

**COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 DECEMBER 2006**

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs W B Metherell (Mayor); M J Ashbrook; D Banks; G Blackwell; Anne Bradshaw; H Branney; N Clarkson; Mrs Y R T Clarkson; G Clements; R Cole; P C Connolly; ; Mrs M Docherty; Mrs E Eastwood; Mrs D A Faichney; Mrs C A Giel; G Garrity; F R Heathcote A Holliday; Mrs J I Hully; J Jackson; A E Jacob; F McPhillips; M A McVeigh; D W Moore; A W M Norwood; J Park; J Prince; R Salkeld; W Southward; J G Sunderland; P D Tyson; Mrs C Watson; N Williams; A Wonnacott; Miss E M Woodburn; Mrs M Woodburn

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs M Barnes; E Brenan; J Close BEM; B A Dixon; F J Gleaves; J E Hewitson; K H Hitchen; S J Meteer; P Watson; Mrs D A Wonnacott & H Wormstrup

- C 52** Prior to the commencement of the meeting Members kept one minutes silence in memory of David Hardy, who served on Copeland Council until 1999.

**C 53 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 26 October 2006 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record, subject to addition of Councillor Mrs M Woodburn to the list of apologies.

**C 54 Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor thanked all Members and others who had attended and supported the March to "save our services" held on Saturday 9 December 2006.

The Mayor moved that two additional items would be considered at 11A & 11B on grounds of urgency

Draft Budget 2007/08 Cumbria County Council & Planning Application  
4/06/2743/0 Extension of Existing Cemetery on Land Adjacent to the Existing Cemetery Including New Access, Internal Roads and Paths.

This was duly seconded and

RESOLVED – that these items be considered at 11A & 11B on the Agenda

**C 55 Executive Report**

(Councillors J Hully declared personal interests in the item on National Health Service due to being an employee of the NHS.)

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

Both the Leader and the Leader of the Main opposition group endorsed comments made the Mayor in commending the turnout for the "Save our Services March" which had been held on Saturday 9 December 2006. Both emphasised the need for the Council to work together to save the services.

#### **C 56 Overview and Scrutiny Report**

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Policy and Performance, Councillor Yvonne Clarkson, gave an update on the activities of Overview and Scrutiny since the last Council meeting.

#### **C 57 Local Government White Paper – Strong and Prosperous Communities**

Members received a presentation on the Local Government White Paper – Strong and Prosperous Communities, which was then, open for a full debate.

During the debate, Members asked that a Cross Party Working Group be set up to consider this further prior to submission to Council for approval.

The Head of Policy and Performance would give a written reply to Councillor Sunderland's question

"How can change be made if there's no need for a referendum?"

Following the debate it was moved, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** – That a small cross party working party be set up to consider this in full prior to the final report being submitted to Council for approval.

#### **C 58 Annual General Meeting of Council 2007**

It was moved duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** – That the 2007 Annual General Meeting of Council be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 22 May in accordance with Standing Order 1.1

#### **C 59 Restrictions on Alcohol Consumption**

The Council considered a report recommending hat certain areas of Hensingham be designated as public places for the purposes of restricting consumption of alcohol. During consideration of this item, it was noted that there had been a request from the Hensingham Ward Councillors had asked for an additional area to be included.

**RESOLVED** – that a) an order be made to make the parts of Hensingham set out in the report "Designated Public Places" and

b) subject to consultation with the owners/lease holders the additional area identified be included in the “Designated Public Place”.

**C 60 Adoption of Licensing Policy under the Gambling Act**

It was moved duly seconded and

**RESOLVED – That**

(a) the draft Licensing Policy as annexed and made under Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 (and being a statement of principles that the Council as licensing authority proposes to apply in exercising their functions under the said Act) be approved;

(b) that the delegation of functions to Council, the Executive, the Licensing Committee, Licensing Sub-Committees and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services as set out in Appendix 2 to the Policy referred to in (a) be approved; and

(c) that the Policy referred to in (a) be published in accordance with statutory requirements

**C 60 Nuclear Decommissioning Authority**

The proposed draft response to the NDA's Socio Economic Policy consultation was submitted for consideration for approval.

**RESOLVED – That** a) the draft response be noted and approved; and

b) the Director of Economic Prosperity and Sustainability in consultation with the Leader be delegated authority to approve any further amendments required prior to the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

**C 61 Disability Equality Scheme**

It was moved duly seconded and

**RESOLVED – That** the Disability Equality Scheme be adopted by the Council

**C 62 Draft Budget 2007/08 Cumbria County Council**

Councillors N Clarkson & R Cole declared personal Interests in this item due to being County Councillors and left the meeting during its consideration.

Councillor D Moore declared personal Interests in this item due to being a Member of the Fire Service. Councillor D Banks declared personal Interests in this item due to a Member of his family being in receipt of a School Clothing Allowance. Councillor M McVeigh declared personal Interests in this item due to being on the Board of Governors of a school for Children with disabilities.

Councillor N Williams declared a personal interest in this item due to his wife being an employee at a care home.

Members considered proposal being put forward by the County Council as part of their budget setting process for 2007/08

**RESOLVED** - That taking on board comments made by Members and subject to full consultation prior to submission, delegated authority be given to the Executive to draft a response to the County Council's budget Proposals.

**C 63 Planning Application – 4/06/2743/0 Extension of Existing Cemetery on Land Adjacent to the Existing Cemetery Including New Access, Internal Roads and Paths**

**RESOLVED** – that in respect of planning application 4/06/2743/0 Extension of Existing Cemetery on Land Adjacent to the Existing Cemetery Including New Access, Internal Roads and Paths planning permission be granted under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General) Regulations 1993.

**C 64 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 3 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

**C 65 Property Disposal Requiring Full Council Approval**

It was moved duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** – That the sale of the properties as set out in the report be approved; and

b) the terms and conditions (Heads of Terms) be delegated to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services the Head of Finance and Business Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and OSC Performance and Resources Chairman

The meeting closed at 3.40 pm

Mayor