

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23 JUNE 2009

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Carroll; A Holliday; Mrs J I Hully; A D Mossop; R F Pitt.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 31 March and 9 April 2009 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record, subject to inclusion of Councillor Mrs W Metherell in the lists of attendees.

C 126 Mayor's Announcements

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

C 127 Declarations of Interests

Councillors Connolly, Hitchen, J Williams, Faichney, Southward, McVeigh, Clements, N Williams, Y Clarkson, N Clarkson, Brenan, Tyson, Jackson, Eastwood, Jacob, Meteer, Dixon, Docherty, Park, C Watson, and P Watson declared personal interests in paragraph 2(c) of the Overview and Scrutiny Report as recipients of concessionary fares.

Councillor G Sunderland declared a personal interest in paragraph 2(c) of the Overview and Scrutiny Report as an employee of Stagecoach.

Councillors J Kane and S Meteer declared personal interests in Agenda Item 9 (Pay and Grading Review) as they have relatives who are Council employees.

C 128 Executive Report

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

C 129 Final Accounts 2009/2009

Arising from the Executive report it was noted that the Audit Committee at its meeting on 26 June would consider the draft final accounts for 2008/2009, and it was moved by the Leader of the Council, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – that the Council records its thanks to the Head of Finance and MIS, the Accountancy Services Manager and the Financial Accountant for their work in producing the 2008/2009 draft final accounts in accordance with the statutory timetable.

C 130 Hospital Development

Arising from the Transformational Leadership report and following a question by Councillor Whiteside, the Leader of the Council agreed to provide an update on the new hospital development in the next portfolio report to Council.

C 131 Local Development Framework

Arising from the Promoting Prosperity report and following a question from Councillor Meteer, the Portfolio Holder agreed to provide Councillor Meteer with a written reply on the number of copies of the Issues and Options report circulated (excluding to Councillors).

C 132 Rural Refuse Collection Rounds

Arising from the Promoting Prosperity report and following a question from Councillor Norwood, the Portfolio Holder agreed to make available to Members the health and safety risk assessments for rural refuse rounds, and a written reply on the costs of providing extra refuse collection vehicles.

C 133 Shared Services Strategy

Arising from the Executive recommendation on the Shared Services Strategy, the Leader agreed to provide a written reply to Councillor Norwood on the amount left in earmarked reserves after the provision of £10,000 for preparatory work on shared services.

It was then

RESOLVED – that

(a) subject to the 5th principle being amended to:

“In all cases the Council’s Constitution, Financial Regulations and Contract Standing Orders should be taken into consideration. Where variances are required to facilitate a shared service such variances should be agreed by the Council’s properly constituted body”

The Shared Services Strategy be adopted; and

(b) £10,000 be earmarked from General Reserves to fund preparatory work towards a business case for a shared Internal Audit function, working with Allerdale Borough Council, Carlisle City Council and Cumbria County Council.

C 134 Overview and Scrutiny Report

(Note: Councillor G Sunderland declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the discussion on concessionary fares as an employee of Stagecoach and withdrew from the room during the discussion.)

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

C 135 Notice of Motion Under Standing Order 8

Notice having been given under Standing Order 8, it was moved by Councillor S Meteer and duly seconded that this Council agrees (without any amendment, or referral to the Executive or any other Committee) to publish particulars on the Council's website and under each individual member's details, information of that particular member's interests as currently shown in the Register of Members' Interests. This information to be available online within the next month and kept up to date thereafter.

It was then moved by Councillor D Moore by way of amendment and duly seconded, that the following words be added to the motion:

"That in addition to the Register of Members' Interests the Council should also display online:

All allowances paid to Members, transport and subsistence claims from Members, to include items where the Council has prepaid the item such as hotel rooms or hire cars;

The attendance at meetings of all Members."

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was declared **CARRIED**.

It was then

RESOLVED – that

- (a) this Council agrees (without any amendment, or referral to the Executive or any other Committee) to publish particulars on the Council's website and under each individual member's details, information of that particular member's interests as currently shown in the Register of Members' Interests. This information to be available online within the next month and kept up to date thereafter; and
- (b) in addition to the Register of Members' Interests the Council should also display online:

All allowances paid to Members, transport and subsistence claims from Members, to include items where the Council has prepaid the item such as hotel rooms or hire cars;

the attendance at meetings of all Members.

