

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21 JUNE 2005

Present: Councillors: N Clarkson (Mayor); Mrs W Metherell (Deputy Mayor); M Ashbrook; D Banks; Mrs M Barnes; G Blackwell; Anne Bradshaw; E Brenan; Mrs Y R T Clarkson; G Clements; R Cole; P C Connolly; B A Dixon; Mrs M D Docherty; Mrs E Eastwood; F J Gleaves; J E Hewitson; F R Heathcote; K H Hitchen; A Holliday; Mrs J Hully; Mrs J K Johnston; A J Johnston; F McPhillips; S J Meter; D W Moore; J Park; J Prince; R Salkeld; G Scurrah; W Southward; J G Sunderland; Mrs C Watson; P Watson; A Wonnacott; Miss E M Woodburn; Mrs M B Woodburn; H Wormstrup.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Close, B.E.M; Mrs D A Faichney; Mrs C Giel; D W T Gray; J Jackson; M A McVeigh; A Norwood; J Reed; P D Tyson; N Williams; Mrs D A Wonnacott; K Young.

C07 Councillor A Wells

At the request of the Mayor, all present stood as a mark of respect to the late Councillor A Wells.

C07 Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 10 May 2005 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

C08 Mayors Announcements

The Mayor welcomed Councillor E Brenan and Mr D Davies, recently appointed as Head of Nuclear Policy and Sustainability, to their first Council meeting.

The Mayor then referred to the various engagements he had fulfilled since the Annual Meeting of the Council. He thanked all Members and Officers who had attended the Civic Sunday Parade and Service on 19 June at St Bees.

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 A Holliday – Environmental and Cultural Services
 Councillor Miss E Woodburn – Resources and Local Democracy
 Councillor J E Hewitson – Business Growth
 Councillor H Wormstrup – Economic Infrastructure
 Councillor G Blackwell – Health and Diversity

Councillor G Clements – Housing and Community Safety

C10 Executive Decisions – Leader’s Portfolio

RESOLVED – That Executive Decision EXE/05/007 – Internal Audit Report on Compliance With Code of Corporate Governance – be approved.

C11 Thorp Plant, Sellafield

Arising from the Leader’s Portfolio Report, and in response to a question by Councillor D W Moore, the Leader agreed that representations would be made to the Secretary of State reiterating the Council’s views on retention of reprocessing at Sellafield.

C12 Tourist Information Centre

Arising from the Environmental and Cultural Services Portfolio, and in response to a question by Councillor Mrs Y R T Clarkson, the Portfolio Holder agreed to provide a written reply on TIC enquiries resulting in overnight stays.

C13 Executive Decisions – Environment and Cultural Services Portfolio

RESOLVED – That Executive Decision EXE/05/009 – Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 1998, Scheme of Charges 2005/06 – be approved.

C14 Executive Decisions – Resources and Local Democracy Portfolio

RESOLVED – That Executive Decision EXE/05/025 – Easement through Land at Lowca – be approved

C15 Quality Parishes Development Programme

Arising from the Resources and Local Democracy Portfolio Report, the Leader of the Council agreed to provide a written reply on the level of officer support likely as a result of the assistance provided to Parish Councils in attaining Quality Parish Status under the Quality Parish Development Programme.

C16 Planning Application for Residential Development Plots 24-34 Cambridge Road, Whitehaven - Application 4/05/2148/0

It was moved by Councillor Mrs J K Johnston, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – That outline planning permission under Regulation 3 of The Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 be granted, subject to conditions 1, 2 and 3 as set out in the report.

C17 Planning Application for Residential Development Plots 17-19 Cambridge Road, Whitehaven - Application 4/05/2149/0

It was moved by Councillor Mrs J K Johnston, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – That outline planning permission under Regulation 3 of The Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 be granted, subject to conditions 1, 2 and 3 as set out in the report.

C18 Planning Application for Residential Development Plots 33-35 Cambridge Road, Whitehaven Application 4/05/2150/0

It was moved by Councillor Mrs J K Johnston, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – That outline planning permission under Regulation 3 of The Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 be granted, subject to conditions 1, 2 and 3 as set out in the report.

C19 Planning Application for Residential Dwellings Garage Plot Site Lingla Bank, Frizington - Application 4/05/2248/0

It was moved by Councillor Mrs J K Johnston, duly seconded and

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

C20 Application for Re-Landscaping of Roundabout A595 Trunk Road, Hensingham, Whitehaven – Application 4/05/2249/0

(Councillor Mrs J K Johnston declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this application due to her position in Cumbria in Bloom, and withdrew from the room during its consideration. Councillor A J Johnston declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this application due to the position of his spouse in Cumbria in Bloom and withdrew from the room during its consideration. Councillor G Clements declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this application due to his position in Cumbria in Bloom, and withdrew from the room during its consideration. Councillor H Wormstrup declared a personal interest in this application due to his position in the Cumbria Tourist Board.)

It was moved by Councillor S J Meter, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – That a) planning permission under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 be granted; and b) a letter be sent to the applicant concerning the retrospective nature of the application.

C21 Licensing Committee and Sub Committee

Consideration was given to a report setting out proposed changes to the structure of the Licensing Sub Committees as previously agreed by Council at Minute C06.

RESOLVED – That Council agrees that each of the Licensing Sub Committees comprises of a Chairman and two other Members of the Licensing Committee appointed on a rota basis and subject to availability and any such Sub Committee for the purposes of hearings before it be deemed to be appointed by the Licensing Committee under Section 10 of The Licensing Act 2003.

C22 Audit Services Annual Report on Internal Control 2004/2005

It was moved by Councillor Miss E Woodburn, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – That the Audit Services Annual Report on Internal Control for 2004/2005 be noted.

C23 Terms of Reference of the Appeals Panel

It was moved by Councillor Miss E Woodburn, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – That the maximum compensation payable by the Appeals Panel under Paragraph 3.6.30 of the Constitution be increased from £250 to £1000.

C24 Corporate Plan 2005/2007

It was moved by Councillor M Ashbrook, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – That the draft Corporate Plan/Best Value Performance Plan for 2005/2007 be approved as submitted, subject to amendment of the words “NDA” to “NDA Headquarters” on page 3.

C25 IEG Mid Year Return

It was moved by Councillor M Ashbrook, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – That the Draft IEG 4.5 Return be noted and approved for on-line submission, subject to approval by the Portfolio Holder of completion of the remaining spaces for submission to ODPM by the 18 July 2005.

C26 Strategic Audit Plan 2005/06 – 2008/09

It was moved by Councillor Miss E Woodburn, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – that the Strategic Audit Plan for 2005/06 – 2008/09 be adopted.

C 27 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED - That pursuant to Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended, the press and 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 7 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

C28 Whitehaven Golf Course – Offer of Purchase

Consideration was given to a report advising the Council that an offer had been received for the purchase of Whitehaven Golf Course and seeking approval to accept the offer.

RESOLVED – (a) That the Council approves the sale of the Whitehaven Golf Course as set out in paragraph 3 of the report and that the terms and conditions of sale (Heads of Terms) to be finalised be delegated to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Head of Finance and Business Development, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder and the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Performance and Resources; and

(b) the receipt be transferred to the major projects fund.

The Meeting closed at 6.20 pm

Mayor