



Minutes

Name of meeting	GENERAL PURPOSES (APPEALS) SUB COMMITTEE
Date and time	MONDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2008 COMMENCING AT 11.00 AM
Venue	COMMITTEE ROOM ONE, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Lady Sarah Pigot (Chairman), Ivan Bulwer, John Hobart
Officers Present	Janet Barker, John Brocklehurst, Elaine Gutcher, Julie Martin, Amanda Page

24. Minutes

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [3 December 2008](#) be confirmed.

25. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations at this stage.

26. Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED:

THAT, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, namely Minute number 27, on the grounds that there was likely to be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

27. Reports of the Director of Children's Services

(a) **To Consider an Appeal Relating to School Transport**

The Chairman welcomed those present and introduced Members of the Committee. She confirmed that all members had read the papers and outlined the procedure that was to be followed.

The appellant was unable to attend the hearing and had submitted further written evidence which was circulated to all members and officers prior to the meeting.

Following representations from the Children's Services representative, members of the Sub Committee asked questions. All parties then withdrew, whilst the Sub Committee adjourned to consider the appeal.

The Sub Committee having considered all the reasons given by the appellant in her written submission, including the appellant's financial circumstances and the subsequent additional evidence decided that the appeal should be refused.

Because of non attendance the Sub Committee was only able to consider the evidence before them and could see no compelling evidence or reason to exercise their discretion to override the Isle of Wight Council's Transport Policy.

The measurement was taken from door to door and was outside of the six miles, which had not been disputed by the appellant.

It was also noted that the appellant had exercised her parental choice for her child not to attend the priority school.

RESOLVED :

THAT the appeal be refused.

(b) To Consider an Appeal Relating to School Transport

The Chairman welcomed those present and introduced Members of the Committee. She confirmed that all members had read the papers and outlined the procedure that was to be followed.

The appellant was unable to attend the hearing and had agreed that it should take place in his absence.

Following representations from the Children's Services representative, members of the Sub Committee asked questions. All parties then withdrew, whilst the Sub Committee adjourned to consider the appeal.

Members believed further information was needed and asked that the appellant be asked for their availability to accompany the child to school. The Children's Services representative was to be asked to request that a competent Road Safety Officer look at the route to determine if there was a road safety issue.

RESOLVED :

THAT the hearing be adjourned to 26 January 2009 for further information from both the appellant and the Isle of Wight Council Road Safety Officer.

CHAIRMAN