



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Lora Peacey-Wilcox (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Debbie André, Adrian Axford, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, George Cameron, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Kilpatrick, Michael Lilley, John Medland, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle
Apologies	Cllrs Geoff Brodie, John Howe, Karl Love, Bob Seely

33. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meetings held on [20 September 2017](#) and [18 October 2017](#) be confirmed.

34. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Councillor Tig Outlaw declared an interest in Minute 30 (vii) as he had a child in the 6th form at Sandown Bay Academy.

35. [Public Question Time](#)

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Mr Adrian Whittaker of Shanklin	Extending the ban on dogs on beaches to the end of October each year.	The Cabinet Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (<u>PQ 21/17</u>)
	A supplementary question regarding access to beaches	The Cabinet Member would provide a written response.

Name	Subject	Comment
Joanna King of Seaview	The lease relating to the Hersey Nature Reserve.	The Cabinet Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (PQ 22/17)
Dr Martin Blackmore of Ryde	Consultation with Natural England re the Hersey Nature Reserve.	The Cabinet Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (PQ 23/17)
Cameron Palin of East Cowes	Asked a question relating to Ryde Arena.	The Cabinet Member would provide a written response.

36. **Chairman's Official Announcements**

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information. She advised members that a leaflet had been placed before members with a list of items that were urgently needed by the foodbank.

A brochure from WightFibre was available to any member who wanted a copy.

The Chairman invited Tom Jackson, Vice Chairman of the Youth Council to update members on their activities.

37. **Changes to the Terms of Reference - Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) and Fire Pension Boards**

Members gave consideration to the revised terms of reference for the Isle of Wight Pension Fund Committee, the Isle of Wight Local Pension Board and the Isle of Wight Firefighters' Pension Board. The revised terms of reference had been considered and agreed by each committee.

Following the adoption of the terms of reference changes would need to be made to Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the council's constitution.

RESOLVED :

- (i) THAT Full Council adopts the revised terms of reference for each of:
- Isle of Wight Pension Fund Committee
 - Isle of Wight Local Pension Board
 - Isle of Wight Firefighters' Pension Board
- (ii) THAT the council's constitution be updated to include the revised terms of reference.

38. Motions previously submitted and now considered by Cabinet

The following motion stood adjourned without discussion at the meeting of Full Council on Wednesday, 20 September 2017, Cabinet would consider it at its meeting on 9 November 2017 and consider whether it desired to report thereon back to the Full Council.

[By Councillor Rodney Downer](#)

(During the debate Councillor Paul Fuller declared an interest as he was the vice chairman of the Local Access Forum).

To further support the Rights of Way network, Full Council requests that Cabinet reconsider the budget allocation being made to maintain and support Rights of Way and considers proposing an increase in financial support to enable the network to be at a standard necessary to provide the benefits to the local economy through tourists, and the health benefits to residents.

RESOLVED :

THAT the motion be considered as part of the 2018 - 2019 budget allocation process by Cabinet in due course.

39. Motions submitted under Procedure Rule 9 of the Council's Constitution

(i) [By Councillor Julia Baker-Smith](#)

This Council acknowledges that between May 2017 and October 2017 it has been necessary to call two extraordinary meetings of the full council and that as such the reduction in regular full council meetings has resulted in unnecessary administration and inconvenience to the public, officers and members.

To ensure good planning and attendance at meetings this council resolves to reinstate the cycle of 10 full council meetings a year.

The Leader moved Procedural Rule 13 (11.1) (iii) - to proceed to the next business - after the vote it was

RESOLVED :

THAT council move to the next item of business.

(ii) [By Councillor Geoff Brodie](#)

Councillor Brodie deferred his motion to the next ordinary meeting of council.

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(iv) [By Councillor John Medland](#)

The Isle of Wight has a relatively high quality of night sky with low levels of light pollution which makes it potentially eligible for Dark Sky Status, an international accreditation awarded by the International Dark Sky Association. Dark Sky status has currently been granted to only 64 areas around the world.

The Isle of Wight Dark Skies Initiative is working to obtain this accreditation for the Isle of Wight. The accreditation does not rely on removing lighting but on encouraging better use of lighting. Accreditation would have many benefits in terms of preserving the environment with benefits for wildlife. There will be an economic gain from the recognition of the Island as a world class destination for amateur astronomers. This will boost tourism, particularly 'out of season' when the night sky is best for such activity.

To obtain Dark Sky Status an area requires a form of local lighting code. This can take the form of Supplementary Planning Guidance as used in other areas in the UK which have already obtained accreditation. Without such Guidance the quality of the Island's night sky is at risk and the possibility of obtaining the accreditation may be lost.

Accordingly this Council recommends to Cabinet that such a Guidance document is brought into effect as soon as possible to help the Island to secure Dark Sky status and the benefits set out above.

An amendment to the motion was moved and seconded as follows:

To add the word 'practically' before the word possible.

The amendment was accepted.

RESOLVED :

THAT Council recommends to Cabinet that a Supplementary Planning Guidance document be brought into effect as soon as practically possible to help the Island to secure Dark Sky status and the benefits set out in the motion.

(v) [By Councillor Debbie André](#)

Councillor Debbie André withdrew her motion.

(vi) [By Councillor Michael Lilley](#)

Council notes that Members are corporate parents and have a statutory responsibility for the safety and protection of children.

Council believes that the safety of children and young people is the core of corporate parenting and all services regarding children and

young people. An essential part of safeguarding is that IW Council staff working or in contact with children, young people, families and vulnerable adults are eligible for and undertake enhanced clearance/checks through DBS. The Council's current policy requires those councillors who make decisions in relation to children and vulnerable adults (the Cabinet) and the adoption/fostering panel representative to undertake enhanced checks. Island residents need to know their elected representatives have gone through a process of suitable check and meet safeguarding standards due to their corporate parenting role.

Council resolves that all Members must undertake a basic DBS check and that all Members in decision making roles on Committees/Panels which involve children and young people must undertake enhanced checks.

The motion was seconded and following debate the motion was put to the vote and was lost.

(vii) [By Councillor Ian Stephens](#)

"Recent issues in Island Education have once again exposed concerns with sixth form provision on the Isle of Wight.

As highlighted during the Consultation process that took place in 2015, a key element to ensuring good sixth form provision is having sufficient numbers to justify a good resources base, particularly in terms of staffing. This enables students to be able to choose from a full range of subjects to study that will enable them to follow their chosen career paths and to have the greatest chance of gaining good results.

Advances in other areas of education have not been reflected in the results obtained by sixth form providers and it is plain steps need to be taken to improve the quality of sixth form provision on the Isle of Wight. A key step is to ensure that sixth form providers reduce in number so that those that do exist can be of a sufficient size to provide students with the resources and education they need.

Council therefore requests Cabinet to take, support and promote all practical and possible steps to achieve this end."

An amendment to the motion was moved and seconded as follows:

To add the word 'continue' after the word Cabinet.

The amendment was accepted.

RESOLVED :

Advances in other areas of education have not been reflected in the results obtained by sixth form providers and it is plain steps need to be taken to improve the quality of sixth form provision

on the Isle of Wight. A key step is to ensure that sixth form providers reduce in number so that those that do exist can be of a sufficient size to provide students with the resources and education they need.

THAT Council requests that Cabinet continue to take, support and promote all practical and possible steps to achieve this end."

CHAIRMAN