

**COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22 MARCH 2012**

Present: Councillors John Jackson (Mayor); David Banks; Geoffrey Blackwell; John Bowman; Jackie Bowman; Hugh Branney; Yvonne Clarkson; George Clements; Margarita Docherty; Jon Downie; Eileen Eastwood; Anne Faichney; Geoffrey Garrity; Fred Gleaves; Phil Greateorex; Stephen Haraldsen; Reg Heathcote; Ian Hill; Keith Hitchen; Lena Hogg; Allan Holliday; Joan Hully; John Kane; Peter Kane; Michael McVeigh; David Moore; Sam Pollen; David Riley; Robert Salkeld; Gilbert Scurrah; Dave Smith; Peter Stephenson; Gillian Troughton; Peter Tyson; Paul Whalley; Jeanette Williams; Norman Williams; Doug Wilson; Felicity Wilson; Elaine Woodburn; Carole Woodman.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Peter Connolly; Karl Connor; Brian Dixon; John Fallows; Alan Jacob; Alistair Norwood; Jack Park; William Southward; Graham Sunderland; Henry Wormstrup.

**C 91 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 23 February 2012 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

**C 92 Declarations of Interests**

Councillors Elaine Woodburn, Allan Holliday, declared Personal Interests in Agenda Item 8 Executive Report – MRWS due to being members of the partnership;

Councillor Peter Kane declared a Personal Interest in Agenda Item 8 Executive Report – MRWS due to being a Member of Sellafield Workers Campaign;

Councillor Keith Hitchen declared a Personal Interest in Agenda Item 8 Executive Report – MRWS due to being a Member of CALC;

Councillor Sam Pollen declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Agenda item 8 Executive Report – Nuclear Issues due to being employed at Sellafield;

Councillor Jeanette Williams declared a Personal Interest in Agenda Item 8 Concessionary Travel due to being in receipt;

Councillor Hugh Branney declared a Person Interest in Agenda Item 10 - Local Development Scheme due to being a Member of Cleator Moor Regeneration;

Councillor Peter Tyson declared a Personal Interest in Agenda Item 8 Executive Report – Whitehaven Credit Union and Sellafield Police due to being a member of the Credit Union and his Grandson being employed by Sellafield Police;

Councillor Paul Whalley declared a Personal Interest in Agenda Items 8 - On Street Parking Enforcement due to being a resident and parking permit holder and 10 – Relaxation of Local Plan Policy TCN11 due to being a consultee;

Councillor Joan Hully declared Personal Interests in Agenda Items 8 – Nuclear Issues due to family Members being employed there and Remploy due to being a past employee and also being classed as disabled; and Agenda Item 10 Regeneration and Town Council due to being Cleator Moor Town Council Chairperson and Regeneration Director (Mini Masterplan);

Councillor Joan Hully declared a Personal Interest in the reply to her question to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration on the proposed closure of Remploy due to knowing Anne Sowerby and Allan Gould personally;

Councillor Anne Faichney declared a Personal Interest in Agenda Item 8 - Nuclear Issues due to having family members employed there and Concessionary Travel due to being in receipt;

Councillor Yvonne Clarkson declared a Personal Interest in Agenda Items 8 – Rosehill Theatre due to being a trustee on the Board, Lake District National Park and Whitehaven Community Trust due to her husband being of the Boards and 11 – Proposed Relaxation of Policy TCN11 Copeland Local Plan Whitehaven Primary Retail Frontages due to being a Town Centre Property Owner and 12 – Local Development Scheme Pre Submission Core Strategy due to land and property ownership;

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### **C 93 Mayor's Announcements**

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

### **C 94 Petitions**

There were no petitions under Procedure Rule 19.

### **C 95 Questions from Members of the Public**

There were no questions from members of the public

**C 96    Questions from Members of the Council under Procedure Rule 13.1**

Written notice of the following questions had been given under Procedure Rule 13.1:

Councillor Jackie Bowman asked the following question, to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources

“When David Cameron promised before the last election that there would be no top-down re-organisation of the NHS, you sort of knew that wasn't true because they were Tories. For years we've seen the Lib Dems pose as defenders of the National Health Service but sadly over recent months they've flunked every chance they had to stand up for the NHS and stop the Tories' reckless Health Bill. The Health and Social Care Bill will change the NHS for ever, and not for the better. At a time when all available resources should be going on front-line health care this Government is wasting over £220m in this region alone on a re-organisation that is opposed by doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, patients and over 160,000 people who have so far signed the Drop The Bill petition.

