

**COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2009**

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

**Apologies** for absence were received from Councillors A Carroll; P C Connolly; Mrs J I Hully; R F Pitt; P Watson.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 December 2008, were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

**C 75 Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor updated Members on the present position concerning the absence from work of the Chief Executive due to ill health.

The Mayor presented to the Leader of the Council a trophy which she had won at the Bowls Tournament in December 2008.

**C 76 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors C Giel and H Wormstrup declared personal and prejudicial interests in the item in the Executive report on LLW National Strategic Review due to being employees at Sellafield Sites and withdrew from the meeting during the discussion.

Councillor R Cole declared a personal interest in the Executive Report on Managing Radioactive Waste Safely to being a County Councillor. Councillors N Clarkson and T Knowles declared personal and prejudicial interests in the same item for the same reason and withdrew from the meeting during the discussion.

Councillor A Wonnacott declared a personal interest in the Executive report on Building Schools for the Future as a member of the Board of Governors of Mayfield School.

Councillor W Southward declared a personal interest in the Executive report on Digital Switchover as a Council representative on Age Concern.

**C 77 Executive Reports**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor E Woodburn, the Deputy Leader (Achieving Transformation) Councillor C Giel and the Deputy Leader (Promoting Prosperity), Councillor G Clements gave progress reports on matters considered by the Executive since the last Council meeting.

**C 78 Pow Beck**

Arising from the Executive report on Pow Beck Valley, the Deputy Leader Councillor Mrs Giel gave an undertaking to provide all Members with a briefing on the current position on the scheme and the Whitehaven RLFC following the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club on 15 January.

**C 79 Whitehaven Rugby League Football Club**

Arising from the Executive Report (Achieving Transformation), it was moved by Councillor E Woodburn and duly seconded that Councillors Mrs C A Giel and T J Knowles be nominated for appointment to the Board of the Whitehaven Rugby League Football Club at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club to be held on 15 January 2009.

It was then moved by Councillor D Moore by way of amendment, and duly seconded, that Councillors Giel and Knowles be appointed as Council delegates to the Extraordinary General Meeting, and that a further report be made to the Council on subsequent appointments to the Board of the Club.

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

A recorded vote on the substantive motion having been requisitioned under Standing Order 12.26 (a), the voting was as follows:

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

**AGAINST THE MOTION:** Councillors N Clarkson, Y Clarkson, Cole, Eastwood, Gleaves, Heathcote, Hitchen, Jackson, Jacob, Moore, Mossop, Norwood, Salkeld, Scurrah, Sunderland, Whiteside, Wilson, Wonnacott.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was declared CARRIED by 28 votes to 18.

It was therefore

**RESOLVED** – that Councillors Mrs C A Giel and T J Knowles be nominated for appointment to the Board of the Whitehaven Rugby League Football Club Limited at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club to be held on 15 January 2009.

**C 80 Youth Strategy**

Arising from the Executive report, and in response to a question from Councillor Norwood, Councillor Branney agreed to circulate to all Members details of how the 5 localities for development of the youth policy had been chosen

**C 81 Anti Fuel Poverty Strategy**

Arising from the Executive report and in response to a question by Councillor Mrs Y R T Clarkson, Councillor Clements agreed to provide Councillor Mrs Clarkson with a written reply on the timetable for rolling out the Anti Fuel Poverty Strategy.

**C 82 Overview and Scrutiny Report**

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Economic Development and Enterprise, Councillor J Kane, gave a progress report on matters considered by overview and scrutiny since the last Council meeting.

**C 83 Recommendation from Audit Committee**

Consideration was given to a recommendation from the Audit Committee on appointment of an independent Chair of the Committee.

**RESOLVED** – that Mr Michael Bonner be appointed independent chair of the Audit Committee for the remainder of the 2008/2009 municipal year, and Councillor J G Sunderland be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the same period.

**C 84 Notice of Motion Under Standing Order 8**

It was moved by Councillor E Woodburn, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** – that the Notice of Motion under Standing Order 8 submitted by Councillor N Clarkson be referred without discussion to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Economic Development and Enterprise.

**C 85 Appointments to Outside Bodies**

**RESOLVED** – that Mrs June Pickering be appointed as the Council's trustee on the Piper Educational Trust for a period of four years from 13 January 2009.

**C 86 Management Arrangements Update**

(The Mayor agreed to take this item on grounds of urgency due to the need to agree formally the management arrangements to be in place during the absence of the Chief Executive due to ill health)

**RESOLVED** – That Council endorses the current arrangements and that the Director of Development continues to act up in the absence of the Chief Executive and that he be re-imbursed accordingly.

The meeting closed at 4.45 pm.

Mayor