C 136 Recommendation from Planning Panel – Planning Application 4/09/2181/0 – Public Realm Improvements, Whitehaven

It was moved by Councillor W Southward, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – that planning application 4/09/2181/0 (Public Realm Improvements, Whitehaven) be approved subject to the conditions set out in the report.

C 137 Council Pay and Grading Review Final Proposals

The Council considered a report setting out the proposed package of changes to employees' terms and conditions of employment following completion of the Council's Pay and Grading Review, incorporating remaining harmonisation to achieve single status for employees under the National Agreement of the National Joint Council for Local Government Services.

It was moved by Councillor N Williams, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – that

(a) the Council approves the proposals for formal agreement with the Trades Unions and the workforce; and

(b) the Council records its thanks to the Human Resources Manager and his staff for their work in progressing the Pay and Grading Review to its present position.

C 138 Member Development Champion

The Council considered appointment of a Member Development Champion deferred from the Annual Meeting of the Council.

It was moved by Councillor E Woodburn and duly seconded that Councillor P C Connolly be appointed as Member Development Champion for the current municipal year.

It was then moved by Councillor D Moore by way of amendment, and duly seconded, that Councillor K Hitchen be appointed.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was declared LOST.

It was therefore

RESOLVED – that Councillor P C Connolly be appointed as the Member Development Champion for the remainder of the 2009/2010 municipal year.

C 139 Amendments to Constitution

The Council considered proposals for amendments to the Council's Constitution comprising procedures for Councillor Call for Action and references to the Crime and Disorder Committee, minor changes to the terms of reference of overview and scrutiny committees and Audit Committee, and other changes.

RESOLVED – that the proposed amendments be approved for implementation from this Council meeting, and the guidance on the validity tests for Councillor Call for Action be circulated to all Councillors.

C 140 Minute 119 – Development Control Scheme

RESOLVED – that Minute C 119 of the Council meeting held on 31 March 2009 be amended by substitution of Appendix "B" for Appendix "A" in the resolution.

C 141 Appointments to Personnel Panel

It was moved by Councillor E Woodburn and duly seconded that Councillors N Clarkson, Mrs Y R T Clarkson and K Hitchen be appointed to the vacancies on the Personnel Panel.

A requisition having been made under Standing Order 12.26, a recorded vote was taken on the motion, and the voting was as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Councillors Banks, Blackwell, Bowman, Branney, Clements, Connolly, Dixon, Docherty, Faichney, Garrity, Giel, Kane, Knowles, Metherell, Park, Prince, Southward, Tyson, C Watson, P Watson, Whalley, J Williams, N Williams, E Woodburn, M Woodburn, Wormstrup.

AGAINST THE MOTION: Councillors N Clarkson, Y Clarkson, Gleaves, Heathcote, Hitchen, Jackson, Jacob, Meter, Moore, Norwood, Salkeld, Sunderland, Whiteside, Wilson, Wonnacott.

ABSTAINED: Councillor Scurrah.

The motion was declared **CARRIED** by 26 votes to 15 with one absence.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** – that Councillors N Clarkson, Mrs Y R T Clarkson and K Hitchen be appointed to the vacancies on the Personnel Panel.

(Councillors N Clarkson and Mrs Y R T Clarkson asked for it to be recorded in the minutes that they did not wish to accept the appointments onto the Personnel Panel).

C 142 Appointments to Outside Bodies

RESOLVED – that appointments be made to outside bodies as shown on the attached schedule.

The meeting closed at 4.55 pm

Mayor

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Organisation

Age Concern North West
Anchor Staying Put
Phoenix Enterprise Centre
The Alliance

CLASB
Community Law Centre
Copeland Area Transport Advisory Group
Copeland Community Fund
Copeland Homes

Copeland Stadium Trust
Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Steering Group
Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Management Group
Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Task Groups
Cumbria Community Foundation
Cumbria Health & Well Being Scrutiny Committee
Cumbria Joint Overview and Scrutiny Group

Cumbria Pensions Forum
Cumbria Planning Group
Cumbria Playing Fields Association
Cumbria Strategic Partnership
CSP – Safer & Stronger Group
CSP – Waste & Streetscene
CSP – Executive
CSP – Healthy Communities