Could the Portfolio Holder update Council on how the Governments NHS bill that will take the national out of the health service will impact on the health services here in Copeland? “

The Portfolio Holder, Councillor Gillian Troughton replied as follows:

“The Health and Social Care Bill cleared the final Parliamentary hurdles on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March and will become enacted with Royal Assent at the end of this Parliamentary session. MPs were forced to vote without seeing the risk register, despite the Government being required to publish by the Information Commissioner following a Freedom of Information request from the previous shadow Health Secretary, John Healey.

The Government used its influence to stop the timetabling of a debate in the House of Commons on the Bill as a result of the Stop the Bill petition, which now has over 170,000 signatures well over the 100,000 needed. Labour used opposition day on 13<sup>th</sup> March to debate the Bill and try and convince Liberal Democrats not to support the Government; an ultimately futile objective.

The Health and Social Care Bill, a disaster for the NHS from its inception, has now had literally hundreds of amendments from its passage through the Lords. These amendments, pointed to by the Liberal Democrats as evidence of their influence, have not improved the Bill but added new layers of complexity and incoherence.

The Health and Social Care Bill also has ingrained conflicts of interest within it. For example, Clinical Commissioning Groups will be made up of people who will be able to provide services that could be commissioned (or provided by them for private income), potentially influencing what is provided and by whom. Local Healthwatch, the patient voice watchdog, will be sub-committees accountable to Councils who in themselves will be one of the very service providers potentially being criticised.

The Bill also takes out the 'national' in National Health Service. Of course, services do need to be tailored to meet the needs of the local population but this Bill doesn't do that. The Secretary of State has a duty to provide a National Health Service but not define what such a service should offer. At the same time Trusts and Clinical Clinician Groups will have severe penalties for overspending meaning where service delivery is more costly due to either higher need or factors such as rurality then the cloth will have to be cut to suit. Private providers encouraged to enter the 'market' through 'any suitable provider' provision, will of course cherry-pick those services which are most profitable, delivering them in ways and places to maximise income. All these factors will lead to considerable geographic variations with isolated and rural areas such as ours having a considerably worse service than other parts of the country.

On a positive note though the Labour Party remains committed to reversing the Legislation on return to Government but this is unlikely to be straightforward and much damage will have been done before 2015."

Councillor Margarita Docherty asked the following question on behalf of Councillor Karl Connor, to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration.

"We have all witnessed the continuing increase in youth unemployment. It is a worry for people across the UK as it is for us here in Copeland. Could the portfolio holder tell me what the figures are in Copeland, are they rising? What can we do, as a council, to work towards improving the situation, within the confines of Government policy?"

The Portfolio Holder, Councillor Greateorex replied as follows:

"The Cumbria Observatory reported this month that 9.1% of 16–24 year olds are currently claiming Job Seekers Allowance that equates 630 people across Copeland. This is above the County average of 6.3% and the National average of 6.6%. But what we must not forget is that there will also be those who are not dependant on Job Seekers Allowance.

The Council, in conjunction with partners from Copeland's Work and Skills Partnership which is Lakes College, Inspira, Department of Works and Pensions is delivering a successful apprenticeship scheme which is assisting people with practical work experience and training. The most practical support that Councillors could give to improve this situation is to engage with the youth Councils and forums and support their action plans and this can be done through the youth engagement officer.

Clearly the viability to place people in apprenticeships is down to the good will of local employers and again it's our duty to encourage employers to participate in the schemes.

Councillor Joan Hully asked the following question, to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration.

I was appalled to read how this Government is treating the disabled people who have worked for years at Remploy in Cleator Moor. Nick Clegg argued strongly in 2007 for their retention and Chris Grayling said in Parliament: 'Let me assure Remploy and its employees that the next Conservative Government will continue the process of identifying additional potential

procurement opportunities for them and the public sector workforce'. "Now we know the truth. People with disabilities will never trust a word they say again. There is already over 50% of people with disabilities unemployed this Government has now added 2000 more to that list. Remploy certainly was not perfect, but its closure with no clear replacement is yet another step in the wrong direction. Would the portfolio holder like to make a comment on what will be done to help the Remploy employees from Copeland?"

