

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2007

Present: Councillors: Mrs D A Faichney; (Mayor); D Banks; J W Bowman; H Branney; E Brenan; A L Carroll; N Clarkson; Mrs Y R T Clarkson; G Clements; R Cole; P C Connolly; Mrs M Docherty; Mrs E Eastwood; G Garrity; A Holliday; Mrs J I Hully; A E Jacob; J Jackson; M A McVeigh; S J Meteer; D W Moore; A D Mossop; J Park; R F Pitt; J Prince; R Salkeld; G Scurrah; W Southward; J G Sunderland; P D Tyson; Mrs C Watson; P Watson; C J Whiteside; Mrs J Williams; N Williams; D A Wilson; A Wonnacott; Miss E M Woodburn; Mrs M Woodburn; H Wormstrup.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Blackwell; B A Dixon; Mrs C A Giel; F J Gleaves; F R Heathcote; K H Hitchen; J Kane; T J Knowles; Mrs W Metherell; A W M Norwood; P Whalley.

Former Councillor D F Whelan

Before the start of the formal business all present stood in memory of the late former Councillor D F Whelan, Mayor of Copeland 1981/82.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 August 2007 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record

C 124 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Mrs J Williams to the first meeting of the Council since her election.

The Mayor then referred to the various engagements she had attended since the last meeting of Council.

Finally the Mayor reminded Members that her Charity Ball would be held on Friday 12 October in aid of her charities and that all donations would be welcomed.

C 125 Executive Report

The Leader of the Council, Councillor E Woodburn, Councillor N Williams 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 D Banks and W Southward declared personal interests in the the Phoenix Enterprise Centre as Directors of Phoenix Court

Councillor G Clements declared a personal interest in the discussion on sales of RSL houses as a member of the Copeland Homes Board

Councillor H Wormstrup declared a personal interest in the discussion on West Lakes Renaissance as a member of the Coalfields Communities Campaign).

C 126 West Lakes Renaissance Auditing and Verification Procedures

Arising from the Achieving Transformation Executive Report and in response to a question from Councillor C J Whiteside on auditing and verification procedures for grant funding of local projects by West Lakes Renaissance, Councillor Williams agreed to provide a written reply to Councillor Whiteside.

C 127 Rural Waste Collection

Arising from the Promoting Prosperity Executive Report and in response to a question by Councillor D W Moore on a recent communication to householders in non-adopted streets over waste collection arrangements for those areas, the Portfolio Holder Councillor Clements undertook to provide Councillor Moore with a written reply.

C 128 CCTV

Arising from the Promoting Prosperity Executive Report and in response to a question from Councillor C J Whiteside on the installation programme for CCTV, the Portfolio Holder undertook to provide all Members with details of the programme.

C 129 Trade Waste

Arising from the Promoting Prosperity Executive Report and in response to a question from Councillor A Carroll on trade waste performance data, the Portfolio Holder Councillor G Clements agreed to provide Councillor Carroll with performance data including trade waste.

C 130 Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Safer and Stronger Communities

Arising from the Executive Report it was moved by Councillor E Woodburn, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – that Councillor Jeanette Williams be appointed to the OSC for Safer and Stronger Communities in place of Councillor J Kane with immediate effect.

C 131 Executive Decision EXE 07/0065 – Urgent Actions

RESOLVED – that (a) the financial limits that can be used as delegated authority by Executive Members be reviewed; and

(b) the Constitution be amended to formalise the Guidance Notes on Urgent Actions and used as the Council's procedure on urgent actions.

C 132 Executive Decision EX 07/0081 – GIS Budget

RESOLVED – that a) £13,900 be vired from the IT budget to the Head of Policy and Performance's budget to cover the cost of annual renewal of the GIS system licences; and

b) the amount which a Head of Service can vire within a single Portfolio under financial regulation B13 be reviewed

C 133 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.

C 134 Recommendation from Personnel Panel – Appointment of Chief Officers

RESOLVED – that (a) paragraph 6.52 of the Scheme of Delegation be amended as follows:

“To assemble the elected Member Panel to consider applications, conduct interviews for and make appointments to posts of Chief Officers, after consultation with the appropriate leading members and senior officers concerned.”; and

(b) further consequential amendments to the Constitution be made where necessary.