Appointee

Councillor W Southward
Councillor G Garrity
Councillor W Southward
Councillor H Wormstrup
(Substitute Councillor J Bowman)
Leader of the Council
Councillor N Williams
Councillors H Wormstrup & R Salkeld
Councillors D Moore & E Woodburn
Councillors P Connolly, A Faichney,
F Gleaves, M Woodburn, G Clements
Councillor G Blackwell
Councillor G Blackwell
Councillor N Williams
Deferred
Councillor E Woodburn
Councillor G Garrity
Councillors B Dixon & K Hitchen
(Substitutes Councillors Y Clarkson, J Kane &
W Metherell)
Councillor P Connolly
Councillor M McVeigh
Councillor M McVeigh
Councillor G Clements
Councillor G Clements
Councillor A Holliday
Councillor G Clements
Councillor N Williams

CSP – Economic Development & Enterprise
CSP – Childrens Trust
Cumbria Sub Regional Housing Group
Cumbria Supporting People
Cumbria Vision
Cumbria Tourist Board
Cumbria Waste Partnership
Derwent & Solway Housing Association
Duddon Estuary Consultative Committee
Eskett Quarry Liaison Committee
Hadrian's Wall Tourism Partnership
Invest in Cumbria
Cumbria Joint Leaders
Lake District National Park Authority
Lake District National Park Partnership
North Country Leisure
MRWS Partnership

North West Employers Organisation
Northern Consortium of Housing
NuLeaf
Rosehill Theatre
Solway Firth Partnership
South Whitehaven Neighbourhood Management Board

West Cumbria CDRP Scrutiny

West Cumbria Cycleway Partnership
West Cumbria Development Agency
West Cumbria Development Fund
West Cumbria Community Fund Grants Panel
West Cumbria Local Partnership Group
West Cumbria Strategic Partnership

Councillor G Blackwell
Councillor H Branney
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Leader of the Council
Councillor H Branney
Councillor A Holliday
Councillor J Kane
Councillor J Park
Councillor C Giel
Councillor A Norwood
Councillor C Giel
Leader of the Council
Councillor H Branney
Councillor K Hitchen
Councillors H Branney & J Jackson
Councillors E Woodburn, A Holliday,
Y Clarkson, J Kane
Councillor J Bowman
Councillor G Clements
Councillor A Holliday
Councillor W Metherell
Councillor J Prince
Councillors E Brenan, G Garrity, P Tyson,
A Holliday, J Kane
Councillors W Metherell, P Tyson, A Norwood,
P Whalley
Councillor G Sunderland
Councillor C Giel
Councillor C Giel
Councillors E Woodburn, G Garrity, K Hitchen
Councillor P Watson
Councillor E Woodburn

West Cumbria Strategic Partnership – Economic Themed Group	Councillor T Knowles
West Cumbria Strategic Partnership – Children & Youth Themed Group	Councillor H Branney
West Cumbria Strategic Partnership - Environment Themed Group	Councillor G Blackwell (Substitute: Councillor H Branney)
West Cumbria Strategic Partnership - Health Themed Group	Councillor N Williams (Substitute: Councillor N Williams)
West Cumbria Strategic Partnership – Leader’s Group	Councillor E Woodburn
West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group	Councillors E Woodburn, A Holliday, P Connolly
West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group – LLWR/Socio-Economic	Councillor E Woodburn
West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group – Decommissioning	Councillor A Holliday
West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group – Commercial	Councillor P Connolly
WCSP Joint Scrutiny Group	Councillors Y Clarkson, J Kane, W Metherell, K Hitchen
West Cumbria Vision Board	Councillor C Giel
West Lakes Renaissance Board	Councillor C Giel
Western Lake District Tourism Partnership	Councillor H Branney
Whitehaven Maternity Charity	Councillors W Metherell, M Docherty, C Watson
Whitehaven Regeneration Steering Group	Councillor E Woodburn
Whitehaven Regeneration Town Centre Group	Councillor E Woodburn
Whitehaven Regeneration Housing and Community Group	Councillor G Clements
Whitehaven Regeneration Pow Beck Group	Councillor C Giel
Whitehaven Regeneration Coastal Fringe Group	Councillor A Holliday
Whitehaven RLFC	Councillors C Giel, T Knowles