The Portfolio Holder, Councillor Phil Greatorex replied as follows:

"Yes I would like to comment. The Government announced on 7<sup>th</sup> March it planned to close 36 of its 54 factories with the loss of 1700 jobs, including the Cleator Moor facility and the Barrow facility. At Cleator Moor there are 15 jobs that are likely to go. But the loss of 15 jobs is almost secondary in this discussion it's the loss of what I would call a priceless social support network, specialist educational resources and for some, remove the one source of a cooked meal they are likely to receive each day.

Only this week I visited the Cleator Moor factory and met with the works manager, Alan Gould who confirmed Remploy have commenced consultations with their employees. He confirmed Remploy are considering any proposals and expressions of interest to help the two Remploy factories in Cumbria at Cleator Moor and Barrow.

Cumbria Social Enterprise Partnership has been engaging with Remploy over the past few months, both before the closures announcement and subsequently to try and generate a possible partnership solution to this problem. They have recently put forward to Remploy a formal Expression of Interest to act as an honest broker and work with partners to try and find a sustainable solution.

There is a report on the Remploy operations produced by the accountants KPMG on the Works and Pension website which shows the Cleator Moor facility generates a loss of a £0.25m per annum on an annual turnover of £0.32m. It did not help that the Government moved a large portion of its operations up to a textile Remploy site just outside Glasgow and this has had a major impact on the sustainability.

Anne Sowerby from the Co-operative Mutual Solutions met with Mr Gould from the Cleator Moor factory last week to discuss the possibility of the Remploy employees forming their own co-operative social enterprise. She has approached companies such as Sellafield Ltd and ROMAR to determine scope for providing and maintaining protective clothing. Clearly now is the time for companies who promote their social credentials to now step up to the plate.

In the event the factory does have to close the staff will I understand each receive a £2500 redundancy package and the DWP will provide assistance with training. But let's be realistic the likelihood of them finding alternative employment is low. So how we replace a critical social support network for these people, how we ensure they get a hot meal each day and perhaps questions the party as it's their policy."

Councillor Geoff Garrity asked the following question for Housing Portfolio Holder Housing and Planning

“Could the Portfolio Holder give council an update on the process for the election of the police crime commissioner, the cost of this process in Cumbria and what assurances do we have that the very successful West Cumbria Community Safety Project will continue to receive funding?”

The Portfolio Holder Councillor George Clements replied as follows: -

“The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill received Royal Assent in October 2010. The Act abolishes Police Authorities in November 2012 replacing them with a single directly elected Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Police and Crime Commissioner known as the PCC will represent the whole of Cumbria serving a four year term (although in the first instance until May 2016). Elections for Commissioners are scheduled to take place on Thursday 15th November 2012.

The cost of these elections will be met by the Home Office. Advances will be paid to Returning Officers ahead of the election to cover the majority of the costs, as with other national elections. Any remaining costs can then be claimed back from the Home Office after the election.

The overall cost of running the PCC Elections in Copeland is expected to be in the region of £100,000. As the fees and charges order setting out the maximum amount recoverable for each police area has yet to be issued, these figures are based on the 2011 election costs.

The electorate figures differ widely throughout Cumbria therefore I am not able to give specific costs for the other five districts, however a very rough estimate would be to multiply our costs by six, giving a total of £600,000 for Cumbria.

On the second part of the question we have no assurances that the PCC will want to work with West Cumbria Safety Partnership, we lost 20% of our funding in 2011/12, we will lose another 40% 2012/13 and we are due to lose the rest by 2014, it will all be in PCC own budgets and he will determine how this money is spent. At this time all we can do is try to prove that we have been and will continue to be successful and hope that the PCC will want to work with us.”

Councillor Jon Downie asked the following question of the Leader of the Council

“We have all read about the recent framework contracts at Sellafield with larger contracts but could the Leader tell us if the local supply chain will benefit from these contracts and can the Leader please confirm how this will or indeed can be monitored both through the Council and the NDA? And also what, if anything can be done if this does not happen? “

The Leader of the Council Councillor Elaine Woodburn replied as follows:

“It was well publicised when Sellafield announced the large framework contracts especially when they didn’t initially take into consideration socio economic for Copeland and Cumbria

County Council were very vocal about that and as we know as Sellafield has just announced its first framework contract in the design services alliance which was awarded to the Progressive Alliance and they have mentioned the use of the local supply chain. But just saying the words isn't good enough what we need is a formal document with them which sets out clear formal performance indicators that will allow both the Site and us as a Local Authority to make sure they deliver equally on their socio economic responsibilities including the use of the local supply chain. We know that most of the innovation comes from the local supply chain which is based here and in Copeland and the whole of West Cumbria so we also need to make sure that their share of the percentage that is given to them from the Progressive Alliance, is for the skilled work and not just the other work that will be involved in the contract. I think that this will then encourage some home grown innovation which then should be commercialised and spread elsewhere so that local companies will get the maximum benefit.

