

## **COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2010**

**Present:** Councillors: H Wormstrup (Mayor); D Banks; G Blackwell; J W Bowman; H Branney; E Brenan; Mrs Y R T Clarkson; G Clements; P C Connolly; Mrs E Eastwood; Mrs D A Faichney; G Garrity; Mrs C A Giel; F Gleaves; F R Heathcote; K Hitchen; A Holliday; J Jackson; A E Jacob; J Kane; T J Knowles; M A McVeigh; S J Meteer; Mrs W Metherell; D W Moore; A D Mossop; A Norwood; J Park; R F Pitt; J Prince; R Salkeld; G Scurrah; J G Sunderland; P D Tyson; Mrs C Watson; P Watson; P Whalley; C J Whiteside; Mrs J Williams; N Williams; E M Woodburn; Mrs M B Woodburn.

**Apologies** for absence were received from Councillors; A Carroll; N Clarkson; R Cole; B A Dixon; Mrs M Docherty; Mrs J I Hully; W Southward; D A Wilson; A Wonnacott.

#### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held 8 December 2009 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

#### **C 194 Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor referred to the various engagements he had fulfilled since the last Council meeting.

The Mayor then presented representatives of the Parks Section with the APSE Award for Most Improved Performance for 2009. He then congratulated Vicky Gregg (Regeneration Strategy) and Simon Blacker (Development Services) on being awarded degrees and Mark Key (Building Control) on his recently published book.

The Mayor then informed the Council that he would be unveiling a plaque on Whitehaven Harbour on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010 commemorating the Danish trawlermen who came to Whitehaven in the 1940's, to which all Councillors would receive an invitation.

The Mayor then referred with regret to the impending retirement from Council employment of the Chief Executive, Mr Liam Murphy, due to ill health, and extended his good wishes to Mr Murphy and his family for the future. The Leader of the Council, Councillor E Woodburn, and the Leader of the main Opposition Group, Councillor D Moore, also spoke in appreciation of Mr Murphy's contribution to the work of the Council while Chief Executive.

#### **C 195 Head of the Paid Service**

Arising from the Mayor's Announcements, it was moved by Councillor E Woodburn, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** – that Mr F McMorrow be appointed Head of the Paid Service with effect from 1 February 2010.

**C 196 Order of Business**

**RESOLVED** – that the order of business for the meeting be varied by taking Item 8 after Item 4.

**C 197 Declarations of Interests**

Councillor C Giel declared a personal and prejudicial interest in page 2 of the Executive report (Managing Radioactive Waste Safely) and withdrew from the meeting during its consideration..

**C 198 Choosing to Change**

Consideration was given to a progress report on the Choosing to Change programme.

**RESOLVED** – that the report be noted and the following members appointed to the Constitution Review Group: Councillors J Hully, A Norwood, R Pitt, C Whiteside and E Woodburn.

**C 199 Executive Report**

The Leader of the Council presented a report summarising strategic issues considered by the Executive since the last meeting.

**C 200 Copeland Homes – Service Charges**

Arising from the Executive report the Leader of the Council informed Members that a report would be submitted to the Strategic Housing Panel reviewing Council representation on the Copeland Homes Board in view of the recent introduction of service charges for Copeland Homes tenants.

**C 201 Haig Pit and Pow Beck**

Arising from the Executive report the Portfolio Holder Councillor C Giel undertook to provide a briefing note for all Councillors on Pow Beck and Haig Pit.

**C 202 Millom Pool**

Arising from the Executive report the Portfolio Holder Councillor H Branney undertook to provide a written reply to Councillor A Norwood on the present position on Millom Pool.

**C 203 Affordable Homes**

Arising from the Executive report the Portfolio Holder, Councillor G Clements undertook to provide a written reply to Councillor A Norwood on the local target for affordable homes.

**C 204 Kells Land Disposal**

Arising from the Executive recommendation on the proposed sale of self-build and development land at Kells, Whitehaven, it was moved by the Leader of the Council, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** – that the Council:

- (a) approves the disposal of the land through the acceptance of the preferred bidder for the development site; and
- (b) approves the offer for and basis of the self build plot;

**C205 Overview and Scrutiny Report**

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

**C 206 Audit Committee Report**

The Deputy Chairman of the Audit Committee presented a report on the matters considered by the Audit Committee in the third quarter of 2009/2010.

**C 207 Local Strategic Partnership**

The Council considered a report on proposals recently formulated by the West Cumbria Strategic Partnership Leadership Committee for revising the LSP arrangements in the area, and the recommendations arising from the Executive at its meeting on 18 January.

