



Minutes

Name of meeting	GENERAL PURPOSES (APPEALS) SUB COMMITTEE
Date and time	FRIDAY, 31 JULY 2009 COMMENCING AT 9.30 AM
Venue	COMMITTEE ROOM ONE, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllr Susan Scoccia (Chairman), Ivan Bulwer, David Williams
Officers Present	Julie Martin, Amanda Page

16. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations at this stage.

17. 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 18, on the grounds that there is 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.

18. Confidential 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 20 (09/10)**

Following representations from the Children's Services representative, the appellant and members of the Sub Committee asked questions.

The appellant and then outlined her case highlighting several points from the documentation previously submitted. The Children's Services

representative and members of the Sub Committee asked questions of the appellant. Questions arose with regard to the risk assessment of the route that had been undertaken.

RESOLVED :

THAT the hearing be adjourned to enable the Council's Road safety Engineer to attend.

(b) Hearing 07 (09/10)

(During the debate Councillor Ivan Bulwer declared a personal interest as he had previously worked at the same company as the appellant).

Following representations from the Children's Services representative, the appellant and members of the Sub Committee asked questions.

The appellant and then outlined her case highlighting several points from the documentation previously submitted. The Children's Services representative and members of the Sub Committee asked questions of the appellant.

All parties 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 and oral submissions, including the appellant's financial circumstances and comments with regard her children walking to school, decided that the appeal should be refused.

The Sub Committee 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 a risk assessment of the route had been undertaken by a road safety engineer from the Council's Traffic Management Section and was deemed to be a safe walking route.

RESOLVED :

THAT the appeal be refused

(c) Hearing 19 (09/10)

Following representations from the Children's Services representative, the appellant and members of the Sub Committee asked questions.

The appellant and then outlined her case highlighting several points from the documentation previously submitted. The Children's Services representative and members of the Sub Committee asked questions of the appellant.

All parties 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 and oral submissions, including the appellant's comments with regard to her child walking to school, decided that the appeal should be refused.

The Sub Committee 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 a risk assessment of the route had been undertaken by a road safety engineer from the Council's Traffic Management Section and was deemed to be a safe walking route.

RESOLVED :

THAT the appeal be refused.

CHAIRMAN