

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24 JANUARY 2006

Present: Councillors: N Clarkson (Mayor); D Banks; Mrs M Barnes; G Blackwell; Anne Bradshaw; E Brenan; Mrs Y R T Clarkson; G Clements; J Close B.E.M; R Cole; P C Connolly; B A Dixon; Mrs M D Docherty; Mrs E Eastwood; Mrs D A Faichney; Mrs C Giel; F J Gleaves; F R Heathcote; J E Hewitson; K H Hitchen; A Holliday; Mrs J Hully; A J Johnston; Mrs J K Johnston; M A McVeigh; S J Meteer; D W Moore; A Norwood; J Park; J Prince; R Salkeld; G Scurrah; W Southward; J G Sunderland; P D Tyson; Mrs C Watson; P Watson; N Williams; A Wonnacott; Miss E M Woodburn; H Wormstrup; K Young.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Ashbrook; D W T Gray; J Jackson; F McPhillips; Mrs W B Metherell; Mrs M B Woodburn;

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2005 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

C83 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor referred to the various engagements he had fulfilled since the last Meeting of the Council. He welcomed Councillor J Close B E M to his first meeting for some time due to ill health and extended best wishes to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs W B Metherell, and the wife of the Deputy Leader, Councillor M J Ashbrook, who were currently unwell.

C84 Executive Reports

The following Executive Members gave progress reports on matters coming within their Portfolios: -

Councillor Miss E Woodburn – Leader
 Councillor Miss E Woodburn – Deputy Leader
 Councillor N Williams – Resources and Local Democracy
 Councillor J E Hewitson – Business Growth
 Councillor H Wormstrup – Economic Infrastructure
 Councillor G Blackwell – Health and Diversity
 Councillor G Clements – Housing and Community Safety
 Councillor A Holliday – Environmental and Cultural Services

(NOTE: Councillor Mrs J I Hully declared a personal interest as a health service employee in the discussion under the Health and Diversity Portfolio on the future of the West Cumberland Hospital)

C85 Members Broadband Connections

Arising from the Resources and Local Democracy portfolio report and in response to a question from Councillor K H Hitchen, the Portfolio holder agreed to provide a written response to Councillor Hitchen on the number of Members who had expressed an interest in broadband connections and when broadband would be available to all Members.

C86 Draft Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax 2006/2007

Arising from the Leader's report, it was moved by Councillor Miss E Woodburn, seconded by Councillor D W Moore and

RESOLVED – that the Council agrees

- 1) To increase the base budget from £8,827,925 to £9,536,529, including recurring bids of £995,189 as detailed in Appendix A.
- 2) To agree non-recurring revenue bids of £913,088 as detailed in Appendix A.
- 3) To approve additions to the capital programme for 2006-07 of £640,180 as detailed in Appendix A.
- 4) To utilise the resources as identified in paragraph 5, for the 2006-07 budget.
- 5) To approve the fees & charges shown in Appendix B.
- (6) To delegate the approval of the Council tax base to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council
- 7) To set the Budget Requirement at £10,317,605 for 2006-07

C87 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 9 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

C88 Lease of Land at Copeland Athletics Stadium

(Note: Councillor G Blackwell declared a personal interest in this item as Council representative on the management body; Councillor W Southward declared a personal interest in the item as chairman of a user organisation.)

Consideration was given to proposals for the lease of land at Copeland Athletics Stadium.

RESOLVED – that Full Council approves the lease of the land at less than

valuation (i.e. £1 per annum), as the Council is satisfied that the proposal is for the well-being of the area, with delegated authority given to the Head of Finance and Business Development in consultation with the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and the relevant portfolio holder to finalise minor amendment relating to access around the leased area.

The Meeting closed at 5.25 pm

Mayor