

**COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 JUNE 2013**

Present: Councillors Geoffrey Garrity; (Mayor); David Banks; Geoffrey Blackwell; Jackie Bowman; Hugh Branney; Yvonne Clarkson; George Clements; Peter Connolly; Brian Dixon; Margarita Docherty; Jon Downie; Eileen Eastwood; Phil Greatorex; Stephen Haraldsen; Reg Heathcote; Ian Hill; Keith Hitchen; Allan Holliday; Alan Jacob; John Kane; Peter Kane; Michael McVeigh; David Moore; Alistair Norwood; Jack Park; Sam Pollen; David Riley; Robert Salkeld; Gilbert Scurrah; Peter Stephenson; Graham Sunderland; Gillian Troughton; Peter Tyson; Paul Whalley; Doug Wilson; Felicity Wilson; Carole Woodman; Elaine Woodburn; Henry Wormstrup.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: John Bowman; Karl Connor; Anne Faichney; John Fallows; Allan Forster; Fred Gleaves; Lena Hogg; Joan Hully; John Jackson; Dave Smith; William Southward; Jeanette Williams

**C 08 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14 May 2013 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

**C 09 Disclosures of Interest**

Councillor Yvonne Clarkson declared a non Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Agenda item 6 on issues relating to Townscape heritage initiative and left the meeting during its discussion.

Councillor Graham Sunderland declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a question from Councillor Margarita Docherty to the Portfolio Holder Community Planning on Discretionary Housing Payment and left the meeting during its consideration.

**C 10 Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor referred to various engagements he had attended and reminded Members of his Civic Sunday Parade on Sunday 21 July 2013.

**C 11 To Receive Petitions under Procedure Rule 19**

There were no petitions

**C 12 Questions from Members of the Public**

There were no questions from members of the public

**C 13 Questions from Members of the Council**

There were no questions from members of the public

**C 14 Executive Report**

In moving the Executive report the Leader of the Council further moved that

The list of Memberships to Committees and Panels be amended to remove Councillor Dave Smith from Strategic Nuclear and Energy Board and replace him with Councillor Jon Downie; and

A letter be written to the Post Office asking that they reconsider their proposal to downgrade the Whitehaven Post Office.

The recommendations were duly seconded and it was: -

**RESOLVED** – that a) the Executive report be received and noted;

b) the list of Memberships to Committees and Panels be amended to remove Councillor Dave Smith from Strategic Nuclear and Energy Board and replace him with Councillor Jon Downie; and

c) a letter be written to the Post Office asking that they withdraw their proposal to downgrade the Whitehaven Post Office.

**C 15 Pause in Security Improvements and Access to Work at Sellafield**

Arising from a question from Councillor David Moore the Leader of the Council undertook to write to Sellafield and DECC asking them to formally respond to his concerns over the pause in the security improvement and access to work at the site and improvement to the rail network.

**C 16 Flooding and Coastal Erosion at Seascale**

Arising from a question from Councillor Eileen Eastwood the Portfolio Holder for Environment Councillor Peter Kane undertook to provide a written reply on action being taken to alleviate the flooding due to coastal erosion at Seascale.

**C 17 Website**

Arising from a question from Councillor Stephen Haraldsen the Portfolio Holder for Transition and Performance Councillor Allan Holliday undertook to provide a written reply showing the figures for the downtime of the new Council Website since launch and is this greater than the previous site and action being taken to ensure that downtime is kept to a minimum.

**C 18 Townscape Heritage Initiative**

In response to a request from Councillor Mike McVeigh it was agreed that a letter be sent to officers involved in the Townscape Heritage Initiative thanking them for all the hard work involved.

**C 19 Exhibitions at the Beacon**

In response to a request from Councillor Dave Banks it was agreed that a letter be sent to officers involved in acquiring the two new exhibitions at the Beacon in times of austerity.

**C 20 Contact Centre Calls Log**

Arising from a question from Councillor Alistair Norwood the Portfolio Holder for Transition and Performance Councillor Allan Holliday undertook to provide a written reply detailing a breakdown of the 10500 calls received over the previous 2 months broken down into how many calls per month where calls are going by departments.

**C 21 Clean up at Drigg**

Arising from a question from Councillor David Moore the Leader of the Council Councillor Elaine Woodburn undertook to write to the MOD seeking clarification of responsibility for the clean up and costs following the discovery of recent shells and devices on Drigg beach.

