

## THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008

**PRESENT:** Mr R. S. James (Town Mayor) Mr J. F. Fisher  
Mr J. M. Ward (Deputy Town Mayor) Mrs E. C. Laming  
Mr A. J. Barber Miss S. P. Lawn  
Mrs O. M. Campbell Mr E. A. Newberry  
Mr D. E. Eley Mr G. Rowe  
Mr J. Emsell Mrs Y. Utting

**1. Attendance book and apologies for absence.**

The attendance book was circulated and signed by those present. Apologies were received from Mr I. J. Mackie, Mr N. Shaw and Mr D. R. C. Spooner.

**2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.**

None.

**3. Budget 2008/2009**

The Finance and Staffing Committee had proposed a budget with a 6% increase in the precept. Alternative budgets with a 4% and 8% increase had also been prepared for consideration.

Mr D. E. Eley proposed an amendment to the proposed budget that would provide an increase in the precept of 4%. The amendment was seconded by Mrs O. M. Campbell.

Following a debate on elements of the budget the amendment to accept a budget with an increase of 4% was put to the vote and carried with nine votes being cast in favour and three against.

The substantive motion was then put forward and it was **RESOLVED** by nine votes in favour and three against to accept an increase of 4% in the precept for the 2008/2009 financial year.

Date of next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at the Dussindale Centre 7.30p.m.