



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 16 MAY 2018 COMMENCING AT 6.00PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Lora Peacey-Wilcox (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Debbie Andre, Adrian Axford, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Geoff Brodie, George Cameron, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, John Medland, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle
Apologies	Cllrs John Kilpatrick, Gary Peace

1. **To elect a Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.**

Councillor Lora Peacey-Wilcox was proposed and seconded as Chairman of the Council. There were no further nominations.

The Vice Chairman took the chair for this item.

Clarification was provided that the constitution contains provision for a member to be re-elected as Chairman for a second term if Full Council agreed. Following the vote it was

RESOLVED :

THAT Councillor Lora Peacey-Wilcox be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Councillor Peacey-Wilcox thanked Members for their support and appointed Mr John Wilcox as her Consort. The Reverend Veronica Brown was appointed as the Chairman's Chaplain.

Councillor Peacy-Wilcox formally declared her acceptance of office and took the Chair.

2. **To elect a Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.**

The names of Councillor George Cameron and Councillor Shirley Smart were separately moved and seconded. However, Councillor Smart declined to accept the nomination. Following the vote, it was

RESOLVED :

THAT Councillor George Cameron be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing Council year.

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THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2018 be confirmed.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations received at this stage.

5. **Chairman's Official Announcements**

A written report had been circulated for information and an update was provided by the Vice- Chairman of the Youth Council.

6. **Appointments, Committee Structure and Constitutional Issues**

Members received a report which contained recommendations on proposed changes to existing terms of reference, a leaders update report to Full council, amendments to the budget meeting procedure, named votes and motions.

It was proposed and seconded that recommendations in paragraphs 33 and 35, 36 and 38 to 41 be taken en bloc. Following the vote it was

RESOLVED :

THAT recommendations take 33, 35, 36 and 38 to 41 be considered en bloc.

Following further discussion on the substantive proposal, a vote was taken on recommendations 33, 35, 36 and 38 to 41.

RESOLVED :

(i) THAT the existing arrangements (as set out in the constitution) remain but that there be:-

(i) an amendment to the terms of reference for the Pension Board, to allow the board members 21 days to comment on the minutes arising out of a meeting, after which they will be circulated to all members and published on the Isle of Wight Council website.

- (ii) an amendment to Article 7 of the Constitution, that when the Appeals Committee is considering a code of conduct report in relation to a town and parish councillor, a town and parish council representative (who is not also an Isle of Wight councillor) can be co-opted on to the committee.
- (ii) THAT the scheme of delegation as set out at pages 73-86 of the constitution be agreed.
- (iii) THAT the constitution be amended to include an agenda item after the chairman's official announcements for a leader's update report to Full council, (including at the Annual Council meeting) and:
- The report will be circulated with the agenda
 - The leader will have up to five minutes to present the report.
 - Members of the council will have up to 15 minutes to ask the leader questions, without notice, on any matter arising out of his report.
 - The leader may nominate another member of the council to answer any question.
 - No supplemental question will be allowed.
 - Each member will be allowed one question only unless there is still time remaining within the 15 minutes, in which case members will be allowed a further question until the time expires.
- (iv) THAT the budget meeting procedure set out in procedure rule one be further amended to include:
- All alternative budgets/proposals that any group/member wishes to be considered by budget council must be provided in final form, following prior consultation with the S.151 Officer five clear working days in advance of the Council Budget meeting to ensure that any amendment is capable of being adopted by the Council.
 - Any submissions not prepared in a form acceptable to the S.151 Officer as being capable of being adopted by the Council as a lawful budget will not be allowed.
 - Any submissions not received within five clear working days of the budget council meeting may not be allowed.
 - Amend 1.9(ii) and (iv) that deal with the order of speeches, to confirm that speeches at the beginning of the debate will depend on the order in which the budget proposals are received by the s.151 officer, i.e. the first received will speak first etc., and that this order will be reversed for speeches at the end of the debate.
- (v) THAT the option for named votes which can be exercised by four members present at the meeting to request names be recorded continues

subject to an amendment to Procedure Rule 16 para 3.4, that removes named votes on procedural decisions.

- (vi) THAT the opportunity to consider motions at Annual Council be included in the Procedure Rule One of the council's Standing orders and that motions that directly relate to the operation of the council or Island life are considered first, before other motions.
- (vii) THAT the Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend the constitution to reflect any agreed changes.