It is the intention of the successful companies to draw up a socio economic plan that will have clear key performance indicators that we can monitor against it. Sellafield no doubt has a financial performance plan in place and if this Progressive Alliance doesn't deliver against its performance indicators I am sure it means that they won't get paid as much as what they'd like. I'd like to think that Sellafield would give as much importance to monitor the spend within the local supply chain and monitor the other socio economic benefits. So as soon as we get the socio economic plan I'll make sure that it is as beneficial as it can be for the local supply chain and we get the maximum socio economic benefit and I will make it available to you".

Councillor Stephen Haraldsen asked the following of the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration:

"Given the importance of regeneration aspirations in the North Shore area of Whitehaven, and the investment Tesco is making in its existing store, can the Portfolio Holder inform the Council of any communications the Council has had with Tesco about their proposed new store and the likelihood of achieving any regeneration in that part of the town?"

The Portfolio Holder Councillor Phil Greateorex replied as follows:

I thank my colleague for the opportunity to clarify the current status of the TESCO development proposal, and I have a quote provided by TESCO's Corporate Affairs Manager, it reads, ""Work has commenced on a refresh of our store to improve and update the current offer to our customers. The work will take five weeks to complete and will include moving some of our fresh foods to improve the location of the products and addition space for extra choice in our grocery department. The refresh is part of our on-going investment in our stores across the UK, during the current work we will be investing over one million pounds in our store. This work does not alter our plans to bring a new and improved store to Whitehaven." I know that Officers are also working with the County Council to re-establish the Transport Interchange as one of our priority regeneration projects, and so although we don't hold all of the cards in terms the delivery of the projects, we are actively doing whatever is necessary to support their development.

Councillor David Moore asked the following of the Leader of the Council

“Does the Leader agree that it is time draw a line under the current stadium project, and start to build a new portfolio of schemes across the whole of Copeland, so all Copeland residents can benefit from the 4.5 million pounds?”

Councillor Phil Greateorex replied as follows:

I picked up the Whitehaven News last Thursday emblazoned with the word RESIGN and beneath which were pictures of the Leader, the Chief Executive and you Councillor Moore. By Friday afternoon when it became clear that the POW Beck Partners had secured access to build the Copeland Community Stadium in time for hosting the 2013 World Cup, the Leader had to be coaxed down from cloud 9, the Chief Executive was breathing a huge sigh of relief and David, I think in terms of action I think probably the best action I can recommend is that you advise members before they go running to the press then digging holes and setting traps for someone to fall in that they then don't turn around and push you in head first to be honest.

But on a more serious note Mr Mayor looking ahead the Council will play an increasingly important role as a partner delivering transformational projects and therefore it is necessary that it maintains a strong project management capability. The Chief Executive has assured me that there will be no need to pull rabbits out of hats, no matter how spectacular and that in future we will pay greater attention will to issues of project risk, governance and change control. Our ability to challenge officers in this way is a testament to the culture and the reason why Copeland Borough Council fought off stiff competition to win a prestigious as you've outlined Mr Mayor. None of this will distract away from or take the gloss off this fabulous achievement of this Council as you are all aware we have been awarded the accolade of being awarded the Rugby World cup.

The Pow Beck Partners, BEC and the Copeland Community Fund are all fully committed to this development. Yes, the stadium management company will like any new start up business require support, not financial hand outs, but encouragement from the touchlines from all of Copeland Borough Council including now I hope cross party support.”

Councillor Joan Hully asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder Resources and Transformation

“We have all heard through the media about the redevelopment of the West Cumberland hospital and how the trust board and the strategic health authority have both agreed the business plan, but what happens now, when will this community see the work on the new build part of the project start?”

Councillor Gillian Troughton replied as follows:

“The Strategic Health Authority, NHS North of England, approved the full business case for the redevelopment of West Cumberland Hospital on Thursday 8 March.

The full business case will now be forwarded to the Department of Health and Treasury for final



approval and we anticipate that we will be in a position to commence building work this July. NHS North of England discussed the rebuild at its meeting in Leeds where it also gave final approval to plans for a £11 million community hospital in Cockermouth and a £4 million health centre in Cleator Moor, with work on these also set to start in the summer.

