

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE MEETING OF THE  
ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE OF THE CANVEY ISLAND TOWN  
COUNCIL HELD AT THE PADDOCKS, LONG ROAD, CANVEY ISLAND ON  
MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011 AT 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. John Anderson (Chairman)                      Cllr. Doreen Anderson (VC)  
                 Cllr. Ray Howard    Cllr. Paul Mason  
                 Cllr. Nicola Pontius                                        Cllr. Nick Harvey

**ALSO PRESENT:**        Mrs E. De Can – Town Clerk  
   4 members of the public

**E&OS/021/11 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr J. Liddiard and Cllr P. Greig sent their apologies due to attending a licensing meeting and Cllr D. Blackwell sent his apologies as he was unwell.

**E&OS/022/11 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None were received.

**E&OS/023/11 - PUBLIC FORUM – TO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF CANVEY ISLAND ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR A PERIOD OF NOT EXCEEDING TEN MINUTES**

No member of the public wished to speak on any item on the agenda, however, the Chairman allowed a discussion regarding the recent announcement of the proposed airport development on the Thames. Cllr Howard expressed his concern as this will have a detrimental effect on the residents of Canvey Island as the proposal is for an International hub airport larger than Heathrow. It was agreed that the Town Council must be consulted on this proposal and have the opportunity to oppose it.

Mrs Palmer advised that she moved away from Newham due to the vicinity of the London City Airport and did not wish to have the same issue on Canvey. She advised that the noise, pollution and smell generated from the airport was unbearable and moved to Canvey Island to get away from it.

Mr Bishop commented that the proposed LNG site will be the largest in the UK and it was unacceptable to propose to put an airport next to this site.

It was agreed that a recommendation be put to the next full Council meeting that this development be objected to and that the Council unanimously support the objection.

**E&OS/024/11 – TO CONFIRM AND SIGN AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

The minutes of the committee meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011 were **CONFIRMED** and signed as a true record.

**E&OS/025/11 - MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ONGOING PROJECTS AND NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Allotments – Cllr Harvey enquired as to the progress of the road planeings at the allotments and the Clerk advised that the agreed contractor no longer traded in this capacity. It was recommended that the Clerk contact Andy Hilsdon to investigate the possibility of using road planeings from the Sadlers Farm works which could be transported when the material is moved off site to Childerditch.

**E&OS/026/11 – TO CONSIDER AND AGREE A NOTICE TO QUIT FOR ALLOTMENT PLOT 55 AS THE TENANT NO LONGER LIVES WITHIN 1 MILE OF THE DISTRICT , PARISH OR COMMUNITY**

The Clerk advised members that the current tenant of Plot 55 had moved from the area and requested confirmation to send a notice to quit in order to give 1 months notice to vacate the plot.

Members **RESOLVED** that a notice to quit be sent to the tenant of Plot 55 to vacate the plot.

**E&OS/027/11 - FOUR YEAR PLAN - TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL PROJECTS**

Members noted the four year plan and were requested to consider new projects for future years.

Proposed projects to be agreed at the next meeting were:

- Consider fountains at Seafront area
- Tree's along Point road on the grass verges
- Develop parcel of land opposite the golf course

**E&OS/028/11 – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

Accounts **APPROVED** and cheques 201122 to 201142 inclusive were signed for A/c No 1 and 200180 for A/c No 2.

The Chairman agreed that AOB could be discussed at the request of Cllr Harvey with the intention that no decisions could be made.

Cllr Harvey advised members that there had been various periods of vandalism along Furtherwick Road outside the vets; however, there appeared to be no police presence at night to prevent this from happening. Cllr Anderson advised that Cllr Blackwell had arranged for the Chief Inspector of Police to be present at the next Overview and Scrutiny meeting to discuss the crime on Canvey Island and around the borough.

Cllr Harvey also advised that there appeared to be a continuous trend of parked cars along the grass verges of the rugby field during home matches which is not acceptable. The Clerk was asked to report this to Chelmsford in order for the traffic wardens to investigate this issue.

*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*

**E&OS/029/11 – TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FOR 2012/13**

Members reviewed the draft budget submitted by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman of the Environment & Open Spaces committee and agreed to submit the following changes from 2011/12 to the Policy & Finance committee:

- Bumblebee Park – budget of £3,000 moved to Seafront Gardens to enable costs to be incorporated under one heading
- Skateboard Park/Bungalow – reduced by £2,000
- Seafront Gardens – increased by £3,000 to incorporate Bumblebee Park
- Tidal Pool – decreased by £18,000 due to investigated expenditure (£10,000 moved to Canvey Lake, £6,500 to Allotment EMR and £1,500 to Allotment Costs)
- Allotment Costs – increased by £1,500 from Tidal Pool budget due to water charges not applied correctly in previous years and any additional charges.
- Canvey Lake – increased by 10,000 (from decrease of Tidal Pool budget)
- Allotments EMR – increased by £6,500 for preparation of additional allotment land (taken from Tidal Pool)

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.55 PM.

CHAIRMAN  
16<sup>th</sup> January 2011