



Minutes

Name of meeting	GENERAL PURPOSES (APPEALS) SUB COMMITTEE
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2008 COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM
Venue	COMMITTEE ROOM TWO, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Lady Sarah Pigot (Chairman), Jonathan Fitzgerald-Bond, John Hobart
Officers Present	Elaine Gutcher, Julie Martin, Amanda Page

Due to unforeseen circumstances Cllr Susan Scoccia was unable to attend the meeting and was replaced by Cllr John Hobart. He had read all the relevant paperwork prior to the meeting.

28. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations at this stage.

29. 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.

30. Reports of the Director of Children's Services

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.

Consideration was given to appeals relating to school transport

(a) Hearing 1

The appellant did not attend the hearing.

Following representations from the Children's Services representative, members of the Sub Committee asked questions. Children's Services 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 fact of one of her son's condition, decided that the appeals should be refused.

Due to the 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.

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

RESOLVED :

THAT both appeals be refused.

(b) Hearing 2

The appellant did not attend the hearing.

Following representations from the Children's Services representative, members of the Sub Committee asked questions. Children's Services 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, decided that the appeal should be refused.

Due to the 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.

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.

(c) Hearing 3

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

Following representations from the Children's Services representative, members of the Sub Committee asked questions. Children's Services 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, decided that the appeal should be refused.

Due to the 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.

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.

(d) Hearing 4

The appellant had asked for an alternative date, as she had been unable to attend.

(e) Hearing 5

The appellant did not attend the hearing.

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

The Sub Committee having considered all the reasons given by the appellant in his written submission, decided that the appeal should be refused.

Due to the 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.

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

RESOLVED :

THAT the appeal be refused.

CHAIRMAN