



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
Date and time	<b>WEDNESDAY, 15 JANUARY 2014 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs Ian Ward (Chairman), Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle
Apologies	Cllrs Richard Hollis, Dave Stewart

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42. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [20 November 2013](#) be confirmed, subject to Cllr Whitehouse's declaration, Minute 35, being amended to read 'Consumers Health for Choice' not 'Consumers and Health Services'.

43. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Councillor Chris Whitehouse declared an interest in Minute 54 (ii) as he was the Director of Strategy for Consumers Health for Choice that campaign on behalf of complementary and alternative medicine.

Councillor Bob Seely declared an interest in Minute 44, relating to the proposed Community Interest Company, as his cousin had a connection with it, but he himself did not.

Councillor Graham Perks declared a pecuniary interest in Minute 51, as he was a licensee. He was not present during the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Julie Jones-Evans declared a non pecuniary interest in Minute 54 (ii), as she has an involvement in the complimentary medicine field. She was not present during the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Bob Blezzard declared an interest in Minute 54 (ii), as his partner was employed by the health service.

Councillor Richard Priest declared a pecuniary interest in Minute 54, as he was a licensee. He was not present during the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Jon Gilbey declared a pecuniary interest in Minute 54, as he was a licensee. He was not present during the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Alan Hollands declared a pecuniary interest in Minute 54, as he was a taxi licence holder. He was not present during the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Conrad Gauntlett declared a pecuniary interest in Minute 54, as he was a vineyard owner. He was not present during the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Wayne Whittle declared a pecuniary interest in Minute 54, as he was as he was a licensee and an interest as Vice Chair of Ryde Business Association, which represented tourism and retail and he operated a tourism related business. He was not present during the discussion and voting thereon.

44. **Public Question Time** ([Recording 1](#) and [2](#))

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Mr Brian Friend of Freshwater	Asked a question in relation to the reduction in the grant to West Wight Sports Centre Trust by £25,000.	The Deputy Leader provided a written response which was available on the following link ( <a href="#">PQ 02/14</a> )
	A supplementary - was it possible to get the front of the building back to the Trust?	The Cabinet Member indicated it would be discussed at a scheduled meeting on Thursday and she would report back.
Mr Sean Millward of Sandown	Asked what meetings, discussions and correspondence the Council may have had with the individuals behind the proposed Community Interest Company.	The Deputy Leader provided a written response which was available on the following link ( <a href="#">PQ 03/14</a> )

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
	A supplementary - could the costs approved by the Council be confirmed?	The Deputy Leader advised that no resources had been allocated.
Jackie Hawkins of Newport	Had the Council had any discussions or views on fracking?	The Cabinet Member advised no applications or expressions of interest had been received. If an approach was made it would be considered in the normal way.
	A supplementary – Would the Council consider declaring the Island a frack free zone?	The Cabinet Member would need to check policies and would provide a written response.
Mark Chiverton of Ryde	What further efforts would the council be making over the next few weeks to take up the issue of the potentially disastrous effect that £28m of cuts in terms of services and jobs	The Deputy Leader indicated that the group leaders had attended a meeting with the minister today; shared your concerns and gave an assurance of the council's best efforts to ensure that government was made fully aware of the impact of cuts on the Island. He indicated that would be attending a meeting of IWALC the following day and held regular meetings with town and parish councils.
	A supplementary – what further efforts would be made to get dialogue with town and parish councils and schools to take up any services that may need to be passed away from the council, particularly road crossing patrols.	The Cabinet Member advised the issue was currently within the discussion document, which was presently being discussed. Work was also being undertaken with the Schools Forum.

45. [Chairman's Report](#)

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

46. [Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report](#)

Maggie Blyth, independent chair of the Children's Safeguarding Board presented the annual report.

At the conclusion of the debate a named vote was taken to note the report, the result of which was as follows:

For (33)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

RESOLVED :

THAT the report be noted.

47. [Approval of the Children and Young People's People Plan 2014 - 2017](#)

Members were advised that the plan set out how the Council expected to move forward within the next three years and recommended that council approve the Plan.

