

**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 18TH JULY 2011 AT 7.45PM**

PRESENT:

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

Also present: 11 members of the public
Mrs E. De Can – Town Clerk
Cllr J. Govier – Mayor of Castle Point
Ann Horgan – Head of Democratic Services

CO/033/11 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr P. Greig gave his apologies as he was on holiday.

CO/034/11 - TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr L. Swann declared an interest in item 8 of the agenda.

CO/035/11 - CHAIRMAN TO WELCOME CLLR JACKIE GOVIER, MAYOR OF CASTLE POINT

Cllr J. Liddiard welcomed the Mayor of Castle Point Cllr Jackie Govier and thanked her for joining the Council for this evening meeting. Cllr Liddiard confirmed that the Council are looking forward to strengthening the working relationship between the Borough Council and Town Council in the coming year.

Cllr J. Govier, Mayor of Castle Point stated that history had been made tonight as this is the first meeting that the Mayor has been invited to and thanked the Council for inviting her to attend this meeting

CO/036/11 - 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

A member of the public wished to complain about the consultation process regarding the new food waste system as it was felt that this was inadequate. Cllr Liddiard thanked the member of the public for sharing her views, however, advised that this was not an agenda item and a Borough Council issue which could not be dealt with during this meeting.

Colin Letchford, Chairman of Friends of Concord Beach advised that a visitors book had been created, safety leaflets have been produced, the sea wall had been repainted, litter bins cleared and new notice boards erected on the side of the Concord Cafe. He confirmed that £1,284 had been raised so far and a meeting was due to take place on the 20th July to discuss the provision of a shower and more seating. He confirmed that the group were looking forward to establishing a partnership with the Town Council.

Lea Swann advised that she had received positive feedback from members of the public regarding the new railings around the Tidal Pool.

CO/037/11 - TO CONFIRM AND SIGN AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17TH MAY, 6TH JUNE AND 20TH JUNE 2011

Members **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meetings held on the 17th May, 6th June and 20th June 2011 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

CO/038/11 – TO CONSIDER AND AGREE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 4TH JULY 2011

Members **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy & Finance meeting held on the 4th July 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/039/11 – TO REVIEW THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND AGREE A STANDARD RESPONSE FOR APPLICATIONS THAT THE COUNCIL DO NOT WISH TO COMMENT ON

Members reviewed the existing membership with consideration to dual hatted councillors and **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr L. Swann as an additional member of the committee.

Cllr J. Anderson advised that he had spoken to the Monitoring Officer, CPBC who advised that dual hatted councillors must declare a personal interest but are able to vote. Members noted the reports provided by the Clerk which had been supplied by the EALC.

ACTION – Members requested that the Clerk establish whether CPBC could provide some training for Town Councillors while awaiting training courses provided by EALC. Cllr Mason indicated that he would like to attend this training.

Members **RESOLVED** that planning applications received which fall within the criteria detailed in the 16th June 2008 minutes should be responded to with 'No Comment'.

CO/040/11 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CLERK REGARDING THE PROGRESS OF THE TIDAL POOL

The Clerk advised that CPBC propose that the beach agreement commences on 22nd July 2011 with a joint launch event to take place on the 29th July at 12noon.

Railings

The Clerk advised that she visited the site with Trudie Bragg on the 14th July and again on her own on the 15th July. There are a few spots that I have been noted as still appearing to have rust spots, however, the majority looks to be acceptable. The contractors have advised that some deposits will be left by the tide on the railings which could be mistaken for rust but these can be wiped off or will come off with the rain.

Work still to be completed

- Step repairs (being done w/c 18th July)
- Additional signs to be erected at gates 17 & 18
- Missing pole to be erected
- Maintenance plan
- Cost of maintenance work

CPBC have confirmed that these items are in progress and will be completed. The contractor has agreed to carry put a periodical maintenance inspection (after 3 months) at no cost and CPBC have requested a cost for subsequent maintenance inspections for the Town Council.

