



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 17 MARCH 2010 COMENCING AT 6.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Arthur Taylor (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Jonathan Bacon, Reg Barry, Peter Bingham, George Brown, Ivan Bulwer, George Cameron, Roger Dixcey, Rodney Downer, Stuart Dyer, Paul Fuller, Edward Giles, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Heather Humby, Tim Hunter-Henderson, Julie Jones-Evans, David Knowles, Geoff Lumley, Roger Mazillius, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, David Pugh, Colin Richards, Susan Scoccia, Ian Stephens, Ian Ward, Margaret Webster, Jerry White, Adrian Whittaker, David Whittaker, David Williams
Apologies	Vanessa Churchman, Dawn Cousins, Chris Welsford, Wayne Whittle, William Wyatt-Millington

59. **Minutes**

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [24 February 2010](#) be confirmed.

60. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations received at this stage.

61. **Public Question Time**

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Mr David Miller, Cowes	23 primary school children had not been offered their 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd stated preferences; this did not correspond to other information that had been released.	The Cabinet Member advised that 23 children had not received their 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd preferences within their priority areas. There were 56 children who had not received either their 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd preference.

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	A supplementary question relating to the schools competition priority areas.	The Cabinet Member indicated a written response would be provided.

62. **Chairman's Report**

A written report had been circulated for information.

The Chairman advised that he had entertained a Chinese education delegation at County Hall and attended a Citizens Ceremony at Northwood House on 17 March 2010. A memorial service for John Effemey was to be held on 22 March 2010. A murder mystery event was being held on 25 March 2010 at Shanklin Conservative Club, with the proceeds going to the chairman's charities.

63. **Constitutional Matter**

Council was advised of the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference relating to the Employment Committee. It was proposed that the recruitment of all posts at head of service level or above be included within the committee's terms of reference.

RESOLVED :

THAT the revisions to the terms of reference to the Employment Committee be agreed.

64. **Cabinet**

Reports of the Cabinet Members

(i) **The Leader and Cabinet Member for Governance and School Improvement**

A written report had been circulated for information.

Councillor Paul Fuller presented representations from residents of Butlers View with regard to the potential loss of their warden.

Councillor Pugh received the petition on behalf of Councillor Dawn Cousins, Cabinet Member for Children, Social Care, Health and Housing who was attending a Safeguarding training event in Leeds.

(ii) **The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for the Economy, Tourism, Leisure and Planning**

A written report had been circulated for information.

(Councillor Roger Mazillius declared a personal interest as his son had an architectural practice and he had provided architectural services in connection with GKN).

Members were advised that the raw data relating to the unemployment figures for the Isle of Wight had been received. There was a slight improvement with regard to the Job Seekers Allowance figures but a worsening position for those in the 18 – 24 year old age bracket.

A written question was put as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Humby (MQ 03/10)	Would the cabinet member take up with the Southern Sea Fisheries District Committee the detrimental effect that large scale commercial netting is having on the Sandown Bay area and its implications for attracting events that would assist in the island's tourist economy?	The Cabinet Member advised that he endorsed the strong events programme. He would raise the issue with the Southern Sea Fisheries Committee.
	A supplementary question in relation to the Council's representative on Southern Sea Fisheries was asked.	The Cabinet Member indicated that he was the Council's representative.

(iii) **[Cabinet Member for the Environment and Transport](#)**

A written report had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Humby	Would certain areas be designated as roadside refuse collections only?	The Cabinet Member advised a leaflet was to be sent to all residents explaining where kerbside collections would be.
Councillor Downer	When road repairs would be undertaken on the Whitwell road.	The Cabinet Member indicated he was aware of the poor state of the road. There would be a major refurbishment scheme and it was anticipated that works would commence within the first two months of the new financial year.

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Councillor Jones-Evans	In light of the withdrawal of parking permits, when was the review to take place?	The Cabinet member advised that it would be instigated at a very early stage.
Councillor Howe	In relation to the change to kerbside refuse collection. Some residents would still need back door collections, who would be making those decisions?	The Cabinet Member indicated that those asking for back door collections would be assessed on an individual basis.
Councillor Dyer	Was there some kind of colour coding system for repairing pot holes in roads?	The Cabinet Member indicated there were prioritisation procedures as to which pot holes should be filled. He also reported that 5,000 pot holes had been filled to February 2010.
Councillor Bacon	Indicated he was glad to see there was to be a review of parking permits and asked what methodology would be used for the review and would views be taken from the workforce, especially those who were low paid.	The Cabinet Member advised that various groups had been affected by the withdrawal of the parking permit. He indicated that the exact methodology was yet to be decided, but believed the Scrutiny Panel could look at and see if there was a way forward to see if anyone was adversely affected by the decision taken in the budget.
Councillor Knowles	How many contractors had been used in filling the pot holes?	The Cabinet member would provide a written response in relation to the contractors, but indicated that there was a regular inspection programme.

