

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 JULY 2007

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anne Bradshaw; E Brenan; K H Hitchen; S J Meteer; R F Pitt; W Southward; J G Sunderland; N Williams.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 May and 13 June 2007 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record, subject to deletion of Councillor Clements from the attendance list for the 22 May meeting.

C 91 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor thanked all Members who had attended the Civic Sunday Parade and Service on 3 June 2007.

The Mayor then referred to her visit to the tall ship the Grand Turk during the Whitehaven Maritime Festival on 16 June and to the Falklands Memorial Service on 17 June during which she had presented Veterans Badges to a number of Falklands veterans. She thanked the organisers for their hard work in making the 2007 Maritime Festival so successful.

The Mayor referred to her visit earlier in the day of the meeting to Millom for the opening of the Millom Network Centre by HRH The Duke of Kent.

C 92 Executive Report

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Miss E Woodburn and the Deputy Leaders gave progress reports on matters considered by the Executive since the last Council meeting.

C 93 Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 1998

Arising from the Executive Report, it was

RESOLVED – that the Copeland Borough Council Scheme of Charges under the Building Regulations 1998 be amended in accordance with the Local Government Association Model Scheme of Charges.

C 94 Accessible Information Policy and Guidance

Arising from the Executive Report, it was

RESOLVED – that the Accessible Information Policy and Guidance be approved and implemented.

C 95 Executive Away Day

During the debate on the Executive report, the Leader undertook to provide a written reply to Councillor Moore on the costs of the Executive Away Day on 27 June 2007.

C 96 4 May Celebration

During the debate on the Executive report the Leader undertook to provide a written reply to Councillor Whiteside on the costs to the Council if any of the celebration held in the Mayor's Parlour on 4 May 2007.

C 97 Job Evaluation

During the debate on the Executive report the Deputy Leader (Transformation) undertook to provide Councillor Norwood with a written reply on the estimated cost of Job Evaluation and its impact if any on single status for Council employees.

C 98 Smoke Free Legislation – Bus Shelters

During the debate on the Executive report the Deputy Leader (Prosperity) undertook to provide Councillor Cole with a written reply on the costs of removing side panels from Council-owned bus shelters with a view to removing them from the scope of the Smoke Free legislation.

C 99 Overview and Scrutiny Report

(Councillor R Salkeld declared a personal interest in paragraph 11 of the report as the Council's representative on the Community Law Service).

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 100 Green Waste Collection Policy

During the debate on the Overview and Scrutiny Report the Leader undertook to provide a written reply to Councillor Jacob on the current Council policy on green waste collection from households.

C 101 No Smoking Policy

(Councillor Wormstrup left the room at the start of this item)

The Council considered a draft No Smoking Policy which would implement the provisions of the Health Act 2006 banning smoking in public places. The draft policy had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Children, Young People and Healthy Communities.

RESOLVED – that the draft policy as set out in the report be agreed and implemented.

C 102 New Model Code of Conduct

Consideration was given to a recommendation from the Standards Committee on proposed adoption of the new Model Code of Conduct for local authority members contained in Statutory Instrument 2007/1159.

RESOLVED – that Code of Conduct set out at Appendix “A” to the report be adopted as the Council’s Code of Conduct for Members with effect from the date of this meeting.

C 103 Nuclear Sites – Copeland Site End States and Uses

(Councillor Dixon joined the meeting during this item)

(Councillor Mrs C A Giel declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item due to her employment in the nuclear industry and withdrew from the room during the discussion and voting.

Councillor Mrs J I Hully declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item due to a relative’s employment in the nuclear industry and withdrew from the meeting during the discussion and voting.

Councillors Banks, Blackwell, Carroll, Kane, Norwood, Wilson and Wonnacott declared personal interests in this item due to their employment in the nuclear industry.

Councillors N Clarkson, Clements, Connolly, Mrs Eastwood, Holliday, Knowles, McVeigh, Mrs Methereil, Moore, Salkeld, Tyson, P Whalley and Mrs M Woodburn declared personal interests in this item due to their relatives’ employment in the nuclear industry.

Councillors Mrs Y R T Clarkson, Jackson and Mossop declared personal interests in this item due to their relatives' and associates' employment in the nuclear industry.

Councillors Bowman, Branney, Gleaves, Jacob, Mrs C Watson, P Watson, Whiteside, and Miss E Woodburn declared personal interests in this item due to their associates' employment in the nuclear industry.)

