

At a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber - Allerdale House, Workington on Wednesday 19 September 2018 at 7.00 pm

Members

Councillor John Crouch (Chair)	Councillor Neil Schofield (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Tony Annison	Councillor Carole Armstrong
Councillor Mary Bainbridge	Councillor Peter Bales
Councillor Nicky Cockburn	Councillor John Colhoun
Councillor John Cook	Councillor Len Davies
Councillor Adrian Davis-Johnston	Councillor Joan Ellis
Councillor Janet Farebrother	Councillor Marion Fitzgerald
Councillor Mark Fryer	Councillor Konrad Hansen
Councillor Hilary Harrington	Councillor Michael Heaslip
Councillor Alan Hedworth	Councillor Vaughan Hodgson
Councillor Joe Holliday	Councillor William Jefferson
Councillor Mark Jenkinson	Councillor Frank Johnston
Councillor Angela Kendall	Councillor Peter Kendall
Councillor Jim Lister	Councillor Tony Lywood
Councillor Patricia Macdonald	Councillor Anthony Markley
Councillor Carni McCarron-Holmes	Councillor Billy Miskelly
Councillor Jim Osborn	Councillor Bill Pegram
Councillor Alan Pitcher	Councillor Martin Pugmire
Councillor Denis Robertson	Councillor Joe Sandwith
Councillor Alan Smith	Councillor Christine Smith
Councillor Stephen Stoddart	Councillor Celia Tibble
Councillor Philip Tibble	Councillor Lee Williamson
Councillor Janice Wood	Councillor Martin Wood

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Barbara Cannon, Councillor Joseph Cowell, Councillor Duncan Fairbairn, Councillor Bill Finlay, Councillor Malcolm Grainger, Councillor Louise Maguire, Councillor Jacqueline Mounsey, Councillor Ron Munby MBE, Councillor Eric Nicholson and Councillor David Wilson

Staff Present

B Carlin, I Frost, A Gilbert, N Hardy, C Holmes, K Kerrigan, P Knight, J Lord, C Nicholson, G Roach, A Seekings, S Sewell, E Thompson, G Wilson and P Young

173. Minutes

Councillor S Stoddart requested an amendment to the minutes to include a question he had asked Councillor M Heaslip under his Portfolio Holder report regarding access to Salterbeck Cemetery. This was seconded by D Robertson.

A vote was taken, 44 in favour, 0 against and 2 abstentions. The motion was carried.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 25 July 2018 were signed as a correct record subject to the agreed amendment.

174. Declaration of Interests

None declared.

175. Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no items on the agenda for which the press and public should be excluded.

176. Questions and Petitions

Councillor S Stoddart submitted the following question to Councillor A Smith –

‘Why are Allerdale Borough Council endorsing building a new police station 2 miles out of Workington?’

Councillor A Smith responded that any decisions relating to the relocation of the police station in Workington were a matter for the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any decisions made by this Council in relation to the disposal of land at Lillyhall, or indeed elsewhere, were made on a commercial basis and in accordance with the Council’s Disposals and Acquisitions Policy with the aim of supporting economic regeneration and generating income for the Council.

177. Notices of Motion

1. Councillor A Davis-Johnston moved the following:

‘Allerdale Borough Council resolves to follow the example of the UK Government, the Crown Prosecution Service, over 130 local authorities and over 30 other countries, by adopting in full, and without qualification or reservation, the International Holocaust Remembrance Association definition of antisemitism, as follows, and the eleven examples.

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.

Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanising, demonising, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective - such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.

- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it a behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterise Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.”

Councillor A Smith said it was a very important subject and he was happy to second the motion.

Councillor K Hansen said he fully endorsed the International Holocaust Remembrance Association’s definition of anti-Semitism, a position not based on his politics as much as on his own moral compass.

He said we live in a world where we have the opportunity to learn about and appreciate different cultures and religions however, we also live in a world where it is easier than ever for those who want to divide society to do so.

He continued to Council, lets ratify this today not only with our stance against antisemitism but also in everything we do as councillors. Let’s always have in mind the premise ‘treat others as you’d like to be treated’ when dealing with each other as politicians, when dealing with those who depend upon us to look after their communities.

Councillor A Davis-Johnston exercised his right of reply.

A vote was taken on the motion – the vote in favour was unanimous. The motion was carried.

2. Councillor T Lywood moved the following:

‘Allerdale Borough Council fully supports the public ownership of railway companies, including our own Northern which operates on the Cumbrian Coast rail line.’

Councillor J Osborn seconded the motion.

Councillor T Annison said it had been a huge complex problem for over 100 years. He said he would support a motion which put a dual track in Cumbria but could not support this motion for privatisation.

Councillor M Jenkinson said the problem was having a series of small monopolies but having one larger monopoly in his opinion was not the answer.

Councillor A Pitcher said nothing would change until a lot of money was put in to it which the country could not afford to do. He said tighter more realistic controls were required and commented that the Government should not be running the train industry.

Councillor A Smith said that the rail lines in Cumbria were much worse than those nationally, that West Cumbria was in danger of losing its line in bad weather, and that the County needed sorting out quickly.

Councillor J Osborn said there had been no proper investment in Northern for a long time and the trains were all old stock.

