

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE MEETING OF THE
PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE CANVEY ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE PADDOCKS, LONG ROAD, CANVEY ISLAND ON
MONDAY 16TH MARCH 2009 AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT:

Councillors: B. Dixie (Chairman)
 D. Anderson R. Bishop (Vice-Chairman) P. Greig N. Pontius

Also present: Mrs J. Abel – Town Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public spoke about his concerns about the way in which the community questionnaire had been worded by the Borough Council. He spoke against the proposals for development in some areas of the Island.

4. PLANNING MATTERS

Castle Point Borough Council's Core Strategy

The Committee discussed the Strategy document.

It was **RESOLVED** that the following comment should form the Council's response:

- 'The priority of every council should be the safety of its residents. In recent months the localised flooding on Canvey indicates that the infrastructure is inadequate for its purpose. Castle Point Borough Council's own environmental sustainability and climate change policy:
1. Increases in the proportion of winter rainfall
 2. Increases in seasonal variation in river flows resulting in greater potential for river flooding.
 3. Rises in sea level and potential for increased coastal erosion.

With experts predicting that in the near future the amount of rainfall we receive now will increase and be more frequent. With Canvey being on a flood plain the number of houses being proposed to be built on green belt, we feel the safety of residents will be at risk. We find that the proposed talks with the Environmental Agency to take off the flood risk assessment alarming, considering the flooding in the last few months.

The proposal states that building on greenbelt is long term, yet Castle Point Borough Council states it would propose building on green belt in the next few years which we find unacceptable. Also the building of an old people's home, we have no evidence that any of the current homes in Castle Point would not be able to cope in the future and if there is a need why does it need to be built on green belt.

We also feel that the road access needed to be improved to enable emergency services to get on and off the Island in the event of a local emergency'.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

CHAIRMAN