

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2007

Present: Councillors: Mrs D A Faichney; (Mayor); D Banks; G Blackwell; J W Bowman; A Carroll; N Clarkson; Mrs Y R T Clarkson; G Clements; P C Connolly; B A Dixon; Mrs M Docherty; Mrs E Eastwood; G Garrity; R Heathcote; K Hitchen; A Holliday; A E Jacob; J Jackson; J Kane; M A McVeigh; S J Meteer; W Metherell; D W Moore; A D Mossop; J Prince; R Salkeld; W Southward; P D Tyson; Mrs C Watson; P Watson; P Whalley; C J Whiteside; Mrs J Williams; N Williams; A Wonnacott; H Wormstrup.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Branney; E Brenan; R Cole; Mrs C A Giel; F Gleaves; Mrs J I Hully; T J Knowles; A Norwood; J Park; R F Pitt; G Scurrah; J G Sunderland; D A Wilson; E M Woodburn; Mrs M Woodburn.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2007 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record, subject to deletion of Councillor Meteer from the attendance list

C 156 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor thanked all Councillors who had attended the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service on 11 November 2007. The Mayor then referred to the other engagements she had fulfilled since the last meeting of the Council.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Mayor wished all present the compliments of the season.

C 157 Executive Report

The Deputy Leaders of the Council, Councillors A Holliday (Effective Leadership), C Giel (Achieving Transformation), and G Clements (Promoting Prosperity), gave progress reports on matters considered by the Executive since the last Council meeting.

C 158 Executive Decision EXE 07/0138 - Press Release Protocol

RESOLVED – that the proposed press release protocol be approved in respect of all Council activities in addition to those already approved by the Executive.

C 159 Locality Arrangements

Arising from the Executive report on Locality Arrangements, the Deputy Leader (Effective Leadership) agreed to provide a written reply to Councillor K H Hitchen on the political composition of the Corporate Improvement Board.

C 160 Telephone Call Statistics

Arising from the Executive report on Copeland Direct, Councillor Williams agreed to provide Councillor Mrs Y R T Clarkson with details of telephone response times.

C 161 Flooding

Arising from the Executive report on policy Planning Councillor Williams agreed to provide Councillor Dixon with a written reply on the current budget for flood alleviation at Parton.

C 162 Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Scheme

Arising from the Executive report on the LABGI scheme, Councillor Williams agreed to provide Councillors Hitchen and Wormstrup with written replies on which partnerships would benefit from LABGI and how funding would be split between them.

C 163 Market Towns Initiative

Arising from the Executive report on Market Towns Initiative Projects, Councillor Williams agreed to provide a written reply to Councillor Hitchen on how much funding is available and over what period.

C 164 Christmas Refuse Collection

Arising from the Executive report on refuse collection over the Christmas period, the Deputy Leader (Promoting Prosperity) agreed to provide written replies to Councillor Moore on whether it would be possible to suspend issuing of fixed penalty notices for the Christmas period, and to councillor Mrs Y R T Clarkson on additional costs of refuse operatives working over Christmas.

C 165 Overview and Scrutiny Report

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

C 166 North Cumbria Acute Hospitals NHS Trust – Foundation Status Application

The Council considered a proposed response recommended by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Children Young People and Healthy communities to the consultation on the Acute Hospitals NHS Trust's application for Foundation status.

RESOLVED – that the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to support the Foundation Trust application in principle be confirmed.

C 167 Planning Application 4/07/2580/0 – Environmental Improvements, haig Pit, Whitehaven

(Councillor Wormstrup declared a personal interest in this item as the Council's Coalfields representative).

RESOLVED – that planning permission be granted under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 subject to the conditions set out in the report.

C 168 Planning Application 4/07/2628/0 – Supporting Column for CCTV Camera, Frizington Road, Frizington

RESOLVED – that planning permission be granted under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 subject to the condition set out in the report.

C 169 Planning Application 4/07/2629 – Supporting Column for CCTV Camera, Lapstone Road/Newton Street, Millom

RESOLVED – that planning permission be granted under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 subject to the condition set out in the report.

C 170 Planning Application 4/07/2630 – Supporting Column for CCTV Camera, Harbourside, Whitehaven

RESOLVED – that planning permission be granted under regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 subject to the condition set out in the report.

C 171 Amendments to Financial Regulations and Constitution

The Council considered recommendations from the Resource Planning Working Group and Executive for amendments to Financial Regulations.

RESOLVED – that the proposals as set out in paragraphs 3.3 and 3.6 be approved and implemented.

C 172 Licensing Act 2003 – Review of Licensing Policy

The Council considered a proposed policy on how the Council's powers as licensing authority under the Licensing Act 2003 are to be exercised in respect of licensing functions transferred to district councils from the magistrates courts under the 2003 Act

RESOLVED – that Appendix 1 to the report be the Council's policy and statement under Section 5(1) of the Licensing Act 2003 with effect from 7 January 2003.

C 173 Energy Coast Master Plan

Members considered the Masterplan produced by the Energy Coast Partners for the economic development of West Cumbria.

RESOLVED –

a) that the Energy Coast Partners, comprising Copeland Borough Council, Allerdale Borough Council, Cumbria County Council, Cumbria Vision, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and West Lakes Renaissance, is the most appropriate partnership for the further economic development of West Cumbria;

(b) that the Energy Coast "Masterplan" is considered an important strategic resource for the future development of a spatial masterplan for Copeland and/or West Cumbria;

(c) that the detailed planning and agreement on economic development priorities for Copeland and West Cumbria is subject to further work, including a detailed delivery plan for Copeland; and

(d) that the Energy Coast "Masterplan" is not seen as the definitive plan for the regeneration of West Cumbria but should be seen as part of a suite of plans contributing to the implementation of the West Cumbria Sustainable Communities Strategy – "Future Generations".

C 174 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 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

C 175 Land at Bankyard Row, Parton

(The Mayor agreed to take this item on grounds of urgency due to the need to expedite the transaction).

The Council considered a report proposing the sale of a parcel of land following advertisement and submission of sealed bids, for which approval of full Council is required under Contract Standing Order 21.3.2.

RESOLVED – that the sale of the land as set out in paragraph 2.8 of the report be approved and the terms and conditions of sale to be finalised be delegated to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Interim Head of Finance and Business Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

The meeting closed at 4.52 pm

Mayor