At the conclusion of the debate a named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (33)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

RESOLVED :

THAT the Children and Young People's People Plan 2014 - 2017 be approved.

48. [Interim report of the Independent Remuneration Panel report on members' allowances scheme on 2013/14 allowances](#)

The Chairman of the Independent Remuneration Panel, Mr Max Morrison, presented the report. Consideration was given to the recommendations made by the Independent Remuneration Panel with regard to the Members' Allowance Scheme.

At the conclusion of the debate a named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (31)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle

Against (1)

Councillor Paul Fuller

Abstention (1)

Councillor Chris Whitehouse

RESOLVED :

- (i) THAT given the continued economic situation that again there should be no general increase in the allowances paid to members for the year 2013/14.
- (ii) THAT the Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) as agreed by the Council at its June 2013 meeting (and as set out in Appendix A to the report) be approved.
- (iii) THAT the Panel was disappointed to see that these have been set without reference to the previous arrangement whereby SRA's were multiples of the basic allowance. This aided the understanding of the relevant responsibility that each post carried. The Panel will be recommending a move back to this arrangement in its eleventh report on the 2014/15 allowances that is due to be considered at the March annual council meeting.
- (iv) THAT members of the Independent Education Appeals Panels be entitled to claim a mileage rate and subsistence (when attending any meetings of the appeals panels) at a rate equivalent to that payable to other members when they attend off island meetings. This would be

funded from the collective schools budget and therefore did not impact on the general budget available for elected members.

- (v) THAT there be no change to the process for the distribution of the on island travel lump sum, currently based on the distribution of a lump sum divided between the members on the basis of a formula reflecting distance of county hall from their homes and office they hold.

49. **Root and Branch Review – progress report**

An overall progress report on the Root and branch Review process was given. It was noted that it should be read in conjunction with the Medium-Term Budget Strategy and Provisional Local Government Finance settlement 2014/15 and that the report recommended that the appendices feature as part of the consideration of the Council's Budget Strategy.

At the conclusion of the debate a named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (23)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Bob Blezzard, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle

Abstention (10)

Councillors Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, David Eccles, Conrad Gauntlett, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Nicholson, Bob Seely, Chris Whitehouse

RESOLVED :

THAT Council agree the recommendations set out in each Appendix made as part of their consideration of the Council's Budget Strategy.

50. **Medium-Term Budget Strategy and Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2014/15**

Cllr Gilbey presented a report on the Medium-Term Budget Strategy and Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2014/15 that included recommendations from the Cabinet. An amendment to recommendation (d) was proposed as follows :

THAT consideration of the senior management structure set out in Annexe 1 of Appendix F be deferred to allow further urgent consideration of this proposal and alternatives to take place.

Councillor Gilbey advised that he accepted the amendment to the proposal.

All the political groups recognised the need for savings and two of the groups indicated they would not be putting forward alternative budgets although they would be working on some alternative elements.

At the conclusion of the debate a named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (27)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Bob Blezzard, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle

Abstentions (9)

Councillors Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, David Eccles, Conrad Gauntlett, John Hobart, Julie Jones-Evans, John Nicholson, Bob Seely, Chris Whitehouse

RESOLVED :

THAT Council considers the overall financial position of the Council and the recommendations of the Cabinet and agrees:

- (a) THAT the Vision and Priorities set out in Appendix A (attached to and forming part of these minutes) be used as the basis on which the detailed Corporate Plan is developed.
- (b) THAT the overall approach and budget strategy as set out in the report (attached to and forming part of these minutes) be the basis for developing the Budget Strategy for 2014/15 – 2016/17.
- (c) THAT the possible savings options set out in Appendix F (attached to and forming part of these minutes) be further developed for consideration by Full Council on 26 February 2014.
- (d) THAT consideration of the senior management structure set out in Annexe 1 of Appendix F (attached to and forming part of these minutes) be deferred to allow further urgent consideration of this proposal and alternatives to take place

51. [To approve the draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2014 – 2019](#)

(Councillors Conrad Gauntlett, Jon Gilbey, Alan Hollands, Graham Perks, Richard Priest, and Wayne Whittle declared a pecuniary interest for the following item and left the room).

