

WHITEHAVEN COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2014 at 2:00pm
IN THE BAINBRIDGE ROOM, THE COPELAND CENTRE.

Present: Councillors Stephen Haraldsen (Deputy Chair); Geoff Garrity; John Kane; David Moore and Gillian Troughton.

Apologies for Absence: Councillor George Clements; Peter Kane and Alistair Norwood.

Officers: Lindsay Tomlinson, Democratic Services Manager and Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

WCG 09/14 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2014 were signed by the Deputy Chairman as a correct record.

WCG 10/14 **Update and Review of Phase Two Consultation Events**

The Panel was updated on the public consultation event held during the Whitehaven Carnival on Saturday 5 July 2014.

It was noted that the Panels stand at the Carnival had not been well attended by the public.

A total of 27 completed questionnaires had been deposited in the box provided. Of these, 24 were in favour of one Town Council, One was in favour of two Parish Councils and one was against Parishing.

Panel members also attended the Whitehaven Neighbourhood Forum on Wednesday 9 July at St John's Church Hall, Hensingham, where they made a presentation to those present.

A further 9 completed questionnaires have since been received. Of these, 7 were in favour of one Town Council and 2 were in favour of two Parish Councils.

Members then considered their approach for the Drop-In event on Saturday 19 July at the United Reformed Church Hall, James Street, Whitehaven.

The Panel was advised that the small hall had been booked from 10:00am until 1:00pm.

It was suggested that more advertising was required than had taken place at the previous events. In particular:-

- An 'A' board be placed outside the hall on Saturday morning, with an advertisement and balloons.
- Flyers be prepared for distribution in the Town Centre on the day.
- A letter be prepared and sent to the Whitehaven News in response to a letter printed in the 10 July edition of the paper.
- All Whitehaven Councillors be emailed with the event details asking them to publicise the event in their wards.

Councillors Geoff Garrity, Stephen Haraldsen and John Kane volunteered to man the event and all members of the Panel were asked to support the event

RESOLVED – that

- a) The updates from the Whitehaven Carnival and Whitehaven Neighbourhood Forum be noted.
- b) All the arrangements for the Drop-In event on Saturday 19 July be made.

WCG 11/14 Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED – that the next meeting of the Whitehaven Community Governance Review Panel be held in mid-August 2014, the date and venue to be arranged and Members advised accordingly.

The meeting closed at 2:35pm

Chairman.....

Date.....