

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 AUGUST 2007

Present: Councillors: Mrs D A Faichney; (Mayor); D Banks; G Blackwell; J W Bowman; A L Carroll; N Clarkson; Mrs Y R T Clarkson; G Clements; P C Connolly; Mrs M Docherty; Mrs E Eastwood; G Garrity; Mrs C A Giel; F J Gleaves; F R Heathcote; K H Hitchen; A Holliday; Mrs J I Hully; A E Jacob; J Kane; T J Knowles; M A McVeigh; Mrs W Metherell; D W Moore; A D Mossop; A W M 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; N Williams; D A Wilson; A Wonnacott; Mrs M Woodburn;.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Branney; E Brenan; N Clarkson; R Cole; B A Dixon; J Jackson; S J Meteer; Miss E M Woodburn; H Wormstrup

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2007 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record

C 106 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor referred to some of the engagement she had attended since the last meeting of Council. She congratulated the Whitehaven School Under 16 rugby league team after their success in the Under 16 European Cup.

The Mayor then thanked the Council for allowing her and her Mayoress to attend the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

The Mayor went on to mention the visit of the Japanese scouts to the Scout Camp at Ennerdale with Jamie Reed MP, the 60th Anniversary of the William Pit Disaster and the dinner, at Sella Park, with the Japanese Commissioner Mrs Matsuda.

Finally the Mayor drew Members attention to the Paul Bainbridge sculpture presented by the sculptor to the Council and which is now located in the Bainbridge Room named after him.

Following the Mayor's announcements the Deputy Leader Effective Leadership announced that he would be holding a charity night on the 8 October in aid of the Mayor charities all Members would be welcome and any donations or prizes would be gratefully received.

C 107 Executive Report

The Deputy Leader, Effective Leadership, Councillor A Holliday and other Deputy Leaders gave progress reports on matters considered by the

Executive since the last Council meeting.

(Note: Councillor M McVeigh declared a personal interest in the discussion on the Play Areas, due to being the treasurer of a playgroup seeking funding.

Councillors C Giel; T Knowles and W Southward declared personal interests in the discussion of Regeneration and also the item dealing with the acquisition of Land at Birks Road Cleator Moor (c123 refers) due to being directors of Regen Copeland.)

C 108 4 May Celebration / Executive Away Day

During the debate on the Executive report and in addition to a question from Councillor C Whiteside at the meeting of Council held on 3 July 2007 the Deputy Leader Effective Leadership, undertook to request that the Leader provide a written response to a request that the Council consider whether it needs to review the protocol for the use of Council resources for hospitality for events both at the Council offices and event such as the Executive Away Day.

C 109 Land off Holborn Hill Millom

Deputy Leader, Effective Leadership undertook to investigate, and reply in writing, why no response had been received to a question relating to charges for the use of a passage way for properties 121 – 181 to the rear of Holborn Hill.

C110 Final Accounts

During the debate on the Executive report and in response to a question from Councillor G Sunderland the Deputy Leader Effective Leadership assured Members that there would be robust measures in place to ensure continuity within the financial administration of the Council pending a permanent appointment to the post of Head of Finance Business Development.

C111 Questions from Members at Council

Arising from minute C109 and in response to a question from the Leader of the Opposition Group the Deputy Leader – Effective Leadership undertook to provide a written response to clarify when questions may be asked by Members of the Council.

C112 Regeneration Partnership

During the debate on the Executive report and in response to a question from Councillor C Whiteside the Deputy Leader, Achieving Transformation undertook to provide a written reply on what the current job creation position is net of those created at Sellafield and within the nuclear industry.

C113 Car Parking

During the debate on the Executive report and in response to a question from Councillor A Carroll the Portfolio Holder confirmed that full consultation would be given with regard to Car Parking in Whitehaven Town Centre and the findings would form part of the complete traffic flow review currently being undertaken by the regeneration partnership.

