

Minutes of a meeting of the **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held on **Monday 23rd January 2009** in Telscombe Civic Centre at 3.30 pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: Mr R Maskell (**Chairman**)
Mr T Arbour, Mr T Banning
Mr J Livings, Mr B Page
Mr J Page

APOLOGIES

Councillors: Ms L Hallett, Mr P Howson (**Vice Chairman**)
Mr D Neighbour

The meeting was adjourned at 3.30 pm to take questions from members of the public.

A representative of Peacehaven Residents Against Urban Development (PROUD) advised the meeting that an individual volunteered to be legally aided to continue the process towards a judicial review of the proposed Peacehaven Wastewater Treatment Works. The latest legal advice PROUD had received indicated that the applicant had a good chance of success. The PROUD representative advised that if the initial stage was a success – presentation of case to a Judge. The cost of this application is likely to be £5,000 if the Judge agrees that the case can progress the applicant can be fully funded by legal aid. The representative expressed his gratitude for all the work that had been done to date to oppose the scheme. A speaker queried that if the judicial review was successful the water company might return with a revised application. The PROUD representative advised that if a serious gap was found in their application by a judicial review, they could not reapply to use the site return with an amended plan. A questioner also queried the possibility of a repeat application for the Portobello site particularly as it could lose its area of outstanding natural beauty status with the setting up of the South Downs National Park.

The meeting was re-convened at 3.34 pm.

284. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of prejudicial and personal interest.

285. **TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12th JANUARY 2009**

The minutes of the above meeting were approved by the Committee and signed as correct by the Chairman.

286. **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

287. **TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM PEACEHAVEN RESIDENTS OPPOSED TO URBAN DEVELOPMENT (PROUD) FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN RESPECT OF FURTHER LEGAL ADVICE TO CHALLENGE PLANNING DECISION FOR THE PROPOSED PEACEHAVEN WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS (Min 262 27.10.08)**

Cllr Livings made the following proposal in view of legal advice and so as not to jeopardise the proposed legally aided application for judicial review, the Town Council should have no formal involvement in the funding of the challenge. It was proposed by Cllr Livings, seconded by Cllr J Page and

RECOMMENDED that the Committee refuse any funding towards the challenge.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 3.41 pm.

Signed
CHAIRMAN - Cllr R Maskell

NB The next meeting of the Committee will be held on **Wednesday 4th March 2009 at 7.30 pm**