



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2016 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Charles Chapman (Chairman), Reg Barry, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle
Apologies	Cllrs Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Paul Bertie, Rodney Downer, Conrad Gauntlett, John Nicholson, Colin Richards, Ian Stephens, Chris Whitehouse

34. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [19 October 2016](#) be confirmed, subject to Minute 45 (b) being altered so that Cllr Ward's name was added to those who voted against.

35. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Councillor Graham Perks declared an interest as he was a local businessman in Ventnor.

36. [Public Question Time](#)

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Steve Ray of Shanklin	Mr Ray was not in attendance to ask his question	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (<u>PQ 25/16</u>)

37. [Chairman's Report](#)

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

38. [Review of Parliamentary Constituencies by the Boundary Commission for England](#)

Consideration was given to the proposals from the Boundary Commission for the Parliamentary Boundaries on the Isle of Wight.

The following motion was moved by Councillor Bob Blezzard and seconded by Councillor Julie Jones-Evans:

Council endorses and supports the recommendation of the Boundary Commission for England as set out in Paper B to be presented to the Isle of Wight Council on 16 November 2017. This proposal which was first submitted to the Boundary Commission in October 2011 by Havenstreet and Asheys Parish Council is the only logical division which fully takes account of geographical, historic and administrative factors. It ensures that both constituencies have a logical mix of urban and rural areas. Each constituency will have twenty county councillors and it does not require any county electoral division or town or parish council to be split between the two constituencies.

An amendment to the motion was moved by Councillor Geoff Lumley and seconded by Councillor Steve Stubbings as follows :

Council notes the Report (Paper B) from the Returning Officer and simply notes the Commission's proposals and makes no further comment.

Following the debate a named vote was taken on the amendment, the result of which was as follows:

For (12)

Councillors Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Shirley Smart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith

Against (17)

Councillors Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Jonathan Gilbey, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Bob Seely, Dave Stewart, Ian Ward, Wayne Whittle

Abstention (1)

Councillor Reg Barry

The amendment therefore fell.

A further amendment was moved by Councillor Daryll Pitcher and seconded by Councillor Graham Perks as follows:

The aim of the proposal was three fold:

- (a) To balance the populations more closely.
- (b) To balance the areas better geographically.
- (c) To move Wootton Bridge from the West to the East as per the suggestions I had received.

The proposal moved the Wards of Arreton and Newchurch, Godshell and Wroxall, Ventnor East, and Ventnor West from the current proposed East Wight into a revised West Wight. East Cowes, Whippingham and Osborne, and Wootton Bridge move from West Wight into a revised East Wight. (Cllr Pitcher produced a plan of the Isle of Wight showing the revised proposed boundary).

Following the debate a named vote was taken on the amendment, the result of which was as follows:

For (2)

Councillors Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher

Against (25)

Councillors Reg Barry, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Jonathan Gilbey, Alan Hollands, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Dave Stewart, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle

Abstention (3)

Councillors Luisa Hillard, Gordon Kendall, Steve Stubbings

The amendment therefore fell.

Members then discussed the substantive proposal:

Council endorses and supports the recommendation of the Boundary Commission for England as set out in Paper B to be presented to the Isle of Wight Council on 16 November 2017. This proposal which was first submitted to the Boundary Commission in October 2011 by Havenstreet and Asheay Parish Council is the only logical division which fully takes account of geographical, historic and administrative factors. It ensures that both constituencies have a logical mix of urban and rural areas. Each constituency will have twenty county councillors and it

does not require any county electoral division or town or parish council to be split between the two constituencies.

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

For (20)

Councillors Reg Barry, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Jonathan Gilbey, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Bob Seely, Dave Stewart, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Wayne Whittle

Against (1)

Councillor Phil Jordan

Abstention (8)

Councillors Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Shirley Smart, Steve Stubbings

RESOLVED :

THAT Council endorsed and supported the recommendation of the Boundary Commission for England as set out in Paper B of the report (attached to and forming part of the minutes) to be presented to the Isle of Wight Council on 16 November 2017. This proposal which was first submitted to the Boundary Commission in October 2011 by Havenstreet and Ashe Parish Council was the only logical division which fully took account of geographical, historic and administrative factors. It ensured that both constituencies had a logical mix of urban and rural areas. Each constituency would have twenty county councillors and it did not require any county electoral division, or town or parish council to be split between the two constituencies.

39. [Appointment of Designated Independent Person to assist with complaints against members](#)

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

At its meeting on 20 November 2013, the council appointed Mr Alistair Drain as a DIP for a three-year term of office. Approval was sought to extend that appointment for a further three years until 17 November 2019.

