

## **COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2007**

**Present: Councillors:** Mrs D A Faichney; (Mayor); D Banks; G Blackwell; J W Bowman; Mrs Y R T Clarkson; G Clements; R Cole; P C Connolly; Mrs M Docherty; Mrs E Eastwood; Mrs C A Giel; G Garrity; F Gleaves; R Heathcote; K Hitchen; A Holliday; Mrs J I Hully; A E Jacob; J Jackson; J Kane; T Knowles; M A McVeigh; S J Meter; W Metherell; D W Moore; A D Mossop; A Norwood; J Park; R F Pitt; J Prince; R Salkeld; G Scurrah; W Southward; J G Sunderland; P D Tyson; Mrs C Watson; P Watson; P Whalley; C J Whiteside; Mrs J Williams; N Williams; D A Wilson; Miss E M Woodburn H Wormstrup.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Branney; E Brenan; A Carrol; N Clarkson; B A Dixon; A Wonnacott; Mrs M Woodburn.

#### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2007 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record

#### **C 143 Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor congratulated her attendant on becoming a grandfather for the first time.

The Mayor then referred to the various engagements she had attended since the last meeting of Council and thanked Councillors and Officers who attended her Charity Ball on the 12 October.

The Mayor then congratulated officers of the Council's Parks Department and community representatives for their hard work in helping achieve the Green Flag Awards and Green Heritage Awards and presented them with their awards.

#### **C 144 Executive Report**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor E Woodburn, Councillor C Giel, Deputy Leader, Achieving Transformation and the Deputy Leader (Promoting Prosperity) Councillor G Clements, gave progress reports on matters considered by the Executive since the last Council meeting.

(Note: Councillor H Wormstrup declared a personal interest in the discussion of North West Community Coalfields Programme (Phase 2 2008-11); Coastal Fringe/Haig; Saltom Pit; Hotel Development; Market Town Initiative (MTI) Succession Plans in the Achieving Transformation Executive Report due to being a Member of the North West Coalfield Board and the Regional Development Agency.)

**C 145 Digital Television**

Arising from the Effective Leadership Executive Report and in response to concerns from Councillor D Moore that the signal from the Greengarth transmitter was very weak, and therefore the residents of Eskdale were restricted to very limited channels, the Leader of the Council undertook to relay these concerns to the next meeting of the Digital Swichover Group and report back on the possibility of an upgrade to the transmitter.

**C 146 Committee on Radioactive Waste Management**

Arising from the Effective Leadership Executive report and in response to a concern from Councillor D Moore, that the membership of the new Committee on Radioactive Waste Management had been announced with no consultation from the Main Opposition Group, the Deputy Leader, Effective Leadership undertook to include the Leader of the Main Opposition Group in the first meeting of the Group at which the Terms of Reference and Membership of the Group would be formalised.

**C 147 Communications - Primary Care Trust**

Arising from the Effective Leadership Executive Report and in response to a question from Councillor Whiteside the Leader of the Council gave her assurance that the Council would do everything it could to ensure that any information gained following the meeting with the Primary Care Trust consultants would be publicised as widely as possible to the community in order that they can make informed contributions to the consultation being undertaken by the trust.

**C 148 CCTV**

Arising from the Promoting Prosperity Executive Report and in response to a question from Councillor J Jackson, The Deputy Leader undertook to provide a written reply detailing when CCTV would be installed in Frizington.

**C 149 Leader's Planned Absence**

The arrangements for covering the duties of the Leader of the Council during her absence for medical reasons were noted, with the addition that responsibility for the Cumbria Strategic Partnership and Cumbria Strategic Partnership Executive will be the Deputy Leader Promoting Prosperity

**C 150 Executive Decision EXE/07/0112 - Proposals to Make Minor Changes to Financial Regulations**

**RESOLVED** – That a) the proposed changes and any necessary consequential amendments to the constitution be approved;

b) the Leader of the Main Opposition Group receives the monthly monitoring; reports; and

c) the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee be asked to review the amendments in 6 months.

**C 151 Overview and Scrutiny Report.**

(Note: Councillor G Sunderland declared a personal interest in paragraph 6 of this report – Concessionary Travel - due to being employed by Stagecoach.)

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, Councillor P C Connolly, gave an update on overview and scrutiny activities since the last meeting of the Council.

**C 152 Functions and Responsibilities of Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

It was therefore moved by Councillor P Connolly, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** - that this item be deferred for further consultation with Overview and Scrutiny Members on options available.

**C 153 Recommendation from Local Development Framework Working Party – Pow Beck Development Brief Supplementary Planning Document**

It was moved by Councillor P Connolly duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** – that the Pow Beck Development Brief Supplementary Planning Document as amended by the Working Party be confirmed and adopted.

**C 154 Recommendation from Local Development Framework Working Party – Local Development Scheme Document**

It was moved by Councillor P Connolly duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** – that the Local Development Scheme document as amended by the Working Party be confirmed and adopted.

**C 155 Recommendation from Parish Review Working Party – Terms of Reference**

**RESOLVED** – that the Terms of Reference as amended be approved.

**C 156 The Future of Border Television News**

(Note: Councillor T Knowles declared a personal interest in this item due to being a Member of the ITV Regional Board.)

Consideration was given to a report which detailed proposed changes to the provision of regional news on ITV1, which would have a major impact on coverage to this region.

**RESOLVED** – that a) the report be noted;

b) the Council's opposition to the proposed changes be expressed; and

c) the Senior Communications Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council be delegated authority to write to OFCOM; ITV and the Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport formally outlining this opposition.

**C 157 Council's Response to the consultation of Nuclear Power**

The Council's response to consultations on the future of Nuclear Power was submitted and noted.

The meeting closed at 4.45 pm

Mayor