**C 22 Procedure for Local Determination of Complaints**

Consideration was given to a recommendation from Audit and Governance Committee to agree an amendment to the procedure for assessment and determination of complaints. The amendment would extend breaches to include any other breaches of the code of conduct, not just breaches concerning the declaration and registration of interests.

**RESOLVED** - That the procedure for assessment and determination of complaints be amended as detailed in paragraph 3.1 of the report.

**C 23 Outturn Report 2012/13**

Consideration was given to the revenue out turn, capital outturn and Treasury management outturn report previously considered by the Executive.

**RESOLVED** – That

1. with regard to the Revenue Out Turn 2012/13:

(i) the transfer of the underspend in the mainstream budget of £640k to the General Fund unallocated balance in accordance with table in paragraph 2.3 of the report be approved;

(ii) the transfer of £148k of the underspend in the budget funded by earmarked reserves to the General Fund unallocated balance in accordance with paragraph 2.9 of the report be approved;

(iii) the carry forwards from mainstream budget underspends of £435k and the carry forwards from the budget funded by Earmarked Reserves of £180k, both as detailed in paragraph 2.8 of the report, to increase the 2013/14 budget by £615k be approved;

- (iv) the transfer of £323k of the underspend in the mainstream budget to Earmarked Reserves as detailed in paragraphs 2.11, 2.12 and 2.13 be approved;
- (v) the use of £35k from reserves in 2012/13 in accordance with paragraph 2.10 of the report be approved;
- (vi) the use of the MMI earmarked reserve in the sum of £68k in accordance with paragraph 2.10 of the report be approved; and
- (vii) the increase the balance on the budget for 2013/14 to £11.192m as set out in paragraph 2.12 of the report be approved;

2. with regard to the Capital Out Turn 2012/13:

- (i) the total revised Capital Programme budget of £2,159,351 as detailed in the table at paragraph 3.1 of the report be approved;
- (ii) the provisional outturn (subject to audit) of £1,435,618 as detailed in paragraph 3.2, resulting in a favourable variance of £723,733, which is to be split as detailed in the table in 3.2 and below be approved:-
  - a) £639,845 be approved as carry forward requests (summarised in paragraph 3 & 4 and detailed in paragraph 5 of the report in Appendix 2) to enable the completion of the outstanding projects in 2013/14.
  - b) the remaining £83,888 underspend to be returned to the Useable Capital Receipts Reserve for use on new projects (of this, a saving of £46,068 relates to underspends on completed projects and £37,820 are underspends returned from ongoing projects which are no longer required be approved); and
- (iii) the financing of the capital programme for 2012/13 as set out paragraph 3.3 of the report be approved; and

3. with regard to Treasury Management Out Turn 2012/13:

- (i) the actual 2012/13 prudential and treasury indicators in paragraph 4.3 in the report be approved; and  
As detailed in our Treasury Management Strategy and as required under The Code, this report has to be considered by the Audit & Governance Committee before being recommended to Full Council. This report will be considered by Audit & Governance Committee on 26th June 2013 therefore
- (ii) the Portfolio Holder in conjunction with the section 151 Officer be delegated authority to fully approve the out-turn subject to the outcome of scrutiny, as per paragraph 4.1 of the report.

**C 24 Additional Resources to Target Anti-Social Behaviour**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval for the Council be act as Accountable Body and a spend of £91,500 external Police and Crime Commissioner funding received for 2013/14

**RESOLVED** – That the Council act as Accountable Body and a spend of £91,500 external Police and Crime Commissioner funding received for 2013/14 be approved.

**C 25 Outside Bodies 2013/14**

Consideration was given to the annual reports from representatives on outside bodies for 2012/13 and to make appointments for 2013/14.

**RESOLVED** – That a) The annual reports from Outside Body representatives for 2012/13 be noted; and

b) the nominations for representations to outside bodies for 2013/14 as appended to these minutes be approved.