C 135 Recommendation from Planning Panel – Revised Procedure for Objectors, Applicants and Councillors

Consideration was given to a proposed revised procedure for hearing objectors, applicants and Councillors in Planning Panel meetings.

It was moved by Councillor M McVeigh and duly seconded that the revised procedure as set out in Agenda Item 7 be approved and implemented.

It was then moved by Councillor Mrs Y R T Clarkson by way of an amendment that the revised procedure with the exception of paragraphs 2, 3 and 4.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was declared **LOST**.

It was accordingly then:

RESOLVED – that the revised procedure as set out in Agenda Item 7 be approved and implemented.

C 136 Notice of Motion Under Standing Order 8

Notice having been given under Standing Order 8, it was moved by Councillor R Pitt and duly seconded:

That this Council endorses the contents of this paper and promises a fair deal for the people of Millom henceforth.

It was then moved by Councillor R Pitt and duly seconded that the provisions of Standing Order 12(10) be suspended for the purposes of the debate on the Motion.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was declared **LOST**.

It was then moved by Councillor A Holliday by way of amendment to the substantive motion, and duly seconded:

That this Council will continue to deal fairly with all the people of Copeland; that all the factual issues appertaining to Copeland raised in the paper will be dealt with in the normal manner; and that all factual issues appertaining to the County Council will be passed on to them.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was declared **CARRIED**.

It was accordingly then

RESOLVED - That this Council will continue to deal fairly with all the people of Copeland; that all the factual issues appertaining to Copeland raised in the paper will be dealt with in the normal manner; and that all factual issues appertaining to the County Council will be passed on to them.

C 137 Strategy for Sustainable Communities in West Cumbria

The Council considered the draft Sustainable Communities Strategy for West Cumbria following the briefing for all Members on the draft Strategy on 18 September 2007. It was noted that an identical draft would be before Allerdale Borough Council for adoption shortly.

RESOLVED – that (a) the Council adopts the revised Joint Strategy; and

(b) authority be delegated to the Leader to agree any minor drafting changes with Allerdale BC prior to printing of the Joint Strategy.

C 138 Designated Public Place Orders

(Councillor R Cole declared a personal interest in this item as a member of the Licensing Committee)

Consideration was given to designation of further areas in the Borough as Designated Public Places, which would give police officers powers to confiscate alcohol being consumed in public and/or require cessation of such consumption.

RESOLVED – that areas at Whitehaven Town Centre; Hensingham; Kells; and Cleator Moor, as more particularly described in the report and delineated in the plans attached to the report be made the subject of Designated Public Place Orders.

C 139 Recommendation of Local Development Framework Working Party – Wind Energy

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

RESOLVED – that the Council adopts the Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Document as submitted.

C 140 Extension of Time of Meeting

It was moved by Councillor N Williams, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – that in accordance with Standing Order 13(1) (a) the meeting continues until completion of the items of business on the agenda.

C 141 Recommendation of Local Development Framework Working Party – Statement of Community Involvement

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

RESOLVED – that the submitted amendments to the Statement of Community Involvement be approved and the revised Statement of Community Involvement be formally adopted.

C 142 Appointments to Outside Bodies

RESOLVED – that (a) the following appointments be made:

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Whitehaven Harbour Commissioners Appointing Body	Corporate Director Economic Prosperity & Sustainability
West Cumbria Strategic Partnership Joint Scrutiny	Councillor W Metherell in place of Councillor M Woodburn

Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Management Committee	Councillor G Blackwell in place of Councillor M Woodburn
Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Anti Social Behaviour Task Group	Councillor P Tyson in place of Councillor A Faichney
Huntsman & Rhodia Local Liaison Committee	Deleted
North West Regional Assembly	Deleted
Northern Consortium of Housing	Deputy Leader Promoting Prosperity
Parton/Lillyhall Improvement Liaison Committee	Councillor J Bowman in place of Councillor B Dixon
Whitehaven Police Area Community Forum	Deleted
Regeneration Programme Steering Group Whitehaven Coastal Fringe Task Group	Councillor G Clements
Lake District National Park Partnership Board	Councillor K Hitchen Chief Executive

(b) the remaining appointments be confirmed as set out in Appendix "A" to the report.

The meeting closed at 5.20 pm

Mayor

