

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE MEETING OF THE  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CANVEY ISLAND TOWN  
COUNCIL HELD AT THE PADDOCKS, LONG ROAD, CANVEY ISLAND ON  
MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2009 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: J. Liddiard (Chairman)  
D. Anderson N. Harvey N. Pontius

Non-committee members: J. Anderson R. Bishop

Also present: Borough Cllrs. L. Barratt, P. May, J. Payne and N. Watson  
Three members of the public  
Mrs J. Abel – Town Clerk

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. P. Davies who had a work commitment and R. Howard who had another commitment.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

**3. PUBLIC FORUM**

Borough Cllr. Watson urged the Town Council to appoint a representative to attend the CPBC Local Strategic Partnership Stronger Communities meetings.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2008**

**Item 11. Neighbourhood Forums – Partnership Working**

Members were disappointed that no real progress had been made in formalising a partnership with the two Canvey Island Neighbourhood Forums. The Clerk reported that some communication had taken place between the Town Council and CPBC but that no meetings had taken place to discuss future arrangements.

**AGREED** that Cllr. J. Anderson, who was currently chairman of the west Forum meeting, writes to CPBC and the chairman of the east Forum, in an effort to progress this.

**Item 12. Notice boards**

The Committee was advised that the installation of the noticeboards was being progressed and the possible locations were being investigated.

**5. CANVEY'S GOT TALENT**

The Committee **AGREED** that this could not be progressed until the Council had appointed an Events and Publicity Officer.

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**7. JUNIOR CITIZENSHIP TRAINING**

Councillors recalled that the Council had successfully applied for the sum of £5000 from the ECC South Essex Area Forum to assist with the funding of this project.

The Clerk advised that a meeting had been arranged with Thames Ambulance Service on 2<sup>nd</sup> April to discuss how the project could be delivered to children on the Island.

## **8. BUS SERVICE UPDATE**

Councillors noted a report on bus services relating to:

### **i) Buses along Eastern Esplanade**

Approximately five years ago the late bus service was terminated at Eastern Esplanade due to persistent anti social behaviour even though on some occasions a plain clothes police officer was on board. During November 2008 a driver at Eastern Esplanade was attacked with fireworks.

First Bus is not willing to reinstate this service due to these continuous incidents.

### **ii) Reinstatement of the bus service to Morrison's Supermarket.**

This service was terminated due to low passenger usage. Due to the existence of the cemetery, intention for a nature reserve and the expansion of Morrison's shopping facilities this service is required to be reinstated.

ECC will contact First Bus to establish whether any Section 106 money has been allocated for this service now that planning permission has been given to Morrison's for the expansion of its facilities.

### **iii) Bus No. 26 from Kings Park is always full due to the high usage by the Kings Park residents.**

This service runs every 30 minutes and the residents feel that due to the amount of usage this service attracts it should run every 15 minutes to enable the residents of Kings Park to be seated when travelling.

ECC have contacted First Bus and they have advised that they are not able to introduce a more frequent service. ECC confirmed that this is a problem bus operator's face across the County.

#### **AGREED to:**

- Contact CPBC planning department to establish the nature of any planning conditions attached to the Morrison's planning consent;
- send a representative to the next parish transport meeting to raise these issues with ECC.

## **9. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVE**

Councillors noted that the next meeting would take place at 2.30pm at the Freight House, Rochford on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009.

**AGREED** to appoint Cllr. N. Harvey as the Town Council's representative at future meetings.

## **10. APPOINTMENT OF LSP STRONGER COMMUNITIES REPRESENTATIVE**

**AGREED** to appoint Cllr. N. Pontius as the Town Council's representative at future meetings.

## **11. LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP EVENTS**

Councillors discussed the Town Council's attendance at future LSP events.

**RECOMMEND** that the Town Council attends future events and that a budget of £50 is raised in 2009/10 to meet any costs associated with attending the event.

#### **12. CASTLE POINT SHOW**

Councillors discussed the Town Council's attendance at the Show on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2009. The Clerk advised that the Council would need to give consideration to how the stand would be manned.

**RECOMMEND** that the Town Council attends the 2009 Castle Point Show at a cost of £20.50.

#### **13. MAYOR'S COMMUNITY AWARD**

Councillors noted correspondence from the CPBC Mayor asking for nominations for potential recipients of a community award.

**AGREED** that the Council nominates Peter May and Neville Watson for their outstanding contribution in their local community.

#### **14. BUS SHELTER – FURTHERWICK ROAD**

The Clerk advised that ECC had not been able to provide an update on the Council's application for funding as the officer responsible was currently unwell.

#### **15. FOUR YEAR PLAN**

Members noted the four year plan.

**AGREED** to consider the location of a further bus shelter at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

CHAIRMAN

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