

PARISH REVIEW WORKING PARTY

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2007

Present: Councillors G Clements; P C Connolly; F Gleaves; F Heathcote; G Scurrah; N Williams

Officers: M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; D James, Member Services Officer

Appointment of Chairman

It was moved by Councillor G Clements, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – that Councillor N Williams be appointed Chairman for the municipal current year.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 31 May 2005 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

History of Considerations Concerning “Whitehaven Town Council”

Consideration was given to a report outlining the background of work carried out concerning the setting up of a Town Council for Whitehaven. It was noted that a canvassing exercise had been carried out at the same time as the 2000/01 Electoral Registration Canvas. Following the canvassing exercise the Working Party considered warding and budgetary issues to date no further progress has been made.

Considerations then took place on whether to continue with the setting up of a “Whitehaven Town Council”. It was noted that if the setting up of a Town Council was to be progressed the Parish Review Working Group must revisit issue such as budgetary provisions, mayoralty and warding.

It was further noted that communication would be a key factor in making progress.

RESOLVED – That a) consultation on the setting up of Town Council for Whitehaven be progressed;

b) the Communication team be asked to look into ways to publicise proposals and consult with the residents of Whitehaven.

Parish Review Working Party Terms of Reference

(Note Councillors P Connolly; F Gleaves; R Heathcote; and G Scurrah declared personal interests in this item due to being either Town or Parish Councillors)

Consideration was given to the Terms of Reference for the Working Party. It was noted that the existing Terms of Reference were considerably out of date and it was therefore

RESOLVED – That Council be recommended to approve that the Terms of Reference for the Parish Review Working Party be amended as follows: -

- “1. To consider whether a recommendation should be made on the Parishing of Whitehaven and on arrangements for publicising any such recommendation.
2. To make recommendations to Council on 1 above.
3. To consider issues referred to the Council relating to Parish boundaries outside Whitehaven, with delegated authority to respond to such issues on the Council’s behalf.”

Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill

Consideration was given to summaries of proposals in Part 4 of the Local Government Public Involvement in Health Bill which had been published on the 25 July 2007 and relates to various provisions in respect of Parishes.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

Recent Boundary Reviews

Members received and a verbal update on recent submissions to the Boundary Commission. Further submissions were likely to include proposals in respect of the Parishes of St Bridget’s and St John’s Beckermeth and a proposal to reduce electors in the Parish of Irton with Santon to enable a Parish Meeting at Irton.

The meeting closed at 2.10 pm

Chairman