

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE MEETING OF
CANVEY ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 13 HIGH STREET, CANVEY ISLAND ON
MONDAY 25TH APRIL 2016 AT 6.45PM**

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllr P. Greig (Chairman), Cllr M. Tucker (Vice Chairman), Cllr J. Anderson, Cllr D. Anderson, Cllr J. Blissett, Cllr B. Campagna, Cllr P. May and Cllr. D Blackwell arrived at 6.55pm

Also present: Mrs E Hunt – Town Clerk
Mrs L Windley – Community and Events Officer
Mrs A Ruskin – Community Warden
5 Members of the public

CO/127/15 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr T. Belford provided his apologies. Cllr N. Harvey provided his apologies.

CO/128/15 - TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr J. Blissett declared a non pecuniary interest in item CO/139/15 as a member of the Friends of St Katherine's Cemetery.

CO/129/15 - PUBLIC FORUM - TO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF CANVEY ISLAND ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING TEN MINUTES

There were none.

CO/130/15 - TO CONFIRM AND SIGN AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH APRIL 2016

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 04th April 2016 were then **CONFIRMED** and signed as a true record.

CO/131/15 – TO NOTE THE REPORT OF OFFICER DECISIONS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

Members noted the report of officer decisions and background papers.

CO/132/15 – TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM CANDIDATES FOR CO-OPTION FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING THREE TO FOUR MINUTES.

Mr A Acott gave a short presentation to Members in application for the position of Town Councillor for Canvey Island East Ward. Mr Acott explained that he had lived on Canvey Island for over 45 years and had been very active in the community during this time. Mr Acott advised Members that he had previously served on the Town Council as a Member for three years in East Ward and during this time he had represented the Town Council on external committees including the Essex Association of Local Councils and the Citizens Advice Bureau of which he is now a Trustee and had also sat on the Planning Committee, Environment and Open Spaces Committee and also the Personnel Committee. Mr Acott provided Members with a brief employment history advising that he had retired at rank of Leading Fireman at 55 years of age with over 19 years service and following this had retrained to gain a qualification as a Community and Youth Worker.

Mr A. Acott thanked Members for the opportunity to present his application.

CO/133/15 – TO CO-OPT A CANDIDATE AS TOWN COUNCILLOR FOR CANVEY ISLAND EAST WARD

Members were asked to consider a candidate to co-opt onto the Town Council as Town Councillor for Canvey Island East Ward from the applications received. Mr A. Acott's application was the only

application received. Members were asked to vote for or against co-opting Mr A. Acott on to the Town Council and unanimously **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mr A. Acott on to the Town Council as Town Councillor for Canvey Island East Ward.

CO/134/15 – TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Town Clerk provided Mr A. Acott with the Declaration of Acceptance of Office document which was signed and witnessed.

CO/135/15 – TO REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE GREIVANCE PANEL

Members were asked to review each committee Membership and to appoint a Member to the Greivance Panel.

Cllr D. Anderson requested to be appointed as a Member to the Community Relations Committee and come off of Planning but to remain a Member on the Environment and Open Spaces and Personnel Committees.

The Town Clerk advised Members that the Committee Terms of Reference, state that Members shall not be on more than 2 committees with the exception of Policy & Finance which should hold each committee Chairman and that each committee should consist of no more than 5 councillors. The Town Clerk explained that if Members did not agree with the current Committee Terms of Reference that these would need to be reviewed at the next Policy and Finance Committee Meeting to consider the number of committees on which a Councillor may sit.

Contrary to the Town Clerks advice, Cllr D. Anderson was appointed as a Member on the Community Relations Committee and remains a Member of the Environment and Open Spaces, Planning and Personnel Committees. Cllr A Acott was asked by Cllr P. Greig if he would like to become a Member of a committee and was appointed as a Member of the Environment and Open Spaces and Planning Committees.

Members were asked to consider appointing a Member to the Greivance Panel of the Personnel Committee. Cllr P. Greig proposed Cllr A. Acott. Members considered the proposal and **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr A. Acott as a Member of the Greivance Panel.

