

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Tuesday, 15 May 2012.

PRESENT: Mr M J Harrison (Chairman) Mr A D Crowther (Vice-Chairman) Mr M J Angell (Substitute for Mr T Gates), Mr A H T Bowles, Mr R E Brookbank, Mr I S Chittenden, Mr H J Craske, Mrs V J Dagger, Mr J A Davies, Mr W A Hayton, Mr R J Lees, Mr S C Manion, Mr R F Manning, Mr J M Ozog and Mr J N Wedgbury

ALSO PRESENT: Mr M J Whiting

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S Bagshaw (Head of Admissions & Transport), Ms C Fenton (Learning Disability and Mental Health Officer), Ms D Divine (Policy Officer - Mental Health), Mr C Wade (Countryside Access Principal Case Officer), Mrs L Wilkins (Definitive Map Team Leader), Mrs S Thompson (Head of Planning Applications Group), Mr R Gregory (Principal Planning Officer - Enforcement) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

8. Membership

(Item 1)

The Committee noted the appointment of Mr I S Chittenden in place of Mr S J G Koowaree.

9. Minutes

(Item 4)

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 24 January 2012, the Mental Health Guardianship Panel meeting held on 17 January 2012 and of the Member Panel meetings held on 20 March 2012 (2) are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman;
- (b) subject to the amendment of Minute 35 (b) to read "been rejected in respect of the rest of the application site", the Minutes of the Member Panel meeting held on 16 April 2012 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

10. Mental Health Guardianship

(Item 5)

RESOLVED that the work of the Mental Health Guardianship Sub-Committee (formerly Panel) in ensuring the County Council's compliance with the Mental Health Act 1983 be noted.

11. Home to School Transport

(Item 6)

(1) Mr M J Whiting was present for this item pursuant to Committee Procedure Rule 2.21. He addressed the Committee in his role as Cabinet portfolio Holder for Education, Learning and Skills on the County Council's newly approved 16+ Travel Policy and explained that most 16+ transport appeals would now be considered by the School or College that the appellants attended.

(2) The Committee noted that Mr Geoff Rudd, the Assistant Democratic Services Manager would be retiring before the next meeting of the Committee. It expressed its appreciation for his many years of loyal service to the County Council and wished him well in the future.

(3) RESOLVED that the report be noted.

12. Update from the Definitive Map Team

(Item 7)

(1) The Senior Public Rights of Way Officer provided the annual update on the position in respect of applications to amend the definitive Map and Statement.

(2) RESOLVED that the report be noted.

13. Update from the Commons Registration Team

(Item 8)

(1) The PROW Team Manager provided a summary of the current position in respect of applications to register Town and Village greens. This included an update on the Newhaven Beach case.

(2) RESOLVED that the report be noted.

14. The National Planning Policy Framework (Oral presentation)

(Item 9)

(1) The Head of Planning Applications Group gave a presentation on the Localism Act 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework 2012 and their implications for the County Council's Enforcement function. She agreed to send a copy of the presentation slides to all Members of the Committee.

(2) RESOLVED that the report be noted.

15. Update on Planning Enforcement Issues

(Item 10)

(1) The Committee noted that its planned visit to Shaw Grange, Charing would be held on Friday, 13 July 2012.

(2) RESOLVED that the report be noted and that the actions taken or contemplated on the respective cases set out in paragraphs 5 to 29 of the report be endorsed together with those contained within Schedules/Appendices 1,2 and 3 of the report.