

Copeland Local Development Framework Working Party Meeting

Minutes of Meeting Held on 29th June 2011

Present: Councillor G Clements (Chair)
Councillor J Downie
Councillor S Haraldsen
Councillor D Riley
Councillor G Sunderland
John Hughes - Strategic Planning Manager (JH)
Chris Hoban - Senior Planning Officer (CH)
Alison Earnshaw - Planning Officer – Notes (AE)
Louise Kirkup – Senior Planning Officer (LK)
Nick Hayhurst – Senior Development Control Officer (NH)
Denice Gallen – Development Control Assistant (DG)
Simon Blacker – Development Control Officer (SB)
Chris Bamber – Senior Planning Officer (CB)
Julie Betteridge – Head of Regeneration and Community (JB)

1. **Appointment of a Chair** – Councillor Downey proposed Councillor Clements. Councillor Riley seconded this. Councillor Clements was appointed as Chair.

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 21st March 2011**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed off as a true and accurate record.

3. **Apologies**

Councillor J Fallows
Councillor A Norwood

4. **Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests in Agenda Items**

It was agreed that Members should raise any declarations of interest when relevant. JH pointed out that there were no female Members on the new Working Party and Members agreed that this ought to be commented upon. JB said that she would feed this comment back to the Leader of the Council.

ACTION: JB

5. **Arrangement of Agenda**

Agenda items to be followed as laid out.

6. **Items for which the Press and Public will be Excluded**

No items for which the press and public are excluded.

7. **Appointment of a Deputy Chair** – Councillor Sunderland proposed Councillor Haraldsen as Deputy Chair and Councillor Riley seconded this. Councillor Haraldsen was appointed as Deputy Chair.

8. Introduction to the LDF Programme

JH gave a short presentation on general aspects of the LDF i.e. the purpose of the LDF, preparation of the Core Strategy etc. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

9. Core Strategy/Development Management DPD Progress

AE gave a short presentation on the Preferred Options Consultation responses that had been received during the summer months of 2010 and summarised the process that the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies DPDs would go through to get to the adoption stage. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

10. Whitehaven Town Centre and Harbourside SPD

LK gave a short presentation on the Whitehaven Town Centre and Harbourside SPD, explaining to Members that the document was in the very early stages of preparation and that a period of community consultation would be taking place in July and August. She highlighted that there would be a consultation event held on the 9th August for Members and Town Centre businesses. Members asked if there was a Whitehaven Civic Society or Heritage Action Group that ought to be involved? LK said that she would find out if such groups operated in the town and would arrange to give a similar presentation if necessary.

ACTION: LK

11. Planning Contributions Framework SPD and Infrastructure Plans

CB gave a short presentation on the work he was undertaking with regard to infrastructure and dealing with infrastructure deficit, future infrastructure necessary for nuclear new build and maximising the benefit of developer contributions in the borough. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

12. Britain's Energy Coast Masterplan – Current Work

CH gave a short presentation on some of the work that consultants GVA were undertaking on behalf of BECWC. Some of the outcomes of this work would be very important to the LDF i.e. the number of jobs created in the nuclear sector, housing requirements for construction workers, employment land requirements, flood risk etc. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

13. Timetable for LDF Working Party Meetings

Date and time of next meeting – 3rd August 2011, 5.00pm, Bainbridge Room

Further meeting – 1st September 2011, 5.00pm, Bainbridge Room