

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE MEETING OF THE
CANVEY ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE PADDOCKS, LONG ROAD, CANVEY ISLAND ON
MONDAY 9th MARCH 2009 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT:

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

Also present: Borough Councillors Peter May, Janice Payne and Neville Watson, three members of the public, one member of the press

Mrs J. Abel – Town Clerk Mrs E. De Can- Assistant to the Clerk

143. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Council noted and accepted Cllr. Dave Blackwell's resignation as Chairman. Cllr. N. Harvey was nominated for the position of Chairman by Cllr. J. Liddiard. The nomination was seconded by Cllr. P. Greig. There were no other nominations therefore Cllr. N. Harvey was elected as Chairman.

The Council thanked Cllr. Blackwell for his contribution to the Council's operation since its formation in May 2007.

Cllr. N. Harvey signed a declaration of acceptance of office and took the chair.

144. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr. J. Liddiard was nominated for the position of Vice-Chairman by Cllr. R. Bishop. The nomination was seconded by Cllr. R. Howard. There were no other nominations therefore Cllr. Liddiard was elected as Vice-Chairman.

145. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. P. Davies who had a work commitment.

146. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

147. PUBLIC FORUM

Cllrs. N. Watson and P. May spoke strongly in favour of the Town Council working with Bob Spinks MP to organize an Armed Forces day in June 2009.

148. ARMED FORCES DAY

Discussion took place regarding the involvement of the Town Council in the event. There was strong support for the event and debate regarding the role of the Town council in the organisation of the event. Further discussion took place regarding resourcing the work required should the Council play a major role in organising the Armed Forces Day. It was noted that it may be necessary to establish the relevant legislation that would enable the Council to commit expenditure prior to a decision being made.

Cllr. Rod Bishop left the meeting at 8pm due to another commitment.

It was proposed that a small group of councillors formed a working group to discuss how to progress the event. The Clerk advised that Bob Spinks MP had requested a meeting on Thursday 12th March 2009 and that it might be appropriate for the working group to attend.

RESOLVED that:

- the Council works with Bob Spinks to organize an Armed Forces Day on 27th June 2009;
- the Council works in partnership with CPBC and ECC;
a working group is formed comprising of Cllrs. Anderson, Blackwell, Greig and Howard to establish the Council's role in the event and the costs;
- the working group reports the staff and financial implications of the event to a future Council meeting;
- the working group meets with Bob Spinks on 12th March 2009

149. COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Cllr. Anderson thanked the Clerk for providing the list of agreed Council projects.

The Council **RESOLVED** to defer this item until the committee's had met.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

CHAIRMAN

DATE