

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2006

Present: Councillors: Mrs W B Metherell (Mayor); M J Ashbrook; G Blackwell; H Branney; Mrs Y R T Clarkson; G Clements; R Cole; P C Connolly; Mrs M D Docherty; Mrs D A Faichney; G Garrity; F J Gleaves; K H Hitchen; A Holliday; A J Johnston; Mrs J K Johnston; F McPhillips; M A McVeigh; S J Meteer; D W Moore; A Norwood; J Park; J Prince; R Salkeld; G Scurrah; J G Sunderland; P D Tyson; Mrs C Watson; P Watson; N Williams; Miss E M Woodburn; Mrs M B Woodburn; H Wormstrup.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Banks; Mrs M Barnes; Anne Bradshaw; E Brenan; N Clarkson; J Close BEM; B A Dixon; Mrs E Eastwood; Mrs C A Giel; F R Heathcote; J E Hewitson; Mrs J I Hully; J Jackson; A E Jacob; A Wonnacott; Mrs D A Wonnacott.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on 27 July 2006 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record, subject to addition of Councillor W Southward and deletion of Councillors C and P Watson from the list of attendees.

C34 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor announced that the next meeting of the Council on 26 October would be held in Millom at 2.00 pm.

The Mayor then thanked Councillors AJ and Mrs JK Johnston for their service as Councillors as this was likely to be their last Council meeting before their imminent emigration to New Zealand.

The Mayor then presented the Rickerby Limited Trophy, awarded to Whitehaven as winner of the Best Town category in Cumbria in Bloom 2006, to representatives of the Parks Department.

The Mayor then presented certificates to children and other representatives of local schools in recognition of their work in Whitehaven in Bloom 2006.

C35 Executive Reports

The following Executive Members gave progress reports on matters coming within their Portfolios: -

Councillor Miss E Woodburn – Leader
Councillor M Ashbrook – Deputy Leader

Councillor N Williams – Resources and Local Democracy
 Councillor M Ashbrook – Business Growth
 Councillor H Wormstrup – Economic Infrastructure
 Councillor G Blackwell – Health and Diversity
 Councillor G Clements – Housing and Community Safety
 Councillor A Holliday – Environmental and Cultural Services

(Note: Councillor Hitchen declared a personal interest in the discussions on Pubwatch/Nightsafe under the Housing and Community Safety portfolio and Plastic Bottle Recycling under the Environmental and Cultural Services portfolio due to his position as a publican.)

C 36 Rugby Stadium Delivery Group

Arising from the Leader's Portfolio report, the Leader agreed to provide Councillor Norwood with a written update on the current position on the rugby stadium project.

C 37 Cleator Moor Townscape Heritage Initiative

Arising from the Economic Infrastructure Portfolio Report, the Executive member agreed to provide Councillor Norwood with a written reply on further schemes for inclusion in the Cleator Moor THI programme.

C 38 Oscar 8 Emergency Planning Exercise

Arising from the Health and Diversity Portfolio Report, the Executive member agreed to provide Councillor Moore with details of whether Members could be accommodated as observers in the imminent Oscar 8 exercise.

C39 Cumbria Housing Strategy Action Plan

Arising from the Housing and Community Safety Portfolio Report, the Executive member agreed to provide a written reply to Councillor Norwood on the timescale for the Cumbria Housing Strategy action plan for Copeland.

C 40 CCTV

Arising from the Housing and Community Safety Portfolio Report, the Executive member agreed to provide a written reply to Councillor Cole on the timescales for introduction of the enhanced CCTV roll-out.

C 41 Overview and Scrutiny Report

Councillor Connolly presented the first Overview and Scrutiny report on behalf of the Overview and Scrutiny Chairs.

C 42 Planning Applications 4/06/2515/0 and 4/06/2521/0 – The Beacon, Whitehaven

RESOLVED – that in respect of applications 4/06/2515/0 (new painting store) and 4/06/2521/0 (alterations to form café), planning permission be granted under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General) Regulations 1993.

(Note: Councillor M Ashbrook declared a personal interest in this item as a director of two organisations involved in refurbishment of The Beacon)

C 43 Health Strategy

The Council considered a draft Health Strategy which had been recommended for adoption by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Social Well Being and Executive.

RESOLVED – that the Strategy be approved and adopted.

C 44 Appointments to Outside Bodies

RESOLVED – that Councillor W Southward be appointed as the Council's representative on Age Concern for the remainder of the current municipal year.

The meeting closed at 3.55 pm.

Mayor