**RESOLVED** – that the Council:

- a) supports improved district level engagement with communities of interest and place through a new Copeland LSP aimed at improving the ability of stakeholders to influence local public sector decisions in the Borough;
- b) agrees that the work moving forward on the new arrangement be done by all Members of the Council including existing LSP Forum Members; Members of the Thematic Groups, and others who may be able to make a positive contribution to partnership working throughout Copeland.

The meeting closed at 3.42 pm

Mayor



## **COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2010**

**Present:** Councillors: H Wormstrup (Mayor); G Blackwell; J W Bowman; H Branney; G Clements; P C Connolly; Mrs E Eastwood; Mrs C A Giel; K Hitchen; A Holliday; Mrs J I Hully; J Jackson; A E Jacob; J Kane; T J Knowles; M A McVeigh; Mrs W Metherell; D W Moore; A Norwood; R Salkeld; J G Sunderland; P D Tyson; Mrs C Watson; P Watson; C J Whiteside; Mrs J Williams; D A Wilson; E M Woodburn.

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#### **C 208 Appointment of Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service**

Consideration was given to formalising the appointment of an interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service. It was moved by Councillor E Woodburn duly seconded by Councillor D Moore and

**RESOLVED** – That Brian Dinsdale be confirmed as Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.

#### **C 209 Budget in Connection with Supplying Both the Interim and Permanent**

Arising from the confirmation of the Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service and in response to a question from Councillor J G Sunderland the Leader of the Council undertook to give a breakdown to all Members on the budget set aside to supply both the Interim and Permanent Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.

The meeting closed at 2.25 pm

Mayor

## **COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2010**

**Present:** Councillors: H Wormstrup (Mayor); D Banks; J W Bowman; H Branney; E Brennan; A Carroll; N Clarkson; Mrs Y R T Clarkson; G Clements; Mrs M Docherty; Mrs E Eastwood; F R Heathcote; K Hitchen; J Jackson; A E Jacob; J Kane; M A McVeigh; D W Moore; A D Mossop; A Norwood; J Park; R F Pitt; J Prince; R Salkeld; G Scurrah; W Southward; J G Sunderland; P D Tyson; Mrs C Watson; C J Whiteside; Mrs J Williams; N Williams; E M Woodburn.

**Apologies** for absence were received from Councillors; G Blackwell; R Cole; P C Connolly; B A Dixon; Mrs D A Faichney; G Garrity; Mrs C A Giel; F Gleaves; A Holliday; Mrs J I Hully; T J Knowles; S J Meteer; Mrs W Metherell; P Watson; P Whalley; D A Wilson; A Wonnacott; Mrs M B Woodburn

#### **C 210 Minutes Silence**

Before the start of the formal business all present stood in memory of Denise Irving, the Council's Revenues and Benefits Visiting Officer who died on 13 February 2010.

#### **C 211 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor A Carrol declared a personal interest in Agenda due to being employed by Amec Nuclear UK Ltd

#### **C 212 Response to the Department of Energy and Climate Change on the Draft National Policy on Nuclear Power Generation**

Consideration was given to the proposed Council response to the Department of Energy and Climate Change on the Draft National Policy on Nuclear Power Generation.

Discussions took place on whether all three sites (Braystones, Kirkstanton and Sellafied) should be included in the National Policy Statement and it was agreed that the proposal to include each site would be put to the vote separately with a proposal that Sellafield be put forward as the preferred site.

It was then moved by Councillor E Woodburn duly seconded that

a) "Sellafield be put forward as the Councils preferred site"

Upon being put to the vote the motion was declared **CARRIED**

b) "Kirkstanton remain in the list of proposed sites"

Upon being put to the vote the motion was declared **CARRIED**

c) “ Braystones remain in the list of proposed sites”

Upon being put to the vote the motion was declared **CARRIED**

It was then

**RESOLVED** - That a) subject to it being noted that the Council support all three sites with Sellafied being the preferred option for inclusion in the National Policy Statement;

b) Council agrees the response to the Department of Energy and Climate Change to the Energy National Policy Statements as set out in Appendix A of the report; and

c) that the Portfolio Holder, be given delegated power under the Individual Portfolio Holder delegation scheme, in consultation with the Director of Development, to make minor additions and amendments to settle the final response if necessary before the consultation deadline and that the final response be made available to all Members.

The meeting closed at 3.55 pm

Mayor