From the Council meeting on the 6th June the Clerk confirmed that the following questions have been asked:

- Are there any costs to the Town Council for assisting with CPBC requirements?
- Will the litter picking budget be transferred to another area?

CPBC have confirmed the following:

- There are no direct costs but the Town Council may decide to voluntarily make a contribution towards any funding requirements for any future enhancements / improvement to the beaches at Canvey.
- It is negligible for the area in question and any bounty will be used by CPBC to provide a better service on the beaches at Canvey.

Cllr Harvey requested that it be noted that he disagreed with progressing the agreement until the snagging list had been completed.

Members **RESOLVED** to progress the agreement as suggested by CPBC and allow the Clerk to communicate with CPBC regarding the items on the snagging list that are still to be done. The date of the 29th July 2011 was agreed for the joint launch event.

CO/041/11 - TO AGREE THE CHOSEN CHARITY FOR ARMED FORCES DAY AS THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT

Members **RESOLVED** to appoint the Parachute Regiment as the chosen charity for the Armed Forces Day 2011.

CO/042/11 – TO REVIEW THE INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT AND NOTE THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE

Members noted the Internal Auditors report and the recommendations made.

CO/043/11 - TO RECEIVE BRIEF REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING FORUMS AND GROUPS:-

- **LSP STRONGER COMMUNITIES – CLLR D. ANDERSON**
The LSP Partnership is to join Rochford Council. The partnership has visited local schools teaching the youth about safety and a competition is being held to replace a stain glass window at St Michaels Church.
- **CRIME & DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP – CLLR J. ANDERSON**
Cllr J. Anderson advised that he was unable to attend the last meeting.
- **HIGHWAYS PANEL – CLLR D. BLACKWELL**
No meeting has been held, due on 28th July.
- **TOWN CENTRE MEMBERS GROUP – CLLR D. ANDERSON**
No meeting has been held, due on 28th July.

CO/044/11 - FINANCES:

- **TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER SIGNATORIES FOR BANK MANDATES AND CHEQUES**
Members reviewed the existing signatories and **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Mason as an additional signatory.
- **TO CONFIRM ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED**
AGREED that cheques 201022 to 201043 presented for payments on No 1 A/c previously agreed were paid and cheques 200167 to 200169 presented for payment on No 2 A/c was agreed and paid.

CO/045/11 - REPORTS FROM CASTLE POINT BOROUGH COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS RELATING TO CANVEY ISLAND

Cllr Blackwell advised that CPBC were reviewing renewable energy and considering wind turbines or solar panels. Cllr Blackwell recommended solar panels due to the high frequency noise generated by wind turbines.

Cllr J. Anderson reminded members and the public that they still had the opportunity to comment on the Town Centre Regeneration as the consultation was at phase 2 and reminded all of the problems that Southend Borough Council had received regarding their implemented plans for their town centre. He recommended that everyone had their say by completing the consultation.

CO/046/11 - REPORTS FROM ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR ON MATTERS RELATING TO CANVEY ISLAND

Cllr Howard advised that he was not happy with the progress of the flood sirens and had booked a meeting for this week and will report back at the next meeting.

Cllr Howard advised that during a Cabinet meeting he raised the following issues:

- Access to and from Canvey - he suggested a lolly pop man to direct the traffic for rush hour while the road works are progressing at Sadler's Farm as the traffic coming off the Island is not moving and causing congestion – this suggestion was refused and he is arranging a meeting to discuss these problems further as the road works are due to continue for another 5 months.
- Street Lights – Cllr Howard has expressed his disagreement regarding the scheme to turn off the lights in certain areas. He advised that even though he is mindful of the environmental issues he felt that Canvey is far to urbanised for this scheme to work.

*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/047/11 - TO CONSIDER AND AGREE COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Members were asked to consider all outstanding tasks and staffs responsibilities and agree Council priorities.

Members **RESOLVED** that all forth coming events should take priority over all other outstanding tasks.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

CHAIRMAN

17th October 2011