Under section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003, a local authority was required to determine its policy with respect to the exercise of its licensing functions every five years. A consultation was undertaken and the Council's Licensing Committee considered the draft policy at its meeting in November 2013 and recommended the statement be submitted to Council for adoption.

At the conclusion of the debate a named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (31)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse

RESOLVED :

THAT the Statement of Licensing Policy 2014 - 2019 be approved.

(Councillors Conrad Gauntlett, Jon Gilbey, Alan Hollands, Graham Perks, Richard Priest, and Wayne Whittle returned to the room).

52. **To approve the appointment of a Designated Independent Person**

Members were advised that the Council were required to appoint Designated Independent Persons (DIPs) to assist in the handling of complaints against councillors.

Following advertisement and an interview Council were asked to appoint Mrs Suzanne Smith as another DIP for a period of one year.

Under the Act the appointments could only be made by the full.

At the conclusion of the debate a named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (37)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely,

Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

**RESOLVED :**

THAT Suzanne Smith be appointed as the third designated independent person for a period of one year.

**53. Reports of the Cabinet Members**

(i) **The Leader**

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

A short oral update was given on the visit by a cross party group of councillors to the minister.

(ii) **The Deputy Leader**

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Deputy Leader as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Whittle	Do you have a realistic cost implication and liability to individual parishes, would it be possible for a breakdown of local contract costs from each service?	The Deputy Leader indicated it was a difficult exercise which officers were currently working on.
Cllr Seely	When you had worked out the costs, would you offer that money to Town or Parish Councils?	The Deputy Leader indicated he thought that the councillor had been in enough budget meetings in the last few months to have not brought that question forward. The Isle of Wight Council would not be bringing forward sums of money to ask others to provide those services.

(iii) **Cabinet Member for Tourism and Economy**

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

(iv) **Cabinet Member for Resources**

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Whitehouse	What lessons learnt from flooding incidents	The Cabinet Member advised that Island Roads would review the responses during the period.
Cllr Nicholson	What was the council policy on the use of SMA's?	The Cabinet Member had a written response for Cllr Nicholson.
	What was the council policy on tracking works carried out and accepted and works not accepted by Island Roads?	The Cabinet Member had a written response for Cllr Nicholson.
Cllr Jones-Evans	Business rates were slightly below target had the new figure been factored in.	The Cabinet Member would provide a written response.
	Asked for the figures on how many blue badge holders used council car parks and how many parked on-street?	The Cabinet Member advised he had arranged a member information seminar on 29 January in relation to car parking, to which all members were invited..
Cllr Richards	Would the council approach the Environment Agency asking if they would clear out and dredge the main rivers and some of the major tributaries on the Island?	The Cabinet Member advised he would support the idea but agencies had to accept that the responsibility was theirs.
Cllr Whitby-Smith	Asked about looking at the need to replace drainage.	
Cllr Barry	Asked if all members could get a copy of the written responses.	The Cabinet Member advised they could.

(v) **Cabinet Member for Sustainability**

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

(vi) **Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

(vii) **Cabinet Member for Children's Services**

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Whitehouse	Risks to increasing the overcapacity in the 14 - 19 year old band.	The Cabinet Member indicated surplus school places were a shared concern for which more work was being done.
Cllr Stubbings	Asked that all the successful graduates in the social work degree course be complimented.	The Cabinet Member agreed they would be.
Cllr Jones-Evans	Would a representative from the Youth Council be bringing a report to council at some point?	The Cabinet Member advised he would ask them.
	A supplementary – did the Youth Council have enough support to do their job?	The Cabinet Member indicated they were well supported.
Cllr Lumley	Asked a question about the joint statement in the isle of Wight County Press.	The Cabinet Member indicated that what was important was shared with colleagues across the chamber.

(viii) **Cabinet Member for Planning and Regulatory**

The Cabinet Member advised that the inspector had dismissed the appeal for a wind turbine in Bettyhaunt Lane.