**The Meeting closed at 4.30PM**

**Mayor**

**OUTSIDE BODIES 2013/14**

	<b>Outside Body / Partnership</b>	<b>Attending Officer</b>	<b>Member representative</b>	<b>Reporting in addition to annual report</b>	<b>Corporate Plan Alignment</b>
<b>Copeland</b>					
1	Copeland Community Fund	Head of Regeneration and Partnership	Councillors Elaine Woodburn & David Moore	Annually - Full Council	Priority 3
2	North Country Leisure Board - Copeland	As requested	Councillors Karl Connor & John Jackson	Annual - Full Council	Priority 2
<b>West Cumbria</b>					
3	Energy Coast West Cumbria Board (ECWC) BEC	Chief Executive	Councillor Elaine Woodburn	Annual - Full Council	Priority 2
4	West Cumbria Strategic Board	Chief Executive	Councillor Elaine Woodburn	Annual - Full Council	All Priorities
5	Community Safety Partnership	Chief Executive	Councillor Hugh Branney	Annual - Full Council	Priority 2
6	West Cumbria Site Stakeholder Group (WCSSG)	Head of Nuclear Energy and Planning	Councillors Elaine Woodburn, Henry Wormstrup & Dave Banks	Annual - Full Council	Priority 3
7	WCSSG LLWR	None	Councillors Jackie Bowman, Carole Woodman & Henry Wormstrup	Annual - Full Council	Priority 3

8	WCSSG Decommissioning and End States	None	Councillors Jackie Bowman, Jon Downie John Kane & Fee Wilson	Annual - Full Council	Priority 3
9	WCSSG Spent Fuel Management and Nuclear Materials	None	Councillors Dave Banks, John Kane, Alistair Norwood & Henry Wormstrup	Annual - Full Council	Priority 3
10	WCSSG Risk and Hazard Reduction and Waste Management Working Group	None	Councillors Dave Banks, Lena Hogg, Fee Wilson & Henry Wormstrup	Annual - Full Council	Priority 3
11	BEC Properties Committee	Director of Services	Councillor Elaine Woodburn	Annual - Full Council	Priority 2
<b>Cumbria</b>					
12	Cumbria LEP	None	Council Leader in support of West Cumbria representative through Allerdale Borough Council 2013-15	Annual - Full Council	Priority 2
13	Cumbria Leadership Board	None	Councillor Elaine Woodburn	Annual - Full Council	All priorities
14	Joint District Leaders Board	Chief Executive	Councillor Elaine Woodburn	Annual - Full Council	All priorities
15	Cumbria Housing Executive	Housing Services Manager	Councillor George Clements	Annual - Full Council	Priority 1
16	Cumbria Health & Wellbeing Board	None	Councillor Elaine Woodburn	Annual - Full Council	Priority 2

17	Cumbria Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee	None	Councillor Geoff Garrity	Annual - Full Council	Priority 2
18	Cumbria Waste Partnership	Waste Manager	Councillor Peter Kane	Annual - Full Council	Priority 1
19	Lake District National Parks Authority	None	Councillor Hugh Branney	Annual - Full Council	Priority 2
20	LDNP Partnership	Head of Regeneration and Community	Councillor Keith Hitchen	Annual - Full Council	Priority 2
21	PCC Forum	None	Councillor Geoff Garrity	Annual - Full Council	Priority 2
22	Cumbria Tourism Partnership	As requested	Portfolio Holder in support of West Cumbria representative through Allerdale Borough Council	Annual - Full Council	Priority 2
23	Western Lakes Tourism Partnership	Head of Community Regeneration	Councillor Hugh Branney	Annual - Full Council	
24	Connecting Cumbria	None	Councillor John Bowman	Annual - Full Council	Priority 3
	<b>National</b>				
25	Nuleaf	As requested	Councillor Allan Holliday	Annual - Full Council	Priority 2
26	Home Housing Copeland Steering Group	None	Appointment delegated to Strategic Housing Panel		Priority 2
27	Cumbria Members Equality Champions Group	None	Councillor Allan Holliday	Annual - Full Council	Priority 1
28	North West Employers Organisations	None	Councillor John Bowman	Annual - Full Council	Priority 2
29	The Alliance	As requested	Councillor Henry	Annual - Full	Priority 2



			Wormstrup	Council	
30	Cumbria Community Foundation – West Cumbria Grants Panel	None	Councillors Geoff Garrity, Keith Hitchen & Elaine Woodburn (Sub)	Annual report to Full Council	Priority 3
31	West Cumbria Cycleway Partnership	None	Councillor Graham Sunderland	Annual - Full Council	Priority 3
32	Cumbria Planning Group	None	Councillor Mike McVeigh	Annual - Full Council	