Following debate on recommendation 37, regarding the inclusion of Members Question Time of the Leader on the agendas for Full Council, a vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED :

THAT To agree that the constitution be amended to include an agenda item after motions for Members Question Time of the Leader at Full Council (including at the Annual Council meeting)

- Members may ask written questions of the leader on any subject. Written questions to be submitted by noon on the fourth working day before Full Council (the Thursday before a normal meeting).
- Questions will be published in advance of the meeting and will be put in the order received.
- The leader may nominate another member of the council to answer any question
- The total time set aside for questions and answers will be up to 30 minutes
- Members may submit more than one written question but every member who has submitted a question(s) may only put one question to the leader unless sufficient time remains to put a further question(s). One supplemental question (from the member who put the original question) may be asked which must be on the subject of the original question.
- Any questions not answered in the time allowed will be answered in writing within five working days of the meeting.

Nominations for the appointments of chair and vice chairs of the other committees were taken.

Councillors Andrew Garret and Councillor Paul Fuller were separately moved and seconded as Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Following the vote, it was;

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor Andrew Garratt be elected as Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the ensuing Council year.

Nominations were then taken for the appointment of Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Councillors Paul Fuller, Julie Jones-Evans and Michael Lilley were separately moved and seconded. Councillor Fuller declined the nomination and, following the vote, it was;

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor Michael Lilley be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the ensuing Council year.

Councillor Vanessa Churchman was proposed and seconded as Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Following the vote, it was;

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor Vanessa Churchman be elected as Chairman of the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services for the ensuing Council year.

Councillor Steve Hastings was proposed and seconded as Chairman of Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Regeneration, Planning, Housing and the Environment and a vote was taken.

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor Steve Hastings be elected as Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Regeneration, Planning, Housing and the Environment for the ensuing Council year.

It was proposed and seconded that, with regard to the remaining appointments, the recommendations in Appendix 1 (attached to and forming these minutes) be taken en bloc.

RESOLVED :

THAT, in regard to the remaining appointments, the recommendations in Appendix 1 (attached to and forming these minutes) be taken en bloc.

A vote was then taken on the remaining appointments and it was;

RESOLVED :

THAT Council approve the appointment of the following:

- (i) Chairman of Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Adult Social Care and Health - Councillor John Nicholson

- (ii) Chairman of the Audit Committee - Councillor Adrian Axford
- (iii) Chairman of the Planning Committee - Councillor Chris Quirk
- (iv) Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee - Councillor Matthew Price
- (v) Chairman of the Licensing Committee – Councillor Charles Chapman
- (vi) Chairman of the Appeals Committee - Councillor John Kilpatrick
- (vii) Chairman of the Isle of Wight Pension Fund Committee - Councillor Adrian Axford

2. **To approve the following programme of ordinary Council meetings for the ensuing year (all meetings to commence at 6pm unless otherwise stated):**

The proposed dates for future Council meetings, as listed on the agenda were considered and following the vote it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT the following dates be approved with a 6:00 pm start unless otherwise stated:

- 18 July 2018
- 19 September 2018
- 21 November 2018
- 16 January 2019
- 27 February 2019 (Budget Council - 5.00pm start)
- 15 May 2019 (Annual Council)

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

(i) **By Councillor Geoff Brodie**

That Council agree, in the interests of open democracy, to re-introduce an agenda item for Member questions to Cabinet members at Full Council from February 2018.

The motion was withdrawn.

(ii) **By Councillor Geoff Brodie**

That, in the light of the most recent UK armed forces involvement in the Middle East, Council recalls the words of the late Rt Hon Tony Benn MP,

"if we can find money to kill people, we can find money to help people"

and calls upon HM Government to apply those wise words to the UK's, and particularly the Island's austerity-wrecked public services.

During the debate a motion was moved under procedure rule 13.11.1(iii) (move to next item of business). A vote was taken and it was;

RESOLVED:

THAT Council proceed to the next business.

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

That the Isle of Wight resolve, in accordance with the concept of Good Mental Health for All as promoted during the National Mental Health Awareness Week (14th-20th May 2018), to reaffirm the Council's commitment to the aims and objectives of the Local Authority Mental Health Challenge which IW Council signed up to in 2017. That this reaffirmation be an annual event until there is a time that there is clear improvement of mental health services on the Isle of Wight, a significant reduction in suicides, suicide attempts and the numbers of children and adults attending secondary mental health services, and the Quality Care Commission judges IW Mental Health services to be outstanding and not deemed inadequate.

Following debate, an amendment to the motion was made and accepted by the proposer and seconder. A vote was taken and it was:

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