

**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
17TH OCTOBER 2011 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT:

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

Also present: 15 members of the public
Mrs E. De Can – Town Clerk
Ms J. Fisher – Community Warden
Mrs G. Vallis – Community & Events Officer

CO/052/11 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr N. Harvey gave his apologies as he was on holiday.

Cllr Liddiard welcomed the two new members of staff Geraldine Vallis, Community & Events Officer and Jess Fisher, Community Warden and asked all councillors to introduce themselves.

CO/053/11 - TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

**CO/054/11 - 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/055/11 – TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE 2187 (CANVEY ISLAND) SQUADRON
ATC NOT EXCEEDING 10 MINUTES**

Mitchell Green-Muid and Kim Skedge from the ATC confirmed that the ATC would like to form a partnership with the Town Council as their main aim is to help and give back to the community. As part of the partnership they would like to help with fund raising and to engage with community projects, however, the partnership will only work if it is a 50/50 resource. The ATC have a civilian committee which is due to meet on the 30th November at 8pm and welcomes the councillors to attend.

**CO/056/11 - TO CONFIRM AND SIGN AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 18TH JULY 2011**

Members **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 18th July 2011 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

**CO/057/11 – TO CONSIDER AND AGREE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE POLICY &
FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 3RD OCTOBER 2011**

Members **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy & Finance meeting held on the 3rd October 2011 are adopted by the Council and all recommendations made were agreed and the minutes are to be signed by the Chairman of the committee at the next Policy & Finance meeting.

**CO/058/11 – TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON
THE 18TH JULY, 8TH AUGUST AND 19TH SEPTEMBER 2011**

Members noted the minutes of the Personnel Committee meetings held on the 18th July, 8th August and 19th September 2011.

CO/059/11 – TO AGREE A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE WEST CANVEY LIAISON GROUP

Members were asked to consider a representative for Castle Point Borough Councils West Canvey Liaison Group to discuss and review issues of regeneration for the West of Canvey. Members **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Paul Mason as the Town Council representative.

CO/060/11 – TO CONSIDER AND AGREE A REPRESENTATIVE TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE OF THE HERITAGE CENTRE

Members were advised that a request had been made from the Heritage Centre for a representative from the Town Council to sit on their committee. Members **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Liz Swann as the Town Council representative.

CO/061/11 – TO NOTE THE COMPLETION OF THE EXTERNAL AUDIT AND THE ANNUAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2011

Members noted the completion of the external audit and the Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2011. The Clerk confirmed that the Audit Report had been posted in the office window for the 14 days as requested.

CO/062/11 – TO AGREE THE MEMBERSHIP OF A NEW EVENT WORKING PARTY TO SUPERSEDE ALL EXISTING WORKING GROUPS

The Council was asked to consider appointing members to an overall event working group to supersede all existing groups set up for the Armed Forces Day, Wildlife Event, Summer Fun Day and the Garden Trail. It was noted that due to the popularity of these events and the workload required this working group should consist of members who are able to assist the staff with the organisation of these events, however, all decisions will be referred back to the Community Relations committee for final approval.

Members **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Blackwell, Cllr J Anderson, Cllr Swann and Cllr May.

CO/063/11 - TO RECEIVE BRIEF REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING FORUMS AND GROUPS:-

- **LSP STRONGER COMMUNITIES – CLLR D. ANDERSON**

Cllr D Anderson advised that the main discussion point during this meeting was to report that this group had now joined with Rochford and to agree the chairman of the committee.

- **CRIME & DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP – CLLR J. ANDERSON**

Cllr J Anderson advised that this group had also joined with Rochford and instead of meeting four times a year they were only going to meet twice with representatives from the Castle Point Borough. The full committee of senior officers would continue to meet but Cllr Anderson raised his concern that the local representatives would not be included. Cllr Anderson felt that the local contacts are being lost.

Members discussed the rising crime levels on the island and **AGREED** that the Council set up its own Crime & Disorder Reduction Group and inviting the police to be part of this group. Members **AGREED** to appoint Cllr Greig, Cllr J Anderson, Cllr Blackwell and Cllr Howard to the group and for the Community Warden to arrange a meeting to discuss the ongoing issues and report back to the Community Relations committee.

Cllr Howard requested permission to advise Anthony Jackson, Chairman of the Essex Police Authority of the Councils concerns. Members **RESOLVED** that this was acceptable.

- **HIGHWAYS PANEL – CLLR D. BLACKWELL**

Cllr Blackwell advised that this was an extremely long meeting, however, very constructive as councillors and residents were able to voice their opinions on all road issues. Unfortunately it was confirmed at this meeting that the panel was to be disbanded.

CO/064/11 - FINANCES:

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

AGREED that cheques 201111 to 201121 presented for payments on No 1 A/c previously agreed were paid and cheques 200177 to 200179 presented for payment on No 2 A/c was agreed and paid.

CO/065/11 - REPORTS FROM CASTLE POINT BOROUGH COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS RELATING TO CANVEY ISLAND

Cllr Blackwell advised that the Chief Inspector of Police came along to the Overview & Scrutiny committee to explain the police cuts and how they will affect Castle Point.

Cllr Anderson advised that Legacy were scheduling the community bus to visit the island for the 19th & 20th October and had advised them to contact the Clerk.

Cllr May passed on thanks to the Council from Age Concern for the grant of £489.18

CO/066/11 - REPORTS FROM ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR ON MATTERS RELATING TO CANVEY ISLAND

Cllr Howard reported that he was delighted with the progress of the two new community schools and provided the following updates:

- Road works at Thorney Bay – the visibility problems that have been plaguing this roundabout was due to be removed as the property in question had been redevelopment, therefore, it was unclear why the road works and changes to the roundabout were still being done.
- Flood Sirens – Cllr Howard expressed his disappointment that the sirens had been removed as full support had been given by the Town Council and members at CPBC. Calor Gas and Oikos had agreed to be part of this project to keep the sirens and were prepared to employ consultants to review how this could be done and the fire service had agreed for the station to be used as the main control area. CPBC advised that the sirens were to be dismantled but could be kept if there was a suitable area for them to be stored. Only 3 have been taken down so far. Cllr Howard advised that a further meeting was to be arranged to discuss this in more detail.

Cllr Greig asked why the costs had increased for the Roscommon Way project. Cllr Howard advised that the road was designed with a specific budget, however, as it was evident that this could not be achieved a case has been put forward for litigation, therefore he was unable to discuss this further.

Cllr May advised that it has been proven that tree planting and street lighting helps to reduce antisocial behaviour so why were ECC making it difficult to plant extra trees and considering turning off the street lights in such a heavily urban area. Cllr May requested that Cllr Howard put this question to ECC. Members **AGREED** that this request should be put to Cllr Howard formally in a letter from the Clerk.

*In accordance with section 1 of the public bodies (admissions to meetings) act 1960, the council **resolved** that the public and press be excluded from the remainder of this meeting because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted*

CO/067/11 – STAFF REQUIREMENTS

Members were asked to consider the requirements for the Community Warden uniform, the suggestions made by the Clerk and the design shown.

Members **RESOLVED** to purchase the uniform recommended by the Clerk and agreed to the colour of Navy Blue.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

CHAIRMAN

19th December 2011