

## **WHITEHAVEN COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW PANEL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 AUGUST 2014 at 9:30am** **IN THE BAINBRIDGE ROOM, THE COPELAND CENTRE.**

**Present:** Councillors Peter Kane (Chairman); George Clements;  
Geoff Garrity and Gillian Troughton.

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillor Stephen Haraldsen.

**Officers:** Lindsay Tomlinson, Democratic Services Manager,  
Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer and  
Carole Edgar, Accountant-Financial Reporting and Technical.

#### **WCG 12/14    Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **WCG 13/14    Update and Review of Phase Two Consultation Events**

The Panel was updated on the public consultation event held on Saturday 19 July 2014.

It was noted that the drop in event had not been well attended by the public.

A total of 16 completed questionnaires had been deposited in the box provided. Of these, 12 were in favour of one Town Council, One was in favour of two Parish Councils, two were against Parishing and one questionnaire was not clear.

At the close of the Consultation period a total of 82 questionnaires had been received.

Members were also advised that a further three questionnaires had been received, possibly after the close of the consultation period, and agreed they should be included.

The results were as follows:-

Option 1 - One Town Council	-	62 (72.94%)
Option 2 – Two Town Councils	-	7 ( 8.24%)
No Town or Parish Councils	-	14 (16.47%)
Spoilt Questionnaires	-	2 ( 2.35%)

Members then considered the next steps.

Taking into account the consultation responses, a signed petition and other factors, the Panel were of the opinion that recommendations should be made to the next Full Council to proceed with the parishing of Whitehaven and the creation of one Whitehaven Town Council effective from May 2015. Members were also of the opinion that the Town Council should be Warded and the Ward boundaries be as those used for the Borough Council where possible.

Provided these recommendations are agreed at the Full Council meeting on 11 September 2014, the Panel would then reconvene in early October to develop the lower level details, with a view to these being recommended to Full Council at the December 2014 meeting.

**RESOLVED** – that

- a) The updates on the Phase 2 Consultation be noted.
- b) A recommendation be made to Full Council that the un-Parished area of Whitehaven be Parished, with wards as those used for the Borough Council, and that the necessary steps for the creation of a Town Council be made.

**WCG 14/14     Date of Next Meeting**

**RESOLVED** – that, subject to the Panel's recommendation to Full Council being agreed, the next meeting of the Whitehaven Community Governance Review Panel be held in late September/early October 2014 and Members advised of the details accordingly.

The meeting closed at 10:15am

Chairman.....

Date.....