)  
F Simpson (Vice Chairman of the Council)  
A Bowlas  
I Hunter  
J Robertson

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

S Finch (Acting Proper Officer), Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council  
Tim Kirton, Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council

The Chairman advised that in the absence for the time being of Standing Orders, upon the adoption of which a Chairman of the Finance and Resources Committee would be elected, he would Chair the meeting; this was agreed.

#### **FR001/08 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **FR002/08 2. STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC**

There were no statements by the public.

#### **FR003/08 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Robertson declared a personal interest as a trader in the town.

#### **FR004/08 4. REPORT OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE**

The Chairman reported that at the meeting of the Events Committee held on 29 July 2008 it had been proposed that the matter of the provision of Christmas lights and trees within Berwick-upon-Tweed town centre should be referred back to the Borough Council.

Members agreed that the Town Council should support efforts to identify

contractors who could undertake the work of installing and removing the lights at a lower cost than through directly employing Borough Council staff, but nevertheless fully complying with health and safety and risk assessment requirements.

**RESOLVED: That the matter be referred back to Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council, with the suggestion that expenditure on Christmas lights and trees be confined to the budget available; and (ii) that efforts should be made to carry out the work at lower cost; and (iii) that the new unitary authority should be asked to take responsibility for the decorations from the Borough Council for 2009/10 and thereafter; and (iv) that priority should be given to the lights on the bridge.**

**FR005/08**

**5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 1 September 2008 at 7:30 pm, the venue to be confirmed.