Councillor T Markley moved an amendment to the motion to read; 'Allerdale Borough Council fully supports better and improved ownership of railway companies, including our own Northern which operates on the Cumbrian Coast rail line.'

This was seconded by Councillor M Jenkinson.

Councillor T Lywood said that privatisation had been a failure, and the only way to get any improvement was through a proper integrated Government structure.

Councillor A Davis-Johnston said that trains required investment and you can't have one size fits all.

Councillor T Annison said the suggested amendment was in support of an improved rail line in Allerdale, in particular a dual line.

A vote was carried on Councillor T Markley's amendment to the motion, 15 in favour, 31 against and 0 abstentions. The motion was lost.

A vote was carried on the original motion, 32 in favour, 13 against and 1 abstention. The motion was carried.

178. Councillor Speeches

None received.

179. Announcements from the Mayor, Leader or Head of Paid Service

The Mayor made reference to the engagements he, and the Deputy Mayor, had undertaken since the last meeting.

180. Portfolio Holder Reports

Councillor A Smith, Leader of the Council presented his report.

Councillor M Fryer, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth presented his report and the report for Corporate Resources (Finance and Property) in Councillor Cannon's absence.

With regards to footway lighting, Councillor J Lister asked whether further detail could be provided on how the potential transfer to Town and Parish Councils was getting on and whether any Town or Parish Councils had volunteered yet. Councillor M Fryer agreed for a briefing to be sent to all members in due course.

Councillor J Ellis, Portfolio Holder for Governance and People Resources presented her report.

She informed members that the Polling District and Polling Places Review was due to start next week, all members would be receiving documents to complete and were encouraged to respond.

Councillor K Hansen, Portfolio Holder for Transformation presented his report.

Councillor M Heaslip, Portfolio Holder for Environmental Quality presented his report.

Councillor S Stoddart enquired again about access to Salterbeck Cemetery. Councillor Heaslip responded to say his answer was the same as in the previous meeting, that it was inappropriate for people to drive cars in cemeteries.

Councillor W Jefferson, Portfolio Holder for Tourism and Culture presented his report.

Councillor C McCarron-Holmes, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health and Wellbeing presented her report.

181. Executive Minutes

Members noted the minutes of the Executive meeting held on 11 July 2018.

Agreed

That the minutes of the Executive meeting held on 11 July 2018 be noted.

182. Reference from Executive 3 September 2018 - Local Plan (part 2) - Presubmission Draft

This report was considered at Executive on 3 September 2018. Members considered the report and the recommendations.

Council thanked the Policy team for all their work on the Plan.

Councillor A Smith moved the recommendations. This was seconded by Councillor M Fryer.

A vote was taken, 44 in favour, 0 against and 2 abstentions. The motion was carried.

Resolved – That –

1. The Presubmission draft of the Local Plan (part 2), including amendments to the affordable housing (3.1) and tourism (7.1), policies, as set out in appendix 1 of this report, be approved for publication
2. The Policies Maps, as set out in appendix 2 of this report, be approved for publication
3. Following the completion of a six week period for representations the Local Plan (part 2) be submitted to the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government for an Examination in Public.

Councillor T Markley left the meeting

183. Reference from Audit Committee 27 July 2018 - Treasury Management Operation Annual Report 2017/18

This report was considered at Audit Committee on 27 July 2018. Members considered the report and the recommendation.

Councillor M Fryer moved the recommendation. This was seconded by Councillor A Smith.

A vote was taken, 43 in favour, 0 against and 2 abstentions. The motion was carried.

Resolved

That the contents of the report be noted.

184. Waiver of Six Month Councillor Attendance Rule (section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972)

The Democratic and Support Services Manager submitted a report which sought members approval for an extension of non-attendance of Councillor D Fairbairn due to ill health.

Councillor J Ellis moved the motion which was seconded by Councillor A Smith. The motion was unanimously agreed.

Resolved

That the period of non-attendance for Councillor D Fairbairn be extended beyond the six months, in accordance with Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, on the grounds of ill health and extends the period until the end of his term of office, to expire on 6 may 2019.

185. Changes to Committee Memberships

The following nominations to committee places were received:

- Councillor J Cook to replace Councillor B Finlay on the Overview & Scrutiny Committee
- Councillor M Fitzgerald to replace Councillor J Cook on the Audit Committee
- Councillor M Fitzgerald to replace Councillor J Cook on the Chief Officers Employment Panel
- Councillor M Pugmire to replace Councillor J Cook on the Personnel Tribunal

Councillor J Ellis moved the changes to committee places as per the recommendations in the report and the nominations received.

Councillor A Davis-Johnston seconded the motion.

A vote was taken – 45 voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions. The motion was carried.

Resolved

That:

1. The distribution of seats across committees as set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report be approved, to accord with the rules on proportionality as far as is practicable
2. Councillor J Cook to replace Councillor B Finlay on the Overview & Scrutiny Committee
3. Councillor M Fitzgerald to replace Councillor J Cook on the Audit Committee
4. Councillor M Fitzgerald to replace Councillor J Cook on the Chief Officers Employment Panel
5. Councillor M Pugmire to replace Councillor J Cook on the Personnel Tribunal.

186. Update from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor J Farebrother, Co-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee presented an update report and moved the recommendation. This was seconded by Councillor A Pitcher.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.36 pm

