

# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
Date and time	<b>WEDNESDAY, 16 MAY 2012 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs David Williams (Chairman), Jonathan Bacon, Reg Barry, Peter Bingham, George Brown, George Cameron, Vanessa Churchman, Dawn Cousins, Roger Dixcey, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Edward Giles, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Heather Humby, Tim Hunter-Henderson, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Patrick Joyce, David Knowles, Geoff Lumley, Roger Mazillius, David Pugh, Susan Scoccia, Ian Stephens, David Stewart, Andy Sutton, Arthur Taylor, Gary Taylor, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Margaret Webster, Jerry White, David Whittaker
Apologies	Cllrs Barry Abraham, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Colin Richards, Chris Welsford, Wayne Whittle

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[Before the formal commencement of the meeting the Chairman read out a response received from Buckingham Palace to his loyal address to Her Majesty the Queen wishing her well for her jubilee year.](#)

1. [\*\*Suspension of Procedure Rule 14\(4\)\*\*](#)

Council considered a motion to formally suspend Procedure Rule 14(4) for agenda items 1, 2 and 6, which would enable the suspension of usual time limits for speeches.

**RESOLVED** ;

THAT Procedure Rule 14(4) in as far as it relates to the length of speeches be suspended for agenda items 1 and 2 for the duration of the meeting.

2. [\*\*Election of Chairman\*\*](#)

Councillor Susan Scoccia was proposed and seconded as Chairman of the Council. There being no other nominations it was

**RESOLVED** :

THAT Councillor Susan Scoccia be elected Chairman for the ensuing year

Councillor Scoccia thanked Members for their support and appointed Felice Scoccia as her Consort. The Revd Canon Graham Morris was appointed as the Chairman's Chaplain and her nominated charity for the year was St Catherine's School.

Councillor Scoccia formally declared her acceptance of office and took the Chair.

Tributes were made to the outgoing Chairman and the Past Chairman's badge was presented.

Councillor Williams thanked everyone for their support throughout the year and presented cheques to his nominated charities, £2,765.00 to Barely Born and £2,765.00 to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance.

3. **Election of Vice Chairman**

Councillor Ian Ward was proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman of the Council. There being no further nominations it was

RESOLVED :

THAT Councillor Ian Ward be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Councillor Ward formally declared his acceptance of office, thanked Members for their support and appointed Mrs Ward as his Consort.

4. **Minutes**

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [21 March 2012](#) be confirmed.

5. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations received at this stage.

6. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman advised she had nothing to report at this time.

7. **Appointments and Constitutional Issues**

A copy of revised recommendations had been e-mailed to all members, which included recommendations on proposed appointments. There were also suggested changes to the Constitution relating to public question time and the replacement of the current Planning Committee and Licensing and General Purposes Committee with a Regulatory Committee and an Appeals Committee.

Councillor Whittaker declined the allocation of seats on the Health and Wellbeing, and the Economy and Environment Scrutiny Panels. They would therefore remain vacant.

There was some discussion in relation to the changes to public question time and it was moved and seconded that there be a separate vote on that particular issue. In accordance with Procedure Rule 13 (5) a recorded vote was taken on this motion and the result of which was as follows:

For (12)

Councillors Bacon, Barry, Churchman, Downer, Fuller, Howe, Humby, Joyce, Knowles, Lumley, Stephens, Warlow

Against (20)

Councillors Bingham, Brown, Cameron, Cousins, Dixcey, Giles, Hobart, Hollis, Hunter-Henderson, Hutchinson, Jones-Evans, Mazillius, Pugh, Stewart, Sutton, Arthur Taylor, Gary Taylor, Webster, White, Williams

Abstentions (1)

Councillor Ward

The motion was therefore lost.

There was then a proposal to remove the wording 'that members who do not attend the organised site visits for any planning or licensing matter cannot take part in the deliberation of that matter'.

The proposal was put to the vote and was lost.

An amendment to remove Appendix D, attached to and forming part of these minutes, was proposed and seconded.

A vote was then taken on the amendment which was lost.