(iv) **Cabinet Member for Fire and Community Safety**

A written report had been circulated for information.

Members were advised that Councillor Barry had attended an Improvement and Efficiency, South East event where the Fire Service had been presented with an award. He congratulated the Fire Service on the achievement.

Oral questions were put as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Richards	Asked for an assurance that there was no intention either now or in the future of selling off the crematorium.	The Cabinet Member advised that it had been decided to keep in house, there was to be major investment in new cremators over the next few years.
Councillor Ward	Safety re fishing nets close to the shore.	The Cabinet Member indicated he would speak to the Head of Community Safety Services.

(v) [Cabinet Member for Major Projects, Customer Service and Communications](#)

A written report had been circulated for information.

An oral question was asked as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Mazillius	When was the expected completion date for the One Pathfinder school, Cowes.	The Cabinet Member advised he would provide a written response.

(vi) [Cabinet Member for Resources](#)

A written report had been circulated for information.

Written questions were put as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Barry (<u>MQ 04/10</u>)	Would it not have been more open and democratic for the decision relating to the disposal of land at Pan to have been taken by the full Cabinet in order that members of the public could ask questions?	The Cabinet Member provided a comprehensive response.
Councillor Knowles (<u>MQ 05/10</u>)	Sessions relating to the Quay Advocacy Service and what action was proposed in response to concerns raised?	The Cabinet Member believed it was not about the number of sessions but the number hours of advocacy provided

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		throughout the year. £15,000 per annum related to 112.8 hours of advocacy at a cost of £135.64 per hour which did not represent value for money.

(vii) **Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

A written report had been circulated for information.

Councillor Geoff Lumley declared a personal interest as he was a Trustee of the Riverside Centre.

Oral questions were asked as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Lumley	Were meetings held with the Chairs of the Scrutiny Panels	The Chairman advised he had asked for those meetings to be arranged.
Councillor Brown	Did the Chairman feel there were elements where he had been denied information or lack of transparency?	The Chairman indicated no.
Councillor Mazillius	Had the Chairman seen and read all papers relating to the Scrutiny Panels?	The Chairman indicated he had not read all the reports but looked forward to effective scrutiny.
Councillor Jones-Evans	An open discussion on the workplan had been held and all members of the committee had contributed.	The Chairman indicated he hoped everyone could work together as one.

(viii) **Cabinet Member for Children, Social Care, Health and Housing**

A written report had been circulated for information.

A written question was put as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Howe (MQ 06/10)	Could it be confirmed that providers such as Meadowbrook, Medina Centre, Church View, Riboleau, The	Councillor David Pugh responded on behalf of the Cabinet Member as she was

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	Avenues and Parklands would be charging for services from 1 st April 2010 and be treated equitably with the other service providers?	attending Safeguarding training in Leeds. All providers would be treated equitably. Some services were provided by the PCT, the Local Authority could deduct at source and then pay directly to the PCT or service providers.

Oral questions were put as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Lumley	<p>Asked why the Cabinet Member was not in attendance at this time.</p> <p>There was no evidence that any other Local Authority was struggling with the personalisation agenda the way this authority was. Why couldn't this authority get it right and why was it causing so much worry to service users and service providers when it was not something that had come out of the blue. Could some sort of assurance be given that this authority would treat it as a real priority?</p> <p>Pan development – was there anything that would make people more positive about the appointment of the developer. Would the things that had been promised for the people of Pan continue to be delivered as part of this development?</p>	<p>Councillor Pugh indicated that the statutory member for both Children and Adult Services was attending a Safeguarding conference. The personalisation agenda was in a time of immense change and would change the way funding was provided to organisations. The authority's role was to work with those organisations and help them through that period of change, which was why it was being done in a staged/phased basis. It should also be noted that the reduction in revenue support grant did make the cost pressures in the social care area very challenging.</p> <p>The cabinet member indicated it was not for him to comment on the standard of an individual private developer, they were a company with a track record of house building across the country. The previous</p>

developer had pulled out because of the economic climate, and the present developer was head and shoulders above the other bidders. It was up to Council to work with them to ensure the needs of the local community were met and to ensure those needs were met through the S106 agreement.

CHAIRMAN