

# **Cumbria Association of Local Councils**

## **Copeland District**

**Minutes of a three tier meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
Together with the annual meeting of the Copeland district  
of the Cumbria Association of Local Councils  
At the Methodist Hall Seascale**

**Chairman Keith Hitchen (Cumbria Association of Local Councils)**

**PRESENT: -**

David Faulkner (Bootle PC)	Brian Kennish (Muncaster PC)
Brian Goulding (Seascale P C)	Barbara Ramsden (Seascale)
Paul Turner (Gosforth PC)	Nick Ford (Cleator Moor TC)
Peter Manning (Beckermet with Thornhill PC)	Gwynneth Everett (Frizington PC)
Keith Woolly (Beckermet with Thornhill PC)	Eileen Eastwood (Seascale PC)
Wendy Skillicorn (Cumbria CC)	Julie Betteridge (Copeland BC)
Chris Shaw (CALC)	Wendy Johnson (Haile and   Wilton PC)

**1. Welcome and Apologies** Keith Hitchen chaired both meetings. There was an apology from Helen Gilmour at Cleator Moor Town Council for both meetings and from Cllr Frank Morgan and Gillian Elliott for the three tier meeting.

### **Annual Meeting of the Copeland district of Cumbria Association of Local Councils**

**2 Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting** – These were agreed as at true record. There were no matters arising. The chairman said that David Killick the clerk to the Wasdale Parish Meeting who was a regular attendee at all Calc meetings had died in the course of the year

### **3 Liaison Officer's report**

Mr Shaw presented his written report which had been circulated earlier and apologised for the miss-numbering. He said that the two issues where he could provide further information were on the agenda. Chris said that he had received an invitation to attend a regional stakeholder briefing from Highways England to be held in Manchester in November 2016. The purpose of the event was to update stakeholders on Highways England's achievements to date, future projects and opportunities to work together.

### **4. Election of Officers and other Representatives**

- a) Chairman a) Keith Hitchen (Drigg and Carleton PC)
- b) Deputy Chairman and second representative to the county executive  
Brian Kennish (Muncaster PC)

c) Executive Peter Manning (Beckermet with Thornhill PC)  
Ranald Stewart (Ponsonby PC) Doug Sim (St Bees PC)  
David Faulkner (Bootle PC) Eileen Eastwood (Seascale PC)

It was agreed to co-opt the mayor of Whitehaven town council to the executive  
There was no other business

## **Joint Meeting**

### **5. Public Health in Copeland**

#### **6 Modernisation of Cumbria Care Residential Homes in Copeland**

The chairman introduced Georgina Ternent who spoke to both items. Georgina said that she had been in post since the county council became responsible for public health in the county and her role was both to highlight the issues that faced residents in Copeland and in particular where statistics showed that the Copeland area was not performing well and to work to empower residents to improve their lifestyle and live healthier lives. She said that the statistics were at district level and at ward level they showed the disparity between different districts in the county but also between different wards within Copeland Presentation attached (**Note** Slide 12 is unreadable and an effort will be made to obtain an improved page) Georgina said that the last slides dealing with the care homes programme gave details of consultation events. She said that the present homes were not able to offer nursing facilities and a new care home would permit those in care to be looked after properly. Georgina gave details of the defibulator project and that presentation is also attached. Julie Betteridge said that so far as the Success Regime was concerned the district council had formed a task and finish group who would be looking for evidence and they would produce a draft submission to go to full council which would be shared with the parishes.

### **7. NU gen Moorside and North West Coastal Connections**

#### **NU Gen**

Chris Shaw said he had been provided with a statement from Fergus McMorrow dealing with the Nu gen project. It said:-

“Nu Gen completed the second stage of the consultation on the proposals for the Moorside Project on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

During an 11-week period over 3000 people visited 34 consultation events across Cumbria and detailed analysis has been taking place on the 1200 plus written responses that were received. The aim of this analysis work is to identify elements of the project’s proposed design that might be improved before the Development Consent Order application is submitted for decision next year

This review process will take a number of weeks to complete and will be followed by further dialogue with stakeholders, including local representatives, to discuss any revisions”

Chris then referred to Generic Design Assessment on Westinghouse’s AP1000 the reactors which Nu Gen propose to construct at Moorside. He said that the website <http://www.westinghousenuclear.com/uknuclear/Make-A-Comment> was the site which provided more information

The Chairman invited Peter Manning to speak about his visit to Hinckley Point. Peter said that the site in Somerset was much bigger than Moorside and the National Grid had transmission lines local to the site already. He said that EDF had been investing in the area since 2011 which was before they obtained a Development Consent Order. They had built a by-pass and widened roads and vehicle monitoring had been undertaken with controls on site linked to the county council. He said that money had been ring fenced for the community and 100 houses had been identified nearest to the site which EDF had offered to purchase should the owners wish to move. He said it was noticeable that speculative funding up front by EDF had been seen from the outset and generally compared the work undertaken and the way the company had kept the community involved as being far ahead of that seen in the NU Gen project

Georgina Ternent spoke about the Health Impact Assessment for Moorside. She said that consultants had been appointed and in November 2016 the team including local authority officers were to meet the locality groups in Copeland to look at the work that had been undertaken and engage the groups in the work to finalise a report.

### **North West Coast Connections**

Chris said that two distinct workshops were planned for October/November 2016 prior to and during the consultation which would start at the end of October 2016 and end in the first week of January 2017. The first set would be hosted by the National Grid and would take place for South Copeland parishes at Bootle station village hall on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and for North Copeland parishes in the Civic hall Whitehaven on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016. The second set had been organised by Calc in conjunction with PPA (Planning Performance Authorities) and would be facilitated by Whyte Young Green. These would take place at Westlakes on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 for the North Copeland parishes and on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 at Muncaster for the South Copeland parishes. Chris said that Calc along with the principal authorities were attempting to persuade National Grid to extend the consultation period.

### **8 Refugee Settlement Plan**

Julie Betteridge (CBC) said that the county council were leading on this initiative which would have gone ahead earlier had it not been for the floods in the county which had to take priority. The plan agreed by the districts was that each district would take three Syrian families with 5 /6 in the family over the next 12 months. There would be no unaccompanied children in Cumbria. The borough council were working with British Red Cross and other agencies to settle the families and were looking primarily at Education and Health issues.

### **9. Locality Working in Copeland**

Julie Betteridge said that there had been changes to the team at the Borough Council but the elected mayor was still committed to the concept of locality groups She said that with Sarah Moss-Luffrum leaving and not being replaced and Chris Pickles now working on an apprentice skills and work programme it meant that support could not be given to the same extent in the north. She said that Eric Barker was now working part time with Copeland and had been seconded part time to the Lake District National Park Authority. Sarah Mitchell and Diana Ward continued to liaise with the locality groups.

**10. Items for the next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at a venue to be arranged. It was suggested that the county council may wish to explain the work they were undertaking in Copeland on the area plan.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

JCS November 2016.