

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE  
CANVEY ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN HALL 2, THE PADDOCKS, LONG ROAD AT 7.30PM  
ON MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009**

PRESENT: Councillor N. Harvey (Chairman)

Councillors: D. Anderson J. Anderson N. Pontius R. Bishop  
P. Davis B. Dixie P. Greig D. Blackwell  
R. Howard J. Liddiard (Vice Chairman)

Mrs E. De Can– Assistant to the Clerk

Also present 28 members of the public.

**1. 'A review of the Town Council's year, its achievements and its aspirations for the future'** – COUNCILLOR NICK HARVEY, CHAIRMAN, CANVEY ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL  
Cllr. Harvey welcomed those present and thanked the Town Council's guest, Chief Inspector Paul Eveleigh, Essex Police District Commander for Castle Point for attending. All Town Councillors on the top table were introduced to the meeting as Chairman for each committee. Cllr. Harvey outlined the Council's achievements in its second year which included the continuation of the tree planting scheme at Tewkes Creek and Canvey Lake, the erection of 10 new lamp posts and 4 new high street planters in the Town Centre. Cllr Harvey also confirmed that new hanging baskets will be erected onto the lamp posts by the end of May.

**2. A review of the activities of the Council's Committees:**

**Community Relations**

Cllr Liddiard introduced herself as the chairman of the Community Relations committee and outlined the committee's achievements which included a grant for a new bus shelter and the refurbishment of the shelter on the junction of Eastern Esplanade and Seaview Road, the proposed addition of 7 new Town Council notice boards to be erected around the Island and the success of the Christmas festivities. It was reported that following the successful first aid training provided by Thames Ambulance Service to Castle View School, the Town Council has received a further £5000 from Essex County Council to deliver first aid training to all year 7 pupils of Furtherwick Park and Cornelius Vermuyden schools.

**Environment and Open Spaces**

Cllr Anderson introduced himself as the chairman of the Environment and Open Spaces committee and outlined the committee's achievements which included the Town Council working in partnership with Castle Point Borough Council to improve Canvey Lake, he confirmed that the Town Council have signed a 100 year lease with Castle Point Borough Council to manage these improvements and that a first stage public consultation has been conducted. Cllr Anderson also expanded on the improvements to the Town Centre and advised the public that the Regeneration is due to be discussed and they should ensure their ideas are put forward, the Tewkes Creek and Canvey Lake tree planting scheme, the installation of a Teen Cafe, improvements to the seafront gardens, the addition of 7 new Town Council notice boards and requested that the public make use of these as they will be used to

better publicise the Town Council meetings. Cllr Anderson advised that the Town Council needs to work with various partnerships to reduce the costs to the Town Council.

### **Planning**

Cllr Dixie introduced himself as the chairman of the Planning committee and confirmed that the Town Council had responded to the Core Strategy consultation and had strongly disagreed with the proposals made.

### **Policy and Finance**

Cllr Davies introduced himself as the chairman of the Policy and Finance committee but was unable to provide an update due to working away in Ireland for the last few months.

### **3.OPEN FORUM – Questions will be invited from members of the public relating to the activities of Canvey Island Town Council**

Members of the public were invited to address questions to the relevant committee chairman.

### **4.‘Neighbourhood Policing, Community Policing and Neighbourhood Action Panels on Canvey Island’ - CHIEF INSPECTOR PAUL EVELEIGH, ESSEX POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER FOR CASTLE POINT**

CI Eveleigh summarised the Police priorities on crime reduction, he advised the meeting that Canvey Island was in need of more neighbourhood watch schemes and that a new messaging service had been set up for the public through Essex Police which can be accessed through their website and provides reports on local crime, there will be 6 new Police Officers for Canvey Island who will be in key positions on the Island at different times and will be canvassing the streets and identifying homes at risk of possible targets of crime and advising individual households on home security. A long discussion took place by all with regards to parking on the pavement and grass verges, Cllr Anderson suggested a plan similar to that introduced at Tilburg Road where part of the pavements are cut away to make parking spaces and replaced with grasscrete. CI Eveleigh advised that he would look into the parking issues at Dyke Road and have cars removed where necessary.

Members of the public were invited to address further questions to CI Eveleigh.

### **5. OPEN FORUM – Questions will be invited from members of the public relating to the parish of Canvey Island**

Members of the public were invited to address questions to the Chairman.

Cllr. Harvey thanked CI Eveleigh and the community for attending. He also thanked Cllr Blackwell for his contribution to the Town Council as the previous Chairman.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Chairman