

PARISH REVIEW WORKING PARTY

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22 DECEMBER 2008

Present: Councillors N Williams, Chairman; G Clements.

Officers: A Southward, Elections and Emergency Planning Manager;
T Capper, Democratic Services Manager

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Connolly; F Heathcote; P Tyson

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6 October 2008 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Discussion - "Whitehaven Town Council"

Further to the meeting held on the 6 October 2008 Members discussed further how the possibility of forming a town council for Whitehaven should be taken forward. It was noted that since the last meeting Councillors had attended a number of Neighbourhood Forums where some opinion in favour of a town council had been expressed but overall attendance at the Forums had been low.

Members agreed that it would be necessary for local people to be consulted again on whether or not to proceed with a town council, either by a referendum or other means. There were other options which could be explored also, including for example a committee of Whitehaven councillors to be funded from special expenses.

It was agreed that a further report be made to a future meeting of the working party on options and costs of a referendum and a report be made thereafter with a recommendation on a referendum.

The meeting closed at 3.00 pm

Chairman