Following further debate it was:

**RESOLVED :**

- (a) That there be a change to the committee structure of the Council by replacing the current Planning Committee AND Licensing and General Purposes Committee with a Regulatory Committee and an Appeals Committee with terms of reference as set out in Appendix A to the report and that all other committees/panels remain as set out in the Constitution.
- (b) That the Monitoring Officer be delegated approval to make any minor adjustments required to Appendix A (to the report) in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member and Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

- (c) That the proposed Regulatory Committee and Appeals Committee be implemented as from 1 June 2012 and that whoever is appointed (as per (d) below) as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Regulatory Committee (as per (a) above) serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of any meetings of the current Planning AND Licensing and General Purposes Committee until 1 June 2012.
- (d) That the following members be appointed to the following positions:
- Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Councillor Vanessa Churchman;
  - Chairman of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel: Councillor George Cameron;
  - Chairman of the Economy and Environment Scrutiny Panel: Councillor Wayne Whittle;
  - Chairman of the Health and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel: Councillor Margaret Webster;
  - Chairman of the Regulatory Committee: Councillor Richard Hollis;
  - Vice-Chairman of the Regulatory Committee: Councillor Julie Jones-Evans;
  - Chairman of the Appeals Committee: Councillor David Williams;
  - Chairman of the Audit Committee: Councillor Stuart Hutchinson;
  - Chairman of the Isle of Wight Pension Fund Committee: Councillor Peter Bingham.
- (e) That the Special Responsibility Allowance for the above positions be as set out in the Members Allowances Scheme except that the following posts receive the following provisional Special Responsibility Allowances that will be reviewed by the Independent Remuneration Panel later in the year (as part of their annual review) with the final payment to those appointed to be adjusted (either by additional payment or recovery if overpaid) in line with the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel:
- Regulatory Committee Chairman - £10,274 pa;
  - Regulatory Committee Vice Chairman - £3,952 pa;
  - Appeals Committee chairman - £1,580 pa.
- (f) The scheme of delegation as detailed in Appendix B to the report be approved.
- (g) That Cllr Whittaker is not allocated a seat on both the Health and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel and the Economy and Environment Scrutiny Panel, and those seats remain vacant.
- (h) The terms on which the Police and Crime Panel should be established (as set out in the report) be endorsed.

- (i) Subject to (j) below, the Police and Crime Panel Arrangements as set out in Appendix C to the report and [available from this web link](#) be approved.
- (j) The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, be authorised to agree any further minor amendments to the Police and Crime Panel Arrangements necessary to ensure statutory compliance, once the Home Secretary's final regulations and guidance have been published.
- (k) That Councillor David Stewart be appointed as the Council's Appointed Member to the Police and Crime Panel.
- (l) That Councillor David Williams be agreed to act as "Deputy Member" to the Police and Crime Panel and, where the Appointed Member is temporarily unable to attend a Panel meeting or otherwise undertake Panel business, and that the Chief Executive be authorised to give notice of temporary change of membership for a period of up to 28 days, to enable the Deputy Member to deputise in the Appointed Member's absence.
- (m) That the procedure rules in as far as they relate to meetings of Full Council and Cabinet be amended so that it is clear that questions (either written or oral) will usually be answered by either the Leader, or relevant Cabinet Member, or another member as determined by the Chairman.
- (n) That the revised arrangements for submitting oral questions at meetings of Full Council and the Cabinet be approved, as set out in Appendix D to the report.

8. [Programme of Meetings for the Forthcoming Year](#)

The proposed dates for future Council meetings were considered.

RESOLVED :

THAT the following dates and times be approved:

- 20 June 2012 - (6.00 pm)
- 18 July 2012 - (6.00 pm)
- 19 September 2012 - (6.00 pm)
- 17 October 2012 - (6.00 pm)
- 21 November 2012 - (6.00 pm)
- 16 January 2013 - (6.00 pm)
- 27 February 2013 (**BUDGET**) - (**5.00 pm**)
- 20 March 2013 - (6.00 pm)
- 15 May 2013 (**ANNUAL COUNCIL**) - (6.00 pm)