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Jones-Evans	Would area action plans be revisited?	The Cabinet Member indicated he was trying to ensure something came forward sooner rather than later.
Cllr Whitby-Smith	Asked if consideration could be given to a moratorium on development in an area if it would cause flooding?	The Cabinet Member was not sure the council could go that far.
Cllr Blezzard	Asked about the designated Public Place Order for the Bay area.	The Cabinet Member advised it was currently under formal consultation.
Cllr Baker-Smith	Asked if consideration could be given to a policy asking that developers increase tree planting on new developments?	The Cabinet Member advised it could be looked into.
Cllr Fuller	Asked if sites for land based wind turbines were still sustainable.	The Cabinet Member indicated he had not as yet read the report in full.
Cllr Price	Could assistance and guidance be given on new developments with regard to major drainage works?	The Cabinet Member indicated that if conditions were not accorded with it should be raised with an enforcement officer.
Cllr Jones-Evans	Street trading consultation, when would it be in place?	The Cabinet Member believed it would go to the Licensing Committee in February, then be open to consultation, with a final report to the Licensing Committee in April or June 2014.

(ix) [Cabinet Member for Health, Community and Adult Wellbeing](#)

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

(x) **Cabinet Member for Public Protection**

The Cabinet Member reported that the consultant's report on the seawall slide at Totland had been finalised. He believed that a petition of over 2,500 signatures had been raised.

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Whitehouse	Asked if the consultant's report could be circulated	The Cabinet Member said no and advised that it was currently being assessed and was not a public document at this stage.
	A supplementary - How did that accord with Freedom of Information?	The Cabinet Member indicated he had not as yet seen the report but expected to see it within the next few weeks, following which it may well be made public.
Cllr Bloomfield	Asked a question about the high incidences number of underage pregnancies on the island?	The Cabinet Member indicated he would take advice from Public Health and provide a written response.

54. **Motions submitted under Procedure Rule 10 of the Council's Constitution**

By Councillor John Nicholson

- (i) [That the Isle of Wight Council open dialogue, at an appropriate level, with our local police force to discover what effect the proposed police service funding cuts will have on the operation and resourcing of policing on the Isle of Wight. Also, to explore what help and contingency we, as a Council, might be able to instigate or assists with, in order to ensure effective policing of our community is best maintained, as well as to assist in addressing our mutual financial pressures.](#)

At the conclusion of the debate a named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (24)

Councillors Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, John Hobart, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Geoff Lumley, John Nicholson, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Bob Seely, Ian Stephens, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Abstention (13)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Charles Chapman, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Steve Stubbings

RESOLVED :

THAT the Isle of Wight Council open dialogue, at an appropriate level, with our local police force to discover what effect the proposed police service funding cuts will have on the operation and resourcing of policing on the Isle of Wight. Also, to explore what help and contingency we, as a Council, might be able to instigate or assists with, in order to ensure effective policing of our community is best maintained, as well as to assist in addressing our mutual financial pressures.

(Councillor Julie Jones-Evans declared an interest for the following item and left the room).

- (ii) [That the Isle of Wight Council recognise and encourage meaningful and inclusive representation, at an appropriate level, of the Isle of Wight Complementary and Alternative Medicine services in its health and wellbeing considerations.](#)

An amendment to the motion was proposed as follows:

That the Isle of Wight Council recognise and encourage meaningful engagement of Complementary and Alternative Medicine services by deferring a decision to the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider electing a suitable representative of CAM services to the Health and Wellbeing Board should the Board consider it appropriate and necessary.

Councillor Nicholson advised that he accepted the amendment to his motion.

The motion was seconded. At the conclusion of the debate a named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (32)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, Stuart Hutchinson, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Abstention (4)

Councillors John Howe, Daryll Pitcher, Colin Richards, Steve Stubbings

RESOLVED :

THAT the Isle of Wight Council recognise and encourage meaningful engagement of Complementary and Alternative Medicine services by deferring a decision to the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider electing a suitable representative of CAM services to the Health and Wellbeing Board should the Board consider it appropriate and necessary.

CHAIRMAN