Whilst awaiting the final decision, more work is being carried out on the plans to get them more advanced and thus reduce the project time after approval.

It is planned to have a press announcement of the final decision and official 'commencement on site' ceremony in the summer of 2012."

Councillor David Moore asked the following question to the Leader of the Council:

"What does the Leader think is the right price for the partners (of which the Council is one) pay for a parcel of land owned by the Whitehaven miners welfare and valued at £135,000k"

Councillor Greateorex replied as follows:

"My understanding is that the Pow Beck Partners have signed a commercial confidentiality agreement with the Miners Welfare and unfortunately I am not at liberty to comment on any financial matters relating to that deal."

Councillor David Moore asked the following supplementary question: -

" I think with regard to the answer to question 2 and the confidentiality agreements that have been signed I thought that this was a public project and in the public domain and the figure that have been banded about beforehand and quite clearly were given out to the press for all the public to see I think that people have the right to know that it will be settled within the initial terms of agreement and can you confirm that this was settled within the original amount that was set which it was my understanding was £250,000 which was as far as partners would go for that parcel."

Councillor Greateorex replied as follows:

Thank you Mr Mayor I will reiterate that I am not at liberty to comment on the transactions. What I would say is that at some stage Council will bring forward proposals and included in that will be financial detail as included in the business plan and that you will be able to scrutinise but at this point I am not at liberty to comment further on financial transactions. What I will say that it certainly wasn't the £750,000 that was initially demanded by the Miners Welfare and the parent organisation CISWO so from that prospective we did delivery something of a success."

## **C 97    Executive Report**

The Council received and noted the Executive report.

**C 98    Outreach Projects**

Arising from the Executive report the Portfolio Holder for Performance and Transformation undertook to provide a written reply on proposals for a further two sites earmarked for pilot schemes for Customer Service Outreach projects.

**C 99    Representation at WISE Annual Awards**

Arising from the Executive report the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration undertook to provide a written reply to Councillor Stephen Haraldsen on why there was no Member or Officer representation at the WISE Celebrating Enterprise Event.

**C 100    National Award**

Arising from the Executive report the Leader of the Council undertook to send a message of thanks to all those involved in achieving Corporate Governance Award at the LGC Awards.

**C 101    Beacon Exhibition**

Arising from the Executive report the Portfolio Holder for Leisure Culture and Youth undertook to send a message of thanks to all those at the Beacon involved in the “Oliver Messel – An International Story of Local Significance” Exhibition.

**C 102    Local Development Scheme Revision 2012**

Consideration was given to a recommendation from the Executive to approve the revised Copeland Local Development Scheme for inclusion in the Council’s Development Plan.

**RESOLVED** – That the revised Copeland Local Development Scheme be approved and incorporated into the Council’s Development Plan.

**C 103    Proposed Relaxation of Policy TCN 11 Copeland Local Plan on Primary Frontage Area in King Street Whitehaven**

Consideration was given to a recommendation from the Executive to relax Policy TCN 11 to allow some complementary uses to shops and increase vibrancy along King Street Whitehaven.

**RESOLVED** – That a) the revised wording for Policy TCN 11 of the Copeland Local Plan as set out in paragraph 2.4 of the report be approved; and

b) monitoring of the implementation of this revised Policy be included in the LDF Annual Report.

**C 104 Local Development Framework Pre Submission Core Strategy and Development Management Policies DPD**

Consideration was given to a recommendation from the Executive to approve the Pre-Submission Core Strategy, Development Management Policies (DPD) together with supporting documents to enable them to go forward for formal consultation.

**RESOLVED** – That the Pre-Submission Core Strategy and Development Management Policies (DPD) together with supporting documents be approved and the overall package be submitted for consultation.

**C 105 Localism Act - Pay Policy Statement**

Consideration was given to the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2012/13 in accordance with Section 38 (1) of the Localism Act 2011 which requires the Council to publish a Pay Policy Statement to articulate its policies toward a range of issues relating to the pay of the workforce, particularly its senior staff and its lower paid employees.

**RESOLVED** – That the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2012/13 as reviewed by the Council's Personnel Panel be approved.

