

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE MEETING OF THE
CANVEY ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE PADDOCKS, LONG ROAD, CANVEY ISLAND ON
MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT:

Councillors: N. Harvey (Chairman)
J. Liddiard D. Anderson J. Anderson R. Bishop
D. Blackwell B. Dixie N. Pontius

Also present: 7 members of the public and 1 press officer
Mrs L. Lodge – Acting Town Clerk

The meeting agreed to move the Police presentation to the first item, due to Chief Inspector Keith Davies commitments elsewhere.

220. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM CHIEF INSPECTOR KEITH DAVIES, SGT MARK WATERS AND PC ROB BENTLEY OF ESSEX POLICE ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PANELS

Chief Inspector Davies advised that there are 2 Neighbourhood Action Panels (NAP) for Canvey and the police are keen to increase the representation on each panel. He is keen to hear directly from the community and hopes to have representatives from the different groups within the community. It is hoped that the press and the Town Council will publicise the NAPs.

Sgt Mark Waters advised that the panel meetings are not held in public, however there is an open forum of 30 minutes before each meeting to enable people to speak and advise of issues. Each panel identifies the issues and may determine up to 5 priorities. Information can be found on the police website.

Pc Rob Bentley spoke about the beat surgeries, which are currently run by the PCSO's and advised that the public are not engaging so these need to be revamped. They are happy to be contacted in person or by email. The meetings are on Wednesday evenings commencing at 7.30pm and take place every third week.

Cllr Blackwell suggested that the Town Council could help promote the surgeries and panels.

The Chairman thanked Chief Inspector Davies, Sgt Waters and Pc Bentley for attending the meeting.

221. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R Howard (CC meeting) and P Davies (work commitment) and P Greig (for late arrival).

222. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

223. PUBLIC FORUM

No items raised.

224. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21st September 2009 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk to circulate the Press Policy which was missing from the minutes.

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

i) Environment and Open Spaces Committee held 5th October 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2009 were presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Cllr. J Anderson.

Noted that the apology for Cllr Pontius should show that she was on holiday.

RESOLVED that the amended minutes of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee meeting attached as appendix B are adopted by the Council.

The Clerk advised that Castle Point were still keen to agree the lease on their terms, but were not willing to meet with Town Council members to discuss the matter.

Noted that the Knightswick Shopping Centre were unwilling to have any further planters placed on their land, consequently the Committee would consider other locations at its next meeting.

ii) Personnel Committee held 5th October 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2009 were presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Cllr Blackwell.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting attached as appendix C are adopted by the Council.

iii) Planning Committee held 12th October 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2009 were presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Cllr Dixie.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting attached as appendix D are adopted by the Council.

iv) Community Relations held 19th October 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2009 were presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Cllr. Joan Liddiard.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Community Relations Committee meeting attached as appendix E are adopted by the Council.

v) Planning Committee held 26th October 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th October 2009 were presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Cllr Dixie.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting attached as appendix F are adopted by the Council.

vi) Policy & Finance Committee held 2nd November 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2009 were presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Cllr Blackwell.

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

226. TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE TENANCY AGREEMENT FOR ALLOTMENT HOLDERS

It was felt that a meeting open to all allotment holders would be beneficial before any changes are made to the tenancy agreement or the rental policy.

RESOLVED that the Council would not make any changes to the tenancy agreement or existing policy with regard to the allotments.

Clerk to arrange a meeting for the allotment holders.

227. FINANCE - TO CONFIRM ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PREVIOUSLY AGREED

RESOLVED that the Council confirm accounts for payment previously agreed; Account no. 1 - cheque nos. 200435 – 200446.

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

Cllr Blackwell advised of a meeting being arranged with Chief Inspector Davies, Steve Rogers at CPBC and the landowners and tenants at Canvey Wick to try and resolve the motorbike issue. Noted that legislation allowing for the disposal/crushing of bikes for repeat offenders was now available and there was confidence that the matter could now be resolved.

Cllr Dixie advised his belief that the new format for the Neighbourhood Forums does not work as well as previously, as too much time is given to presentations which reduces the time available for questions from the public. Cllrs Pontius and Liddiard agreed with this and it was also felt that the refreshment breaks were too long or could be removed. It was generally agreed that the meetings have become officer driven rather than councillor driven and this was not what was required.

Cllr J Anderson advised of the application to the CIF grant application relating to the football cage project and the success in obtaining a £5000 grant from the Crime and Disorder Panel. Support from the Town Council would be officially requested at the next Environment & Open Spaces and Community Relations committees.

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

Cllr Howard had sent his apologies for the meeting and would provide a report on the South Essex Forum for the next meeting. Cllr Liddiard had attended and advised of the recent health report on cancer levels on Canvey. Noted that breast cancer screening would be increased. There is a questionnaire available online and the **Clerk** will forward to councillors, when available.

The meeting closed at 8.48pm.

CHAIRMAN

18th January 2010