

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 AUGUST 2009

Present: Councillors: H Wormstrup (Mayor); D Banks; G Blackwell; J W Bowman; H Branney; A Carroll; N Clarkson; Mrs Y R T Clarkson; G Clements; B A Dixon; 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; D W Moore; A D Mossop; A Norwood; J Park; R Salkeld; G Scurrah; J G Sunderland; Mrs C Watson; P Watson; C J Whiteside; Mrs J Williams; N Williams; D A Wilson; E M Woodburn; Mrs M Woodburn.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Brenan; R Cole; P C Connolly; Mrs M Docherty; Mrs E Eastwood; Mrs D A Faichney; Mrs J I Hully; Mrs W Metherell; R F Pitt; J Prince; W Southward; P D Tyson; P Whalley; A Wonnacott.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 June 2009 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record, subject to deletion of the Northern Consortium of Housing from the Appendix.

C 143 Mayor's Announcements

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

C 144 Declarations of Interests

Councillor T Knowles declared a personal interest in the discussion on the former Opencast site at Keekle Head, Pica, as the Cumbria County Council Portfolio Holder and Councillor J G Sunderland declared a personal interest as a resident of Pica. Councillor Mrs C A Giel declared a personal and prejudicial interest as an employee in the nuclear industry and left the room during the discussion.

Councillor D Wilson declared a personal interest in the discussion on the Lighthouse Centre due to his spouse's position as a Board Member.

C 145 Executive Report

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

C 146 Dispatches

Arising from the Executive report the Leader of the Council agreed to provide Councillor D Moore with a breakdown of the costs of production of Issue 1 of Dispatches.

C 147 Regeneration Schemes in Millom

Arising from the Executive report the portfolio Holder Councillor C A Giel agreed to provide Councillor D Wilson with a written reply on regeneration activity in Millom and in the whole of Copeland in the last year.

C 148 Health Improvement Officer

Arising from the Executive report the Portfolio Holder Councillor N Williams agreed to provide Councillor C Whiteside with a written reply on the present position on recruitment of a Health Improvement Officer and how the post's duties would fit in with those of the Director of Public Health.

C 149 Accident Records

Arising from the Executive report, the Portfolio Holder Councillor A Holliday agreed to provide Councillor Jackson with a written reply on accident records in refuse rounds in the last year.

C 150 Hospital Development

Arising from the Executive report the Portfolio Holder agreed to provide Councillor Carroll on the position on use of local labour and suppliers on the new hospital development.

C 151 Overview and Scrutiny Report

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

C 152 Recommendation from Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Economic Development and Enterprise – Wind Generated Energy

(Note: Members of the Planning Panel withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item)

Consideration was given to a recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Economic Development and Enterprise on Wind Generated Energy.

It was moved by Councillor J Kane, duly seconded and

RESOLVED - that Copeland Borough Council supports the government in producing a balanced low carbon energy supply economy. In particular, the Council continues to support the development of new nuclear power generators and will, in principle, support such development in the Borough. In line with our Energy Coast Master Plan Strategy we will also support the development of a range of forms of renewable energy production. However, in view of the national importance of our high quality landscape and views towards it, we would ask government and relevant planning bodies, to remove the emphasis on onshore wind development locally and replace it with alternatives such as tidal and wave power, as a matter of urgency.

C 153 Audit Committee Report

The Council considered and noted a report setting out progress made by the Audit Committee in the first quarter of 2009/2010.

C 154 GCSX Amended Information Security Policy and Acceptable Use Policy

The Council considered a report previously agreed by Executive setting out required amendments to the Council's Information Security Policy and Acceptable Use Policy to secure compliance with the GCSX Code of Connection by 30 September 2009.

RESOLVED – that the revised Information Security Policy and Acceptable Use Policy be approved and adopted.

C155 Swine Flu

At the request of the Portfolio Holder the Acting Director for Quality of Life gave an update on precautions taken against swine flu in the area.

The meeting closed at 4.50 pm

Mayor