The Council considered a report setting out options for end uses of the nuclear sites in the Borough and the nature and scale of the clean-up operations required for each. This work had been carried out as part of the Council's response to a stakeholder consultation by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority on end states and end uses.

RESOLVED – that the Council agrees that –

A. The following policies in relation to the post operational future of Copeland Nuclear Sites.

END STATES

1. Nuclear sites should be the subject of complete reclamation on completion of operations on the basis of the principle of polluter pays and in order to ensure that local environmental safety and economic well being is maximised for the benefit of the community.

2. Any proposals coming forward to use a site indefinitely to accommodate waste or contamination that arises from the clean up should be treated as specific proposals for a repository and should be negotiated with the Borough Council to ensure that such facilities are in the beneficial interest of the local community

3. The low level waste facility near Drigg should be fully cleaned up and restored and waste and contamination removed unless:

i) a safety case can be agreed which resolves issues of coastal erosion, and sea level change,

and:

ii) a host community recognition package is agreed with Copeland Borough Council, which creates a beneficial interest in the host community accepting such a facility.

Should i) and ii) be implemented the facility can be operated as a repository subject to the reclamation and appropriate repackaging and management of material buried in the area known as the trenches.

END USES

4. The subsequent use of the sites must be informed by the planning framework being operated for Copeland at the time of implementation. The current preferred uses for the Sellafield site are as follows:

- i) North: Should be fully restored and allocated in part for research/technology/business park use. The larger part to be made available for special industrial uses (not general industrial)
- ii) Windscale: Fully restored possible use in association with North area for large special industrial uses
- iii) Central: Fully restored and possible Low Level Waste repository, (subject to the MWRS principles of veto and community benefits) Alternatively special industrial/leisure/agriculture/forestry
- iv) Calder and South: Full restoration and use for leisure/recreational/forestry agricultural use.

5. Subject to considerations in 3 above the Council supports the use of the site for radioactive waste management, recreation/nature reserve

B. That the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority should be informed of the Council's policy and supporting arguments as set out in the report.

C. That the Council would welcome any part of the site being used for nuclear new build, recognising the benefits of nuclear new build for both Copeland and the UK.

C 104 Amendments to the Constitution – Licensing Functions

(Councillor Wormstrup rejoined the meeting during this item).

RESOLVED – that that the membership of each of the Licensing Sub-Committees is taken from the Licensing Committee on a rota basis, subject to availability and eligibility, with reserve membership being from any member of the Licensing Committee, and that any such Sub-Committee for the purpose of hearings before it is deemed to be appointed by the Licensing Committee under section 10 of the Licensing Act 2003 and section 154 of the Gambling Act 2005.

C 105 Appointments to Outside Bodies

RESOLVED – that the following appointments be made:

Name of Body	Appointee
Community Law Centre	Councillor A Holliday
Community Legal Service Partnership	Councillor A Holliday
Copeland Homes	Councillor P Whalley (in place of Councillor A Faichney for 12 months) Councillor P C Connolly Councillor F Gleaves Councillor M Woodburn

	Councillor G Clements
Cumbria Health and Well Being Scrutiny Committee	Councillor G Garrity Substitute: Councillor C Giel
Invest in Cumbria	Councillor C Giel
Cumbria Sub Regional Housing	Councillor G Clements
Cumbria Supporting People	Councillor H Branney
Cumbria Tourist Board	Councillor T Knowles
Legal Services Commission	Councillor A Holliday
LGA Urban and Rural Commissions	Urban: Councillor E Woodburn/A Holliday Rural: None Appointed
Local Strategic Partnership – 4 Theme Groups – Economic/Children/Environment/Health	Deferred
Copeland Leisure	Councillor H Branney
North West Regional Assembly	Councillor Miss E Woodburn
NuLEAF	Councillor A Holliday
Pow Beck Regeneration Board	Councillor A Holliday
South Whitehaven Management Board	Councillors A Bradshaw; E Brennan; G Garrity; P Tyson; A Holliday; J Kane
West Cumbria Development Agency	Councillor C Giel
West Cumbria Development Fund	Councillor C Giel
West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group	Councillor E Woodburn/ Councillor A Holliday
West Lakes Renaissance	Councillor C Giel
Western Lake Dist Tourism Partnership	Councillor T Knowles
Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership	Councillor G Blackwell
Police Liaison Committee	Councillor G Garrity

The meeting closed at 6.25 pm

Mayor

