

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE MEETING OF THE
CANVEY ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL**

**HELD AT THE PADDOCKS COMMUNITY CENTRE, LONG ROAD, CANVEY ISLAND ON MONDAY
19TH DECEMBER 2011 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT:

Councillors: J. Liddiard (Chairman)
D. Anderson J. Anderson L. Swann P. Mason P. May
P.Greig R. Howard

Also present: 1 member of the public
Mrs E. De Can – Town Clerk

CO/068/11 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr N. Pontius and Cllr N. Harvey gave their apologies. Cllr Blackwell was unwell.

CO/069/11 - TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

**CO/070/11 - 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 member of the public wished to speak.

**CO/071/11 - TO CONFIRM AND SIGN AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 17TH OCTOBER 2011**

Members **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 17th October 2011 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

**CO/072/11 – TO CONSIDER AND AGREE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE POLICY &
FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 5TH DECEMBER 2011 EXCLUDING THE BUDGET**

Members **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy & Finance meeting held on the 5th December 2011 excluding items P&F/025/11 and P&F/026/11 are adopted by the Council and recommendations made were agreed and the minutes are to be signed by the Chairman of the committee at the next Policy & Finance meeting.

Cllr J. Anderson wished to express his objections regarding the recommendations made under the budget items P&F/025/11 and P&F/026/11. Cllr Liddiard and the Clerk advised Cllr Anderson that these items were not on the agenda for discussion as stated in the minutes and were to be reviewed at a full council meeting in January 2012. Cllr Anderson insisted that his objections to the following points be minuted and are as follows:

- General Expenses – increased due to possible charge of Remuneration Panel
- Members Expenses – removed and added to Travel & Subsistence budget
- Travel & Subsistence – increased by £1,000 taken from Members Expenses
- Allowances – removed from budget
- The removal of the subsistence allowance from the Members Remuneration Policy and the agreement to claim expenses outside of Castle Point only.

Cllr Anderson proposed that a basic allowance of £500 be paid to each councillor per year and reviewed annually and that a travel & subsistence allowance be paid to each councillor for their duties within and outside of Canvey Island. This proposal was supported by Cllr May and Cllr D. Anderson.

No vote was taken on this proposal as the items were not on the agenda for discussion or for a decision to be made at this meeting.

CO/073/11 – TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 16TH AND 21ST NOVEMBER 2011

Members noted the minutes of the Personnel Committee meetings held on the 16th and 21st November 2011.

CO/074/11 – TO CONSIDER AND AGREE A DELEGATE TO JOIN THE EALC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members were asked to consider a letter received from Joy Darby, Chief Executive, EALC requesting a delegate to join the EALC Executive Committee to represent the Castle Point Parish/Town Councils. Members **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr P. Mason as the Town Council representative.

CO/075/11 – TO CONSIDER AND AGREE A REPRESENTATIVE TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE OF THE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Members were advised that a request had been made from the trustees of the Citizens Advice Bureau for a representative from the Town Council to sit on their committee. Members did not provide a representative at this meeting and requested that should any member be interested to advise the Clerk accordingly.

CO/076/11 – TO CONSIDER SPONSORING THE CANVEY SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

Members noted a letter received from the Canvey Schools Partnership asking whether the Council would consider sponsoring the whole Island Attendance Week which will take place between 27th February and 2nd March 2012. Sponsorship is required to secure funding for the 24 prizes needed. Members **RESOLVED** that they will support this venture in principle but required clarification as to the amount of funding requested. It was agreed that this should be funded through the grant scheme which has a maximum value of £500.

CO/077/11 – TO CONSIDER THE LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS FORUM ON THE 15TH FEBRUARY AND THE PLANNING DAY TRAINING ON THE 29TH FEBRUARY 2012 AND SUBMIT NAMES OF ATTENDEES

Members noted appendix C detailing the LLCF on the 15th February and the Planning Day training on the 29th February 2012. The Clerk advised that since the publication and subsequent attendance requests made at the Policy & Finance meeting on the 5th December, the EALC have confirmed that due to the overwhelming interest in the training on the 29th February another date has been proposed for the 1st March, however, only 2 seats can be reserved and all other attendee requests will be put on a reserved list.

Members **RESOLVED** to send Cllr Howard, Cllr Swann, Cllr D. Anderson and Cllr Mason to the LLCF on the 15th February 2012 and the Clerk and Cllr Liddiard to the training day on the 29th February or the 1st March 2012.

CO/078/11 – TO CONSIDER AND AGREE A MOTION BY CLLR HOWARD TO OBJECT TO ANY PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE THAMES ESTUARY AIRPORT

The Clerk advised that at the last Environment & Open Spaces meeting Cllr Howard had requested that a motion be put to the full council to consider and agree to object to any proposed development made for the Thames Estuary Airport. Cllr Howard advised that as this is a proposed hub airport there will be a continuous volume of planes arriving for a short period and leaving again, this is not a commercial airport. He advised that the CPBC full council meeting was cancelled but they have been asked to include this item on the next agenda and the ECC full council meeting was very long so this item will be debated after Christmas.

Cllr May advised that the proposed site for this airport should not be considered due to the hazardous sites already located on Canvey Island and is inappropriate for such an area.

Cllr Anderson suggested that the Town Council write to local councils in Kent to express its concern and to work with them to oppose this development.

Members **RESOLVED** to support Cllr Howards motion to object to any proposed development of the Thames Estuary Airport and for the Clerk to write to local councils in Kent to obtain their support.

CO/079/11 - FINANCES:

• **TO CONFIRM ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED**

AGREED that cheques 201179 to 201195 presented for payments on No 1 A/c previously agreed were paid and cheques 200185 to 200189 presented for payment on No 2 A/c was agreed and paid.

CO/080/11 - REPORTS FROM CASTLE POINT BOROUGH COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS RELATING TO CANVEY ISLAND

Cllr J. Anderson advised that the next regeneration panel for Canvey will be on the 9th January 2012 and he feels that it is now time for the public and local businesses to be invited to these meetings.

Cllr Howard advised that he had confirmed with A R Smith that a meeting will be arranged in January to discuss the old council offices in Long Road. **Action:** Clerk to contact Mr Smith and suggest a site visit.

CO/081/11 - REPORTS FROM ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR ON MATTERS RELATING TO CANVEY ISLAND

Tree Planting – Cllr Howard confirmed that the Clerk had written to him upon the Council's request regarding the tree planting policy at ECC and noted that he had responded and forwarded the letter to Paul Bird, Head of Highways & Transportation and Tracey Chapman, Cabinet Member.

Street Lighting – Cllr Howard advised that although ECC had agreed in principle to the suggestion of turning off street lighting in urban areas this will need a maximum public consultation and the Town Council will be a consultee.

Roscommon Way – phase 1 of this project is now complete and the road is open.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

CHAIRMAN

16th January 2012