

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 JUNE 2014**

Present: Councillors Eileen Eastwood (Mayor); David Banks; Geoffrey Blackwell; Jackie Bowman; John Bowman; Hugh Branney; Yvonne Clarkson; George Clements; Peter Connolly; Brian Dixon; Margarita Docherty; Allan Forster; Geoffrey Garrity; Fred Gleaves; Phil Greatorex; Reg Heathcote; Keith Hitchen; Joan Hully; Lena Hogg; Allan Holliday; John Jackson; Alan Jacob; John Kane; Peter Kane; Michael McVeigh; David Moore; Sam Pollen; David Riley; Gilbert Scurrah; Dave Smith; Peter Stephenson; Graham Sunderland; Peter Tyson; Jeanette Williams; Elaine Woodburn; Carole Woodman;

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Karl Connor; Jon Downie; Anne Faichney; John Fallows; Stephen Haraldsen; Ian Hill; Alistair Norwood; Jack Park; Robert Salkeld; William Southward; Gillian Troughton; Paul Whalley; Doug Wilson; Felicity Wilson; Henry Wormstrup

C 06 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 May 2014 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

C 07 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hugh Branney declared non disclosable pecuniary Interest in the supplementary question asked by Councillor David Moore due to being a director of Works 4 You.

C 08 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor referred to the various event she had attended and thanked Members and Officers for attending her Civic Sunday Parade which had been a great success. The Mayor also confirmed that she had agreed to taken an additional item on grounds of urgency - To seek an appointment to the Independent Remuneration Panel.

C 09 To Receive Petitions under Procedure Rule 19

There were no petitions.

C 10 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

C 11 Questions from Members of the Council

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

“Can the Leader tell us now that the BEC social fund is been used to look after some green areas, what affect there has been on contracts and employment with in our own greens maintenance department?”

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

“The BEC social fund is actually going towards employment it’s being used to employ 5 people who are getting reskilled and retrained and there is no impact on our contracts and no impact on our staffing”

Councillor David Moore asked the following supplementary question:-

“Thanks to the Leader for the reply but this question did arise from a contract that we had at Seascale when we were in contact with the Council about the grass that wasn’t being maintained we were told that it had been passed across to the new group being funded we contacted Copeland again and were told again that it had been passed across to the new group now the evidence does seem to say that it will have a effect on contracts that we or other organisations have with this council if grass is being cut and maintained by this new group and I’d like some clarification.”

The Leader of the Council Councillor Elaine Woodburn undertook to give a written reply.

C 12 Executive Report

In moving the Executive report Councillor Elaine Woodburn agreed to take an additional Item on Grounds of Urgency – To seek an appointment to the Independent Remuneration Panel due to the timescale of and the possibility of an Election for directly elected Mayor in October 2014.

Members also thanked Tim Capper for his service to the Council and wished him well in his retirement.

It was moved by Councillor Elaine Woodburn duly seconded and

RESOLVED – That the vacancy on the Independent Remuneration Panel be filled with the appointment delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Main Opposition Group.

C 13 Copeland Community Fund

Arising from the Executive report and in response to a request from Councillor Yvonne Clarkson the Leader of the Council undertook to ensure that a Member briefing is arranged on the changes to the Copeland Community Fund.

C 14 Copeland Homes

Arising from the Executive report and in response to a request from Councillor Whalley the Portfolio Holder Councillor Geoff Garrity undertook to write to Copeland Homes to pass on the positive comments received with regard to the building of 27 new bungalows on Mirehouse.

C 15 Outturn Reports 2013/14

Consideration was given to the Revenue, Capital and Treasury Management Outturn Report for 2013/14 which had been considered by the Executive and summarised Executive's recommendations to Council with respect to:

- (i) Revenue Out turn 2013/14 (Appendix 1 to the report)
- (ii) Capital Out turn 2013/14 (Appendix 2 to the report)
- (iii) Treasury Management Out turn 2013/14 (Appendix 3 to the report)

RESOLVED - That**1. Revenue Out Turn 2013/14:**

- (i) the transfer of the underspend in the mainstream budget of £962k to the General Fund unallocated balance in accordance with Table in paragraph 2.4 of the report be approved;
- (ii) the transfer of £7k of the underspend in the budget funded by earmarked reserves to the General Fund unallocated balance in accordance with paragraph 2.4 of the report e approved;
- (iii) the transfer of £247k of the underspend in the budget funded by earmarked reserves to be returned to reserves be approved;
- (iv) the carry forwards from mainstream budget underspends of £454k and the carry forwards from the budget funded by Earmarked Reserves of £118k, both as detailed in paragraph 2.8, to increase the 2014/15 budget by £572k be approved;
- (v) the transfer of £240k of the underspend in the mainstream budget to Earmarked Reserves as detailed in paragraphs 2.11 of the report be approved;
- (vi) the use of £25k from reserves in 2013/14 in accordance with paragraph 2.10 of the report be approved;
- (vii) the balance on the budget for 2014/15 be increased to £11.179m as set out in paragraph 2.12 of the report;

2. Capital Out Turn 2013/14:

- (i) the total revised Capital Programme budget of £4.016m as detailed in the table at paragraph 3.1 of the report be approved;
- (ii) the provisional outturn (subject to audit) of £782k be approved as detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report , resulting in a favourable variance of £3.234m, which is to be split as detailed in the table in 3.2 of the report and below:-
 - a) £2.9m as carry forward requests to enable the completion of the outstanding projects in 2014/15 and beyond be approved; and

- b) the remaining £313k underspend be returned to the Useable Capital Receipts Reserve for use on new projects.
- (iii) the financing of the capital programme for 2013/14 as set out paragraph 3.3 of the report be approved.

3. Treasury Management Out Turn 2013/14:

- (i) the actual 2013/14 prudential and treasury indicators in paragraph 4.3 of the report be approved;
- (ii) It be noted that 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 25th June 2014 and therefore delegated authority be granted to the S151 officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to fully approve the out-turn subject to the outcome of scrutiny, as detailed in paragraph 4.1 of the report.

C 16 Outside Bodies

Consideration was given to representatives on outside Bodies for 2014/15.

RESOLVED - That subject to Councillor Phil Greatorex replacing Councillor Joan Hully as Armed Forces Champion the list of outside Bodies be approved.

C 17 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED - That pursuant to Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds of likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

C 18 Land at Chapel Street Egremont - Disposal

Consideration was given to the possible disposal of land having a value in excess of £500k at Chapel Street Egremont.

RESOLVED - That a) the current position be noted; and

b) in the event of a decision being required before the 11th September 2014, authority to accept the most favourable tender be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Main Opposition Group.

The Meeting closed at 4.35pm

Mayor