CO/136/15 – TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FOLLOWING EXTERNAL COMMITTEES OR GROUPS:

I) EALC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members appointed Cllr A. Acott as the representative to the EALC Executive Committee.

II) CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Members appointed Cllr A. Acott as the representative to the Citizens Advice Bureau Committee.

CO/137/15 – TO CONSIDER AND AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL PARKING STANDARDS, DESIGN AND GOOD PRACTICE 2016 AND ASSOCIATED STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL

Members were asked to consider and agree a response to the Essex County Council Parking Standards, Design and Good Practice 2016 and Associated Strategic Environmental Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal and **RESOLVED** that each Member would individually submit a response on line.

CO/138/15 – TO CONSIDER AND AGREE A REQUEST TO UTILISE THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES AS A DISTRIBUTION POINT FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS FOLLOWING THE CLOSURE OF THE PUBLIC COUNTER AT CANVEY POLICE STATION

Members considered the request to utilise the Town Council Offices as a distribution point for the Neighbourhood Watch Quarterly Newsletters following the closure of the public counter at Canvey Police Station and **AGREED** to the request.

CO/139/15 – TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE FROM FRIENDS OF ST KATHERINE’S CEMETERY IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRANT RECEIVED.

Members noted the correspondence from Friends of St Katherine’s Cemetery in recognition of the grant received.

CO/140/15 - REPORTS FROM CASTLE POINT BOROUGH COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS RELATING TO CANVEY ISLAND

Cllr B. Campagna advised Members that Castle Point Borough Council had now issued 4 no. parking permits to the volunteers at Canvey Bay Watch for use in the car parks during the charging period whilst they are volunteering at Thorney Bay Beach.

Cllr B. Campagna advised Members that fence works had been carried out at Kings George Pavillion Park Village and that removal of debris left over from the works had now been arranged.

Cllr P. Greig advised Members that he had recently attended at the Age Concern luncheon and also at the Scouts Renewal of Promise Service which he found most enjoyable and thanked the organisations for giving him the opportunity to join them.

Cllr D. Blackwell commented that he was extremely disappointed at Castle Point Borough Council’s reluctance to object to the proposed fire service cuts as this is of a major concern to Canvey Island. Cllr D. Blackwell added it is a public consultation and not just down to the experts to give their views.

Cllr P May commented that it had been proven that the Fire Service could not attend an incident on Canvey Island within their current target times and they still cannot guarantee this.

Cllr A. Acott commented that if there was an incident involving one of the COMAHH sites on Canvey, they have high pressure fire hydrants which link to both sites so could attempt to contain an incident until the fire crews arrived on site.

Cllr J. Anderson requested that it be noted that Castle Point Borough Council were deficient in making a comment and requested that the Town Council write a letter to Castle Point Borough Council expressing their disappointment in their lack of involvement.

Members considered the request made by Cllr J. Anderson and **AGREED** that the Clerk should write a letter to Castle Point Borough Council expressing their disappointment in their lack of involvement in responding to the public consultation.

CO/141/15 - REPORTS FROM ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS RELATING TO CANVEY ISLAND

Cllr D. Blackwell advised Members that a large number of the pot holes had now been filled and that there were only a few of the smaller ones remaining to be completed. He added that works to repair the dilapidated footpath which runs along Dovervelt Road had now been completed. There is a new cycle path being constructed along Somnes Avenue which is well underway and is part of a Government funded project to encourage the community to use their bicycles rather than their cars to travel.

Cllr D. Blackwell advised that there are a number of major consultations being undertaken by Essex County Council at the moment such as the Fire Consultation, Parking Standards and Children’s Centre Consultations. He commented that there might be a rethink on the Children’s Consultation over the Canvey sites and consideration given to moving the hub in Benfleet although commented that this may not prevent the closure of the two other sites. The decision will be coming back to the committee at County.

Cllr D. Blackwell advised that Highways are now installing new LED street lighting as part of a cost saving initiative, however, advised Members that the part night lighting will still remain.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

CHAIRMAN
23rd May 2016