

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Wednesday, 5 September 2012.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S Bagshaw (Head of Fair Access), Mrs A Hayward (Manager for Primary Admissions & Transport), Miss M McNeir (Public Rights Of Way and Commons Registration Officer), Mrs S Thompson (Head of Planning Applications Group), Mr R Gregory (Principal Planning Officer - Enforcement) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

16. Chairman's Announcement

(Item 3)

The Chairman advised the Committee Members of an invitation from the Chairman of the Council for the Committee Members to have Lunch with him following its next meeting on 22 January 2013.

17. Minutes

(Item 4)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 22 January 2012 and of the Member Panels on 18 June 2012 and 17 July 2012 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

18. Dates of meetings in 2013

(Item 5)

The Committee noted the following meeting dates in 2013:-

Tuesday, 22 January 2013;
Tuesday, 18 June 2013; and
Tuesday, 3 September 2013.

19. Amendments to Regulation Committee Member Panel procedures

(Item 6)

(1) The Democratic Services Officer reported the views of Mr T Simms, a member of the public that elected Members of other Local Authorities apart from Kent County Council should be permitted to address the Member Panels by right.

(2) The Chairman moved that in addition to the recommended amendments to the procedures. Paragraph 3 of each of the Member Panel procedures be amended by the deletion of the last sentence and replacement by:-

“They may ask for a solicitor or other professional agent to speak on their behalf.”
Carried unanimously.

(3) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) agreement be given to the amendments to the procedures set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report; and
- (b) paragraph 3 of each of the Member Panel procedures be amended by the deletion of the last sentence and replacement by:-

“They may ask for a solicitor or other professional agent to speak on their behalf.”

20. Home to school Transport: to include a presentation on transport policy for 16 Plus Pupils, Free Schools, Denominational Schools and Grammar Schools

(Item 7)

(1) The Head of Fair Access updated the Committee on the Kent Freedom Pass and the Kent 16+ Travel Card.

(2) The Head of Fair Access was asked to consider arrangements for the Vacant Seat Payment Scheme in the light of Members’ concerns that a seat could be withdrawn without notice.

(3) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the report be noted; and
- (b) the Head of Fair Access be asked to consider arrangements for the Vacant Seat Payment Scheme in the light of Members’ concerns that a seat could be withdrawn without notice.

21. Update from the Commons Registration Team

(Item 8)

(1) The Schedule of Village Green Applications was tabled as Appendix A to the report.

(2) RESOLVED that the report be noted.

22. Republication of Common Land and Village Green Register Maps

(Item 9)

(1) In agreeing the recommendations of the Head of Regulatory Services, the Committee specified that once the fresh editions of the Register had been finalised

and published, the current Registers should be relocated to the new County Archives building or a similarly secure location.

(2) RESOLVED to:-

- (a) proceed with the proposal to publish fresh editions of the Registers of Common Land and Town or Village Greens; and
- (b) relocate the current Registers to the new County Archives building or to a similarly secure location once the new versions have been finalised and published.

23. Update on Planning Enforcement Issues

(Item 10)

(1) The Committee agreed to visit Shaw Grange, Charing as soon as practicable.

(2) The Head of Planning Applications Group tabled a letter from Lee Evans Consultants on behalf of LanceBox Ltd concerning their site at Manor Way Business Park, Swanscombe. This letter confirmed their intended adherence to the required 4 point compliance plan. Also tabled were photographs of various sites and a draft engineering plan for Woodger's Wharf.

(3) The Head of Planning Applications Group informed the Committee of the very recent receipt of a letter from Johnsons Recycling Ltd confirming that a revised scheme would be submitted by Monday, 10 September 2012.

(4) RESOLVED to endorse the actions taken or contemplated in the respective cases set out in paragraphs 5 to 27 of the report together within Schedules /Appendices 1, 2 and 3 of the report.