**C 106 Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel**

Consideration was given to recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel following their review of Member Allowances for 2012/15

It was moved by Councillor Allan Holliday and duly seconded:-

- (a) That, subject to (b) to (d) below, all Members' Allowances be frozen as cash sums for 2012-13;
- (b) that any annual increase in Members' Allowances in each of the years 2013-14 and 2014-15 be limited to any equivalent percentage increase in each of those years from the annual local government national salary award for JNC employees;
- (c) that the Deputy Leader's Special Responsibility Allowance be deleted from the Members' Allowances Scheme;
- (d) that the Leader's Special Responsibility Allowance be increased by £6606 for 2012-13, to be funded from the savings achieved from recommendation (c) above, in recognition of that post's unique responsibilities arising from the economic and industrial characteristics of the Borough;
- (e) that the Special Responsibility Allowances for the Chair and Independent Members of the Standards Committee be deleted from the Scheme on 1 July 2012, or such other date when Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 is brought into force;

- (f) that a Special Responsibility Allowance of £400 for the Independent Chair of the Audit Committee be added to the Scheme in 2012-13 onwards;
- (g) that the eligibility criteria for Dependant Carer's Allowance in paragraph 3 of the Scheme be amended by substitution of the words "if a Member is in receipt of Carer's Allowance benefit" for the words "to be certified by a medical or social services practitioner";
- (h) that the following be added to Part 4 of the Scheme in relation to Travel and Subsistence: "Travel in connection with these duties will be in accordance with the Travel Policy attached as Appendix "A" to this scheme" and that the Policy at Appendix 1 to this report is adopted as Appendix "A" to the Scheme; and
- (i) that the travel and subsistence rates attached as Appendix 2 to the report are incorporated in the Scheme.

**Councillor David Moore moved by way of Amendment which was duly seconded that: -**

- a) That, subject to (b) to (d) below, all Members' Allowances be frozen as cash sums for 2012-13;
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- f) that the eligibility criteria for Dependant Carer's Allowance in paragraph 3 of the Scheme be amended by substitution of the words "if a Member is in receipt of Carer's Allowance benefit" for the words "to be certified by a medical or social services practitioner".
- g) that the following be added to Part 4 of the Scheme in relation to Travel and Subsistence: "Travel in connection with these duties will be in accordance with the Travel Policy attached as Appendix "A" to this scheme" and that the Policy at Appendix 1 to this report is adopted as Appendix "A" to the Scheme provided that reference to "the most economical mode of travel" is changed to "the most economical and practical mode of travel" ;
- h) that the travel and subsistence rates attached as Appendix 2 to the report are incorporated in the Scheme.

A recorded vote was requisitioned on the Amendment, and the voting was as follows

**FOR** the Amendment: Councillors John Jackson; Yvonne Clarkson; Eileen Eastwood; Fred Gleaves; Stephen Haraldsen; Reg Heathcote; Ian Hill; Keith Hitchen; David Moore; Robert Salkeld; Gilbert Scurrah; Doug Wilson; Felicity Wilson;

**AGAINST** the Amendment; Councillors David Banks; Geoffrey Blackwell; John Bowman; Jackie Bowman; Hugh Branney; George Clements; Margarita Docherty; Jon Downie; Anne Faichney;

Geoffrey Garrity; Phil Greateorex; Lena Hogg; Allan Holliday; Joan Hully; John Kane; Peter Kane; Michael McVeigh; Sam Pollen; David Riley; Dave Smith; Peter Stephenson; Gillian Troughton Peter Tyson; Paul Whalley; Jeanette Williams; Norman Williams; Elaine Woodburn; Carole Woodman

**ABSTAINED** Councillor Ian Hill

The amendment was declared LOST by 12 votes to 27, with 1 abstention.

The original recommendation was then put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**

and it was accordingly **RESOLVED** -

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- (i) that the travel and subsistence rates attached as Appendix 2 to the report are incorporated in the Scheme.

#### **C 107 Report of the Electoral Review Working Party**

Consideration was given to a recommendation from the Electoral Review working Party to rename Beckermetham Parish Council to Beckermetham with Thornhill Parish Council

**RESOLVED** – That the recommendation to rename Beckermets Parish Council as Beckermets with Thornhill Parish Council be approved.

**C 108 Calendar of Meeting 2012/13**

**RESOLVED** – That subject to Resource Planning Working Group on the 12 June being amended to 10am the Calendar of meetings 12/13 be approved.

**C 109 Nominations for Election as Mayor and Appointment as Deputy Mayor 2012/13 Municipal Year**

It was moved by Councillor Jon Downie, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** – that Councillor Peter Tyson be nominated for election as Mayor in 2012/13.

It was moved by Councillor Joan Hully duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** – That Councillor Geoff Garrity be nominated for appointment as Deputy Mayor in 2012/13.

The meeting closed at 9.45PM

**Mayor**