Following a change in the legislation in 2015 the council was required to include in any panel considering the dismissal of the head of paid service, monitoring officer or chief finance officer, two independent persons. A report was approved by Annual council in May 2015 which amended the constitution

to reflect this change in the law. The extension of the appointment of Mr Alistair Drain would mean that the council continued to have two DIPs.

It was noted that under the Act appointments could only be made by the Full Council.

Members chose to go straight to the named vote, the result of which was as follows:

For (30)

Councillors Reg Barry, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle

Against (0)

Abstention (1)

Councillor Geoff Lumley

RESOLVED :

THAT Alistair Drain be appointed as a designated independent person for a further period of three years until 17 November 2019.

40. **Reports of the Executive Members**

(i) **[The Leader and Executive Member for Resources, Organisational Change and Children's Services](#)**

A written report had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Leader as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Blezzard	Would the leader agree to meet representatives of the CYP in order to help with agreeing a more sustainable lease?	The Leader would provide a written response.
Cllr Hillard	What was the council doing to make child care available for those being encouraged to go back into work?	The Leader would provide a written response.

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Hollands	Concerns that the usage of the Fairway sports centre might be stopped by the general population because of safety reasons.	The Leader would provide a written response.

(ii) **The Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Integration**

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

Oral questions were put to the Deputy Leader as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Lumley	Would the deputy leader accept his thanks to the Isle of Wight Council who were to take five Syrian families	The Deputy Leader indicated it should not be the end of the council's responsibility, it should be noted that more than five families were wanted.
	Ensure it was widely promoted that the council was a caring council	The Deputy Leader said he would, he was encouraged by the unanimous decision made by the council to take on those children.
Cllr Stewart	Was the deputy leader prepared to make a commitment that full council would be making the final decision on devolution.	The Deputy Leader indicated it was his understanding that devolution was to be the decision of full council.
Cllr Hollands	Was the Deputy Leader aware there may be some problems with cancer biopsies at St Mary's and the closure of their kitchens?	The Deputy Leader indicated it was part of the overall difficulties that St Mary's found themselves in. There were numerous options around the catering facilities.

(iii) **Executive Member for Environment (Sustainability) and Local Engagement**

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

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Whittle	Could the executive member confirm the Isle of Wight financial contribution of £700,000 was allocated to the Environment Agency's Monkton flood prevention engineering works in Ryde?	The Executive Member indicated he was happy to talk to Councillor Whittle after the council meeting.
Cllr Jones-Evans	In relation to the Council's policy to reduce waste and recycle, would you be interested in learning more about restart.	The Executive Member indicated he was happy to talk to any member; he had a meeting scheduled with Ryde Aspire next month.
	Would the executive member meet with the councillor?	The Executive Member indicated he was happy to do that.
Cllr Hillard	Would the executive member provide reassurance that he was satisfied with the delivery of the waste contract?	The Executive Member advised that milestones had been reached and with regard to recycling expectations had been exceeded.
	Did he believe the waste contract had delivered cost savings for the authority and did he consider it to be value for money?	The Executive Member indicated there had been significant savings.
Cllr Pitcher	The executive member had attended a Southern Transport briefing on behalf of Cllr Smart recently, there was an intention to cut pollution levels in Southampton, was congestion charging mentioned.	The Executive Member advised that at the briefing it had been indicated they were looking at a light rail option, there was no mention of charging.
Cllr Price	There appeared to be an excess of black bin waste which was being fly tipped, was that costing the council more?	The Executive Member indicated that fly tipping was one element that had caused a worry, but it was actually reducing, although it would continue to be monitored.

(iv) **Executive Member for Public Health, Public Protection and PFI**

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

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Lumley	Asked a question relating to roads being adopted. Could he be assured that there were robust procedures in place, so that any adoption only took place when all appropriate highways measures were put in place?	The Executive Member was happy to confirm the process was robust and gave an outline of that process.
	There was a major hole in the contract which allowed Island Roads to rack up costs chargeable to the Isle of Wight Council to deliver an appropriate highways network.	The Executive Member advised the adoption of roads was very firm robust process in place.
Cllr Hollis	Asked the executive member if he agreed that fly tipping was detrimental to public health.	The Executive Member agreed.
Cllr Jones-Evans	Details of what was in the parking policy with regard to residents parking zones. What was the outcome of the consultation	The Executive Member advised he was unable to say what the report would contain. The Executive Member indicated that was a public document and was on the council's website.