C114 2 Tier Waste Collection

Arising from the Executive Report and in response to a question from Councillor A Norwood the Deputy Leader Promoting Prosperity undertook to give a written reply on what the current policy is, prior to the approval of A, B & C EXE/07/0034 refers.

It was

RESOLVED – the implementation of policies, A, B and C EXE/07/0034 refers, be devolved to the relevant Deputy Leader, the Portfolio Holder and the Head of Leisure and Environment.

C115 Estuary Close & Lancashire Road

The Deputy Leader, Promoting Prosperity, in response to a question from Councillor R Pitt, confirmed that no results had been received on the Arsenic and Methane Gas pollution at Estuary Close and Lancashire Road.

C116 Bulky Refuse Liability

Arising from the Executive report and in response to a question from Councillor Y Clarkson the Deputy Leader, Promoting prosperity undertook to provide a written reply on liability for damage caused by bulky refuse outside the curtilage of the owners property.

C117 Overview and Scrutiny Report

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.

Arising from this report and in response to a question from Councillor A Norwood, the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee chairman undertook to give a written reply clarifying if the 106 complaints referred to in the report were to the whole council or to the Customer Relations Officer.

C118 Appointments to Vacancies on Committees

Resolved – That the following appointment be made:

- a) OSC Management Committee – Councillor J Kane

- b) OSC Economic Development and Enterprise – Councillor J Kane
Chairman
- c) OSC Children and Young People – Councillor Mrs M Docherty
- d) Resource Planning Working Group – Councillor P Connolly
- e) Appeals Panel – Councillor – Mrs W Metherell

C119 Appointments to Outside Bodies

RESOLVED – that the following appointments be made:

Name of Body	Appointee
South Whitehaven Management Board	Councillor J Kane
West Cumbria Strategic Partnership Theme Group :	
a) Economic	Councillor T Knowles
b) Children	Councillor H Branney
c) Environment	Councillor G Blackwell – Councillor Branney Substitute
d) Health	Councillor Branney - Councillor G Blackwell Substitute
Lake District National Park Authority	Councillor H Branney
Scrutiny Appointments	
West Cumbria Strategic Partnership Joint Scrutiny	Councillor P Connolly
Local Area Agreement Joint Scrutiny	Councillor P Whalley
Car Parking Joint Scrutiny	Councillor H Wormstrup Substitute Councillor J Kane
Cumbria Scrutiny Member Network	Councillor B Dixon
Cumbria Waste management Joint Scrutiny	Councillor J Bowman

C120 Local Development Framework Working Party

RESOLVED – That the proposed Local Development Framework Working Party Terms of Reference be approved and adopted.

C121 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED - That pursuant to Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds of likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

C122 To Consider a Report on Disposal of Property

RESOLVED – a) the sale of the three assets as set out in paragraph 2.8 of this Report be approved; and

b) the terms and conditions of sale (Heads of Terms) to be finalised, delegated to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Head of Finance and Business Development, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and OSC Management Chairperson

C123 Supplementary Executive Recommendation – Acquisition of Land at Birks Road Cleator Moor

(Note: Councillors J Hully declared a personal interest in this item due to being a Roman Catholic)

Councillor C Whiteside declared a personal interest in this item due to his wife being a Roman Catholic.)

RESOLVED - (a) the acquisition by the Council of land at Birks Road, Cleator Moor on terms to be agreed by the Head of Regeneration in consultation with the Head of Finance and Business Development, Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Deputy Leader Effective Leadership such terms to include :-

- (i) the acquisition price being wholly grant funded;
- (ii) satisfactory terms being agreed for the acquisition between the Council and WLR in respect of post-acquisition costs to include environmental remediation works; and
- (iii) satisfactory terms being agreed for the acquisition from the Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees;

be approved and

c) any costs and liabilities be subject to a further report to the Executive.

The meeting closed at 6.05 pm

Mayor

