

WHITEHAVEN COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW PANEL

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8 APRIL 2014 at 3:30pm
IN THE BAINBRIDGE ROOM, THE COPELAND CENTRE.**

Present: Councillors Peter Kane (Chair); George Clements;
Stephen Haraldsen; David Moore; Gillian Troughton and Peter Tyson.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Alistair Norwood

Officers: Tim Capper, Democratic Services Manager; Clive Willoughby,
Member Services Technical Support Officer and Charlotte Brown,
Community Regeneration Officer.

WCG 15/13 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2014 were signed by the
Chairman as a correct record.

**WCG 16/13 Review of Phase One Consultation Responses and Phase Two
Consultation**

Members were provided with an analysis of the 151 Phase One
Consultation responses by the Democratic Services Manager.

From the questionnaires, trends had been identified for each of the
questions asked.

During the discussion that followed, Members were encouraged by the
results to proceed to Phase Two Consultation.

Members began to consider how to conduct Phase Two Consultation,
including a Postal Survey of every household in the un-parished areas, the
use of Focus Groups, Drop-In sessions and the Whitehaven News.

Further discussion took place around the format Phase Two Consultation
might take and how a Town/Parish or a number of Parish Councils might
look.

It was suggested that the Democratic Services Manager be asked to work
up figures for different parishing models:

- One Town Council with a low budget
- One Town Council with a higher budget
- Two Parish Councils

It was further suggested that an additional model with Three Parish Councils also be considered and that, if possible, the figures include the number of residents in each model who are in receipt of Council tax benefits.

RESOLVED – that

- a) the review of Phase One Consultation responses be received,
- b) the Democratic Services Manager be asked to work up figures for different parishing models for;
 - One Town Council
 - Two Parish Councils
 - Three Parish Councilsand each model, if possible, to include figures for residents on Council Tax
- c) a further meeting be arranged in three/four weeks at which time the method for Phase Two Consultation would be considered.

WCG 17/13 **Date of Next Meeting**

RESOLVED – that the next meeting of the Whitehaven Community Governance Review Panel be held in approximately three or four weeks and Members would be contacted to arrange a suitable time.

The meeting closed at 4:35pm

Chairman.....

Date.....