(v) **Executive Member for Public Transport, Tourism, Recreation and Heritage**

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

A written question was put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Price	Regeneration of Newport Harbour, would you agree to be part of and help formulate a new group (including Cllrs Price and	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (MQ 07/16)

Name	Subject	Comment
	Jones-Evans as local members for the majority of the Harbour) which would be considering the vision in more detail?	

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Whittle	Asked if the lease to Ryde Arena reverted back to the Isle of Wight Council and for the detailed response he was expecting from the Chief Executive?	The Executive Member indicated she would speak with the chief executive and the legal team.
Cllr Bloomfield	In relation to the Task Force, how often did the Board met and was she happy with the attendance of the Board members	The Executive Member advised she was not a member of the task force so did not know who attended but would find out.
Cllr Howe	Every opportunity needed to be taken to advertise the Isle of Wight as a tourist destination.	The Executive Member advised that the council did not contribute to Visit Wight, but were still members for the next couple of months.

(vi) **[Executive Member for Regeneration, Economic Sustainability and Development](#)**

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

A written question was put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Jones-Evans	Regeneration of Newport Harbour, would you agree to be part of and help formulate a new group (including Cllrs Price and Jones-Evans as local members for the majority of the Harbour) which would be considering the vision in more detail?	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (MQ 08/16)

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Blezzard	Would local stakeholders be consulted when the former Sandham Middle School was demolished in terms of future use?	The Executive Member advised the council would consult fully at the appropriate time.
Cllr Stewart	<p>Did the executive member agree that as the PTEC tidal energy project moved to a build phase, having the Isle of Wight Council chief executive continue as a Director on PTEC may lead to a conflict of interest, perceived or otherwise and therefore potentially undermine the integrity of the project going forward, and if so what action will they take to address that position.</p> <p>Could the executive member clarify how many local jobs had been created to date in relation to this significant council investment and what undertakings or guarantees had been made by PTEC Consortium in this regard?</p> <p>If, as a result of the project going forward, subsequent restitution costs were required, how would they be covered? What was the Council's financial liability in that regard and what insurance or indemnity had the council taken to protect its financial interest?</p>	The Executive Member would ask Cllr Stephens to address the three questions.

(vii) **Executive Member for Planning and Housing**

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

41. **Report of the Scrutiny Committee Chairman**

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

42. **Reports of Committee Chairmen**

(i) **Audit Committee**

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

(ii) **Employment Committee**

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

(iii) **Health and Wellbeing Board**

None submitted.

(iv) **Economy and Tourism Select Committee**

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

(v) **Environment and Transport Select Committee**

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

43. **Motion submitted under Procedure Rule 10 of the Council's Constitution**

By Councillor Geoff Lumley

Council notes reports that up to eight Island pharmacies face the axe due to a cut in Government funding of £170m, which comes into effect in December. These cuts were supported by the Island's MP in Parliament on 2 November, ostensibly because he thinks the current system supports pharmacies in towns rather than rural areas.

Council believes that the Government's cuts threaten patient access to pharmacies and pharmacy services across the island. Pharmacies are at risk of being forced to cut services such as free delivery of prescription drugs, family planning advice and advice on medicines. This will put more pressure on GPs and hospitals and impact social services and is at odds with the local Clinical Commissioning Group's desire to increase the use of pharmacists to ease pressure on our already over-stretched GPs.

Council, therefore, calls on the Government to re-think these cuts and maintain a fully-funded community pharmacy service and requests the Leader of the Council to write to the MP, the Secretary of State for Health, NHS England and the Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group expressing these views.

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

For (24)

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

Against (0)

Abstention (6)

Councillors Ray Bloomfield, Richard Hollis, Stuart Hutchinson, Bob Seely, Dave Stewart, Ian Ward

RESOLVED :

- (i) THAT Council noted reports that up to eight Island pharmacies faced the axe due to a cut in Government funding of £170m, which comes into effect in December. Those cuts were supported by the Island's MP in Parliament on 2 November, ostensibly because he thought the current system supported pharmacies in towns rather than rural areas.
- (ii) THAT Council believed that the Government's cuts threatened patient access to pharmacies and pharmacy services across the island. Pharmacies were at risk of being forced to cut services such as free delivery of prescription drugs, family planning advice and advice on medicines. This would put more pressure on GPs and hospitals and impact social services and was at odds with the local Clinical Commissioning Group's desire to increase the use of pharmacists to ease pressure on our already over-stretched GPs.
- (iii) THAT Council, therefore, called on the Government to re-think these cuts and maintain a fully-funded community pharmacy service and requested the Leader of the Council to write to the MP, the Secretary of State for Health, NHS England and the Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group expressing these views.

CHAIRMAN