

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2008

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Carroll; N Clarkson; B A Dixon; Mrs E Eastwood; Mrs D A Faichney; F R Heathcote; Mrs J I Hully; J Park; J G Sunderland; D A Wilson.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 29 July 2008, were signed by the Mayor as a correct record, subject to addition of Councillor Mrs E Eastwood to the Members voting against the motion in Minute C31.

C 34 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor welcomed Julie Betteridge, Head of Development Strategy, to the first meeting of the Council since her appointment.

The Mayor referred to the Status Quo concert in Whitehaven on 7 August which he and the Mayoress had attended and thanked all those who had contributed to the arrangements.

The Mayor then thanked all Members and officers of the Council, and others who had supported him at recent fund-raising events for his charities.

C 35 Declarations of Interest

Councillor H Wormstrup declared a personal interest in the discussion on coalfields funding in the Executive report as the Council representative on the Coalfields Alliance.

Councillors Mrs Y Clarkson and D Mossop declared personal interests as local business people in the discussion on LAGBI funding in the Executive report.

Councillor J Jackson declared a personal interest in the item on Egremont Rugby Union Club as a member of the Club.

Councillor R Pitt declared a personal interest in the item on interim locality working mechanisms as Chair of Millom and Haverigg Economic Regeneration Group.

C 36 Executive Reports

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

C 37 Executive/Overview and Scrutiny Protocol

RESOLVED – That the Protocol be approved subject to the amendments listed in the Executive recommendation.

C 38 Review of Contract Standing Orders

RESOLVED – That the proposed revisions to Contract Standing Orders be approved and implemented.

C 39 Homelessness Strategy

RESOLVED – that the recommendation Strategy and Action Plan on Homelessness be approved and implemented.

C 40 Whitehaven Civic Quarter

Arising from the Achieving Transformation Report, Councillor Giel agreed to provide a written reply to Councillor Moore on the breakdown of funding for the Whitehaven Civic Quarter scheme.

C 41 Overview and Scrutiny Report

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

C 42 Quality Coast

Arising from the Overview and Scrutiny report it was agreed that a written reply be sent to Councillor D Moore on the present position on the Quality Coast awards.

C 43 Amendments to Constitution

Consideration was given to proposals for amendments to the Scheme of Officer Delegations to reflect responsibilities of new Heads of Service for Finance and Management Information Systems, Development Strategy and Development Operations; revisions to the Terms of Reference of Personnel Panel; and changes to Standing Order 8 with respect to Notices of Motion at Council meetings.

RESOLVED – that

(a) the changes to the scheme of delegations set out at Appendix “A” be approved;

(b) the changes to Standing Order 8 set out in Appendix "B" be approved, subject to substitution of the words "without the substantive motion being moved and seconded" for the words "whether moved at the meeting or not"; and

(c) the changes to the terms of reference of Personnel Panel set out in Appendix "C" be approved subject to addition of the words "if needed" to para 6.58.

C 44 Proposal for Designated Public Place

Consideration was given to proposals for the making of a Designated Public Place Order in Millom. It was noted that during consultation on the proposal, suggested additions to the designated areas had been made, of the War Memorial and the Millom Palladium Grounds.

RESOLVED – that (a) the areas in Millom shown on the plan attached to the report be made the subject of a Designated Public Places Order; and

(b) a further consultation be carried out with the Cumbria Police on the possible designation of additional areas and a further report submitted to the Council if appropriate.

C 45 Member Development Strategy

Consideration was given to a recommendation of the Member Development Panel for a revised Member Development Strategy.

RESOLVED – that the revised Member Development Strategy be approved and adopted.

C 46 Appointments to Outside Bodies

RESOLVED – that the following appointments be made:

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
West Cumbria Partnership Joint Scrutiny	Councillor J Kane
Copeland Community Fund Grants Panel	Councillors G Garrity; K Hitchen; E Woodburn.

The meeting closed at 3.45 pm.

Mayor