

**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 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:**

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

Also present: Cllr P Davies  
Borough Cllr N Watson  
Mrs L. Lodge – Clerk  
Mr J Rickards – Events & Publicity Officer

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr N Harvey was not present due to holiday, Cllr N Pontius.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

**3. PUBLIC FORUM**

Borough Cllr N Watson advised that a number of residents had commented on their disappointment at the lack of progress with Canvey Lake. He presented the meeting Chairman with a report concerning working relationships between Borough/District Councils and Town Councils in other areas of the country.

The Chairman commented on display boards at Castle Point BC which highlight various partnerships, but do not include the Town Council and expressed his desire to see this omission rectified.

Cllr Howard advised that open spaces are no longer within his portfolio at CPBC but hoped that the Town Council could meet with the Borough to discuss this matter, at the earliest opportunity.

With the consent of the members, the meeting moved to item 8.

**8. CANVEY LAKE**

i) To consider a report from the sub-committee regarding the draft lease and management agreement.

Cllr J Anderson noted the previous discussion to examine the lease and agreement. The view of NALC legal services was that the terms were onerous on the Town Council. To progress the matter it would be necessary to be clear about the licences involved and liabilities arising from taking on responsibility.

**RESOLVED** that the sub-committee of Cllrs J Anderson, D Blackwell and B Dixie meet together with the Clerk and then arrange a meeting with Castle Point BC.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2009**

**Item 4. Seafront Gardens.** Noted that a formal agreement is required with Castle Point BC and this could be linked to the Bumblebee Gardens.

**Item 8. Commemorative plaque for former cllr Christine Andrews.** Planting to take place in November in consultation with Richard Andrews.

**Item 4. Skateboard Park/Bungalow.** The launch of the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase is planned for November and all the groups are working together.

#### 5. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- i) A report was provided by Cllrs Bishop & Liddiard on the ECC Scrutiny meeting held 18/9/09. They heard representations for and against the proposals noting that the reasons given for views including crime/disorder, environmental and health reasons. Noted that a recommendation would be made to the Cabinet on 16/10/09.
- ii) To receive and consider any proposals for the next Panel meeting (Rep: Cllr Bishop). The Committee thanked Cllr Bishop for his detailed reports. Issues were noted with Fairlop Avenue, Steli Avenue, Craven Avenue, Greenways and also a public consultation regarding yellow lines near Canvey Supply. Councillors and officers were reminded they should email Cllr Bishop directly with any issues that arise.
- iii) To receive a report from Cllr Bishop regarding the disabled parking bays  
Cllr Bishop advised that disabled parking bays will be put in near Barclays Bank in the current financial year, rather than in Lionel Road.

#### 6. TEWKES CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

- i) To receive a report from the Clerk, on a meeting to be held at the Environment Agency on 30/9/09 regarding the progress of the enhancements.  
Minutes of the meeting and a report were circulated at the meeting. The expectation of keeping salt water below the dyke was noted.  
**RESOLVED** that Cllrs Blackwell, D Anderson, J Anderson, R Bishop and the Clerk meet to consider the matter and progress the required legal agreement with Castle Point BC.

#### 7. ALLOTMENTS

- i) To receive and note a report from the site meeting held on 2 October. The meeting was advised of the site meeting attended by Cllrs J Anderson, D Anderson and the Clerk with Mr Harding of the allotment holders group. The problem concerning a fence and adjoining allotment was discussed and agreed that the committee should talk to the relevant allotment holder to try and reach an agreement with the neighbour; an 8 yard skip would be beneficial for one weekend to allow allotment holders to get rid of non-organic rubbish.  
**RESOLVED** that a meeting be arranged with the allotment holders to discuss future arrangements for the site together with a review of fees.

#### 9. HANGING BASKETS

- i) To receive a report from Cllrs D Anderson, Blackwell and Liddiard regarding planting requirements next year. The committee discussed planting options for 2010, watering options and bird deterrents.  
**RESOLVED** that:
  - The baskets should contain geraniums and ornamental ivy
  - Watering with a bowser be costed
  - Plastic spikes to be included in the baskets to deter birds
  - Request Stuart Kingston to remove, empty and replant the baskets
  - New baskets are ordered for the expected new street lamps

#### 10. TOWN CENTRE PLANTERS

- i) To receive a report from Cllr J Anderson on the proposed locations.  
**RESOLVED** that 6 new planters and soil be ordered for agreed locations on High Street between Furtherwick Road and Larup Avenue. Noting the need for a gap for the Christmas event.

Noted that all the planters would need planting/replanting in April 2010.

**11. FOUR YEAR PLAN**

- i) To receive and note the Committee's four year plan and to note the requirement for a detailed budget for 2010/11 to be approved at the meeting to be held on 30/11/09. The committee noted the preliminary expenditure for the first six months of the year and budget setting requirements for 2010/11.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

CHAIRMAN

16<sup>TH</sup> November 2009