

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE MEETING OF
CANVEY ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 13 HIGH STREET, CANVEY ISLAND ON
MONDAY 9TH APRIL 2018 AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllr. B Campagna, Cllr. J. Blissett, Cllr A. Acott, Cllr M. Tucker, Cllr P. Greig,
Cllr P. May and Cllr D. Blackwell

Also present: Mrs E. De Can – Town Clerk

CO/094/17 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted for Cllr J. Anderson and Cllr D. Anderson. Cllr N. Harvey was not present.

CO/095/17 - TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations of interest were received.

**CO/096/17 - 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**

No members of the public were present.

**CO/097/17 - TO CONFIRM AND SIGN AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH FEBRUARY 2018**

Members **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 19th February 2018 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and were signed by the Deputy Town Mayor.

CO/098/17 – TO CONSIDER AND APPOINT A LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Members reviewed the report provided and noted that the role of the leader is not recognised by the statutory provisions that apply to local councils nor is it a recognised office holder in the statutory constitution of a local council. It is not intended to undermine the role of the Town Mayor or the Chairman of a meeting, however, may be active in raising business for consideration by the council or lobbying other councillors on an issue and is usually a councillor who is selected from and among the group of councillors in the local council that has the political majority on the council. The leader has only the same formal standing as any other councillor and like any other councillor, the leader has no authority to discharge a council's statutory functions. Cllr Greig proposed that the council appoint a leader which was seconded by Cllr Tucker. Members **RESOLVED** to appoint a Leader of the Council 6 votes in favour with 1 against and to approve the protocol for the Leader and Town Clerk.

Cllr Greig proposed Cllr Blackwell as Leader of the Council. The nomination was seconded by Cllr Tucker. There were no other nominations therefore Cllr Blackwell was elected as Leader of the Council 6 votes in favour with 1 against.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

TOWN MAYOR

21st May 2018