

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE MEETING OF THE
CANVEY ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE PADDOCKS, LONG ROAD, CANVEY ISLAND ON
MONDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT:

Councillors: N. Harvey (Chairman)
D. Anderson J. Anderson R. Bishop P. Davies
P. Greig R. Howard (after item 211) J. Liddiard

Also present: 2 members of the public

Mrs L. Lodge – Acting Town Clerk
Mr J. Rickard – Events & Publicity Officer

208. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs B Dixie, N Pontius (holiday) and D Blackwell.

209. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

210. PUBLIC FORUM

No items raised.

211. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27th July 2009 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

212. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

i) Environment and Open Spaces Committee held 10th August 2009 (Appendix B)

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th August 2009 were presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Cllr. John Anderson.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee meeting attached as appendix B are adopted by the Council and all recommendations made were agreed.

ii) Personnel Committee held 10th August 2009 (Appendix G)

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th August 2009 were presented.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting attached as appendix G are adopted by the Council and all recommendations made were agreed.

iii) Community Relations held 24th August 2009 (Appendix C)

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th August 2009 were presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Cllr. Joan Liddiard.

Item 9 – Four year plan, second bullet point – ‘Cllr Howard has persuaded ECC to provide an improved service to Morrisons’, changed to read ‘Cllr Howard has persuaded *the bus company* to provide an improved service to Morrisons’.

RESOLVED that the amended minutes of the Community Relations Committee meeting attached as appendix C are adopted by the Council and all recommendations made were agreed.

It was noted that the Flood Commemorative Plaque has been damaged and so the Clerk will investigate replacement costs, noting the previous decision to repair.

iv) Personnel Committee held 24th August 2009 (Appendix H)

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th August 2009 were presented.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting attached as appendix H are adopted by the Council and all recommendations made were agreed.

213. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 7TH SEPTEMBER 2009:

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2009 were presented by Cllr. Harvey.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting attached as appendix D are adopted by the Council and all recommendations made were agreed.

214. TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SOUTH ESSEX AREA FORUM MEETING TO BE HELD ON 16TH NOVEMBER 2009

RESOLVED that Cllr Liddiard be appointed as the representative for the next meeting of the South Essex Area Forum.

215. TO CONSIDER THE APPONTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO SIT ON THE JUDGING PANEL FOR THE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND

Noted that the County Council had suggested that Town clerks be appointed, to retain the ethos of avoiding political motivation/influence.

RESOLVED that Cllr J Anderson be appointed as a representative on the Community Initiative Fund judging panel, provided that this is acceptable to the County Council.

216. FINANCE

i) To confirm accounts for payment previously agreed

RESOLVED that the Council confirm accounts for payment previously agreed; Account no. 1 - cheque nos. 200381 - 200402 and Account no.2 cheque nos. 200057 – 200060.

217. REPORTS FROM CASTLE POINT BOROUGH COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS RELATING TO CANVEY ISLAND

Cllr J Anderson attended the previous Crime & Disorder Panel meeting and it was noted that anti social behaviour is an issue locally. The Panel has helped reduce drug problems in the local area. The police inspector will attend the Town Council meeting on 16 November to promote the Neighbourhood Action Panels.

Cllr Howard confirmed anti social behaviour as a local issue.

Cllr Howard noted his disappointment at the limited publicity for the recent police meeting which may have contributed to the low public turnout. Disappointment was expressed at the limited police cover in the area, noting the recent damage to the seafront.

Cllr Howard suggested that the police could visit the Town Council office next month when they have a visit planned for Canvey Wick.

Cllr Greig advised that the old doctors surgery is now a home for vulnerable children and it was understood that the police have had to visit at least 3 times in the first week of opening.

218. REPORT FROM ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR ON MATTERS RELATING TO CANVEY ISLAND

Cllr Howard thanked Cllrs Bishop and Liddiard for attending the recent scrutiny meeting regarding night time street lighting. Noted that a report would be submitted to the next Community Relations Committee meeting.

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act, 1960, the public and press are excluded for consideration of the following items as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

219. TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A PRESS POLICY AND TO REVIEW COMMUNICATION AND PRESS RELEASES

RESOLVED that the Town Council adopt the Press policy attached as Appendix F.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

_____ CHAIRMAN

16th November 2009