

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2006

Present: Councillors: Mrs W B Metherell (Mayor); M Ashbrook; D Banks; H Branney; N Clarkson; Mrs Y R T Clarkson; G Clements (Agenda Items 1-6); Mrs M D Docherty; Mrs E Eastwood; Mrs D A Faichney; G Garrity;; F J Gleaves; F R Heathcote; J E Hewitson; K H Hitchen; J Jackson; A E Jacob; 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; A Wonnacott; Miss E M Woodburn; Mrs M B Woodburn; H Wormstrup.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs M Barnes; G Blackwell; Anne Bradshaw; E Brennan; J Close BEM; R Cole; P C Connolly; B A Dixon; Mrs C A Giel; A Holliday; Mrs J Hully; A J Johnston; W Southward; Mrs D A Wonnacott; K Young

Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on 9 May and 6 June 2006 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record, subject to addition of Councillor Miss E Woodburn to the attendees for 6 June.

C08 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor welcomed Liam Murphy to the meeting following his recent appointment as Chief Executive.

The Mayor thanked all Councillors who had attended the Civic Sunday Parade and Service in Distington on 25 June.

The Mayor then referred to the recent visit to Copeland of guests from Kozloduy, Bulgaria, and thanked all those who had contributed to its success.

C09 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 G Clements – Housing and Community Safety
 Councillor Miss E Woodburn – Environmental and Cultural Services
 Councillor N Williams – Resources and Local Democracy
 Councillor Miss E Woodburn – Business Growth
 Councillor H Wormstrup – Economic Infrastructure

Councillor M Ashbrook – Health and Diversity

C 10 Bathing Beaches

Arising from the Environmental and Cultural Services Report, the Leader agreed to provide a written reply to Councillor Moore clarifying wording on beach safety signs.

C 11 Children and Young Peoples Board – Framework Document

Arising from the Resources and Local Democracy Report, it was

RESOLVED – that Council approves the Framework Document for the Children and Young Peoples Board relating to Information Sharing as supplied by Cumbria County Council.

C 12 Connecting Copeland

Arising from the Business Growth Report, the Leader agreed to supply Councillor McPhillips with details of the businesses assisted through Connecting Copeland.

C 13 Project Access

Arising from the Business Growth Report, the Leader agreed to supply Councillor McPhillips with details of Project Access activities.

C 14 Enforcement Policy

Arising from the Health and Diversity Portfolio Report, it was

RESOLVED – that subject to substitution of the word “will” for “endeavour”, the Council approves the Enforcement Policy as submitted.

C 15 Smoking Ban

Arising from the Health and Diversity Portfolio Report, the Deputy leader agreed to provide Councillor Norwood with a written response on what resource implications the smoking ban in restaurants and pubs in England and Wales would have for the Council.

C 16 Planning Application 4/06/2199/0 – Change of Use of Cleator Moor Civic Hall to use for Masonic Meetings and Functions

(Note: Councillors F Gleaves and F McPhillips declared personal interests in this application due to their membership of the Freemasons)

Further to the recommendation of the planning Panel on this application, it was

RESOLVED – that under Regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992, planning permission be granted for extending the use of this existing facility to use for Masonic meetings and functions.

C 17 Amendments to Constitution

Consideration was given to amendments to the Constitution on Proper Officer appointments, delegations to officers, Licensing Sub Committees, Portfolio responsibilities and other miscellaneous issues.

RESOLVED – that (a) the Chief Executive and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be designated Proper Officer and alternative Proper Officer respectively for the purposes of Section 2 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and for any other statutory Proper Officer designations not otherwise provided for in the Constitution;

(b) the following functions be delegated to the Head of Leisure and Environmental Services in place of the Head of Regeneration:

Service of abatement notices under Section 80 (1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

Inspection to detect Statutory Nuisances

Investigation of Complaints as to existence of any Statutory Nuisance

To maintain a register of scrap metal dealers and to determine applications for such registration

(c) The following function be delegated to the Head of Finance and Business Development in place of the Head of Regeneration:

To act as client officer for contracts let for building maintenance

(d) the membership of the Licensing Sub Committees reverts to a rota basis, and each sub Committee for the purpose of hearings before it be deemed to be appointed by the Licensing Committee under Section 10 of the Licensing Act 2003;

(e) Councillor Salkeld be appointed a member of OSC PR in place of Councillor Jackson and Councillor Jackson be appointed a member of OSC Social in place of Councillor Salkeld;

(f) the Council's representative on the Area Transport Advisory Group be the Shadow Portfolio holder for Economic Infrastructure;

(g) the main opposition group be invited to appoint a representative to the vacancy on the Copeland Homes Board.

C 18 Financial Regulations

RESOLVED –that the revised Financial Regulations be approved and implemented with immediate effect, and training be provided for all Councillors.

C 19 Corporate Improvement Programme Board

RESOLVED – that the report and improvements in corporate arrangements managed by the Corporate Improvement Programme Board is noted.

C 20 Corporate Plan/Best Value Performance Plan

The Council considered the draft Corporate Plan/best Value Performance Plan for 2005/2007.

RESOLVED – that the plan be approved and implemented.

C 21 Draft Nuclear Policies

(Note: the following Members declared personal interests in this item due to the employment of themselves, their relatives or friends in the nuclear industry: Councillors Ashbrook, Banks, Branney, N Clarkson, Y Clarkson, Docherty, Eastwood, Faichney, Garrity, Gleaves, Heathcote, Hewitson, Jackson, A Johnston, McVeigh, Metherell, Moore, Norwood, Williams, Wonnacott, E Woodburn, M Woodburn, Wormstrup)

The Council considered a document bringing together Council policies on the nuclear industry for the purposes of consultation with the community.

RESOLVED – that the document in draft form be approved for the purposes of consultation with the community.

The meeting closed at 3.45 pm.

Mayor