



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 18 JULY 2012 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Susan Scoccia (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Reg Barry, Peter Bingham, George Brown, George Cameron, Dawn Cousins, Roger Dixcey, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Edward Giles, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, Heather Humby, Tim Hunter-Henderson, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, David Knowles, Geoff Lumley, Roger Mazillius, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, David Pugh, Colin Richards, Ian Stephens, David Stewart, Andy Sutton, Arthur Taylor, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Margaret Webster, Jerry White, Wayne Whittle, David Whittaker, David Williams
Apologies	Cllrs Jonathan Bacon, Vanessa Churchman, John Howe, Patrick Joyce, Gary Taylor, Chris Welsford

18. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [20 June 2012](#) be confirmed.

19. [Declarations of Interest](#)

There were no declarations received at this stage.

20. [Public Question Time](#)

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Mr Adrian Whittaker of Ryde	Were there any specific sites on the Island where wind turbines could be located?	The Cabinet Member indicated those decisions would always be that of the Planning Sub Committee.
	How serious was the Council about wind turbines?	The Cabinet Member advised that each application was judged on its merits.

Name	Subject	Comment
Mr Simon Haytack of Whitwell	With the fall in unemployment on the island due to seasonal employment, would the Council put more effort into advertising the Isle of Wight as an all year round tourist destination?	The Cabinet Member indicated that records show that employment was higher in the summer than in the winter months. He didn't believe there would be any change to that established pattern.
	With unemployment higher than a year ago, cuts in public services and budget cuts for the foreseeable future, did the Council think that celebrate the Isle of Wight Festival was a good use of tax payers' money and what exactly was being celebrated?	The Leader advised that he had met with representatives of the Isle of Wight County Show and was looking to work with them to enhance what they offer and enhance what the Island offers overall.
Mr S Goodman of Newport	Why did the Council want a 2 nd asphalt plant in the Medina Valley?	The Cabinet Member advised that the Council would deal with the application the same as any other application in line with national and island policy.
	A supplementary – Would the 2 nd plant be allowed?	The Cabinet Member indicated the application would go through the planning process the same as any other application.
Tanja Rebel of Cowes	Why was the Council facilitating projects in the Medina Valley which were not sustainable?	The Cabinet Member advised that each planning application was judged on its merits, there was no predisposition on applications.

21. **Chairman's Report**

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

Madam Chairman also reported there was to be an extra-ordinary meeting of full council on 22 August 2012. She had watched the Olympic torch go through Newport on Saturday, 14 July 2012.

The Queen was to visit the Isle of Wight on Wednesday, 25 July 2012 as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebration.

22. **[Fire Service Integrated Risk Management Plan](#)**

Members were told that the Isle of Wight Council as the Fire Authority had a statutory duty to provide an Integrated Risk Management Plan. The Annual Report had been integrated with the Plan.

There was some discussion as to the emergency response arrangements in the aftermath of recent events. Members were advised that contingency plans were in place that were robust, all emergency response times had been met when fire tenders had been called out during the festival.

RESOLVED :

THAT the Integrated Risk Management Plan 2012 – 15 and Annual Report be approved.

23. **Cabinet**

Reports of the Cabinet Members

(i) **[The Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources](#)**

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

The Leader congratulated primary schools on their Key Stage 2 results.

He advised that the budget consultation exercise was currently underway and the budget simulator was now live on-line.

Oral questions were put to the Leader as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr David Knowles	No budget for dropped kerbs.	The Leader advised that Cllr Knowles should ask for an increase in allocation for those works.

(ii) **[The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for the Economy and the Environment](#)**

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

Written questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Paul Fuller on behalf of Cllr Jonathan Bacon	Given the problems that were experienced with the state of the ground at the Isle of Wight Festival and the number of other events being cancelled or	The Cabinet Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (<u>MQ 11/12</u>)

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	postponed for similar reasons, what steps were being taken to monitor the state of the ground that was due to be used for the Bestival, particularly the car parking areas, and, given the very high attendance expected, what steps were being taken or considered to ensure that there was not a repeat of the effects on the roads and transport that residents experienced at the commencement of the Festival?	
Cllr Paul Fuller on behalf of Cllr Jonathan Bacon	What was the current position in relation to the proposed Marine Conservation Zones that were being considered in shoreline and off-shore areas around the Isle of Wight. In particular, what steps were being taken by this Council to protect the interests of Islanders and Island Business who benefited from or rely on fishing activity that may be curtailed by the proposals which may, as they currently stand, for example, stop the trade in 'Bembridge Crab'?	The Cabinet Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (MQ 12/12)

(iii) **[Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee](#)**

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

(iv) **[Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Housing and Community Safety](#)**

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

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Rodney Downer	Was there any progress with regard to the Housing Register for Isle of Wight people?	The Cabinet Member indicated work was being undertaken to ensure the Housing Register mitigated in favour to those who resided on the Isle of Wight.
Cllr Ian Stephens	Asked a question in relation to the CQC inspection of The Gouldings.	The Cabinet Member advised that the report had been fully published on the CQC website. All actions had been fully implemented by the deadline of 31 June 2012. Of the nine outcomes six had been met with three failings, two of which had a moderate impact and one a minor impact. A further inspection was expected.
Cllr Reg Barry	What were the three failings?	The Cabinet Member indicated he would provide a written response to all members.

(v) **[Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Education](#)**

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

Written questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Paul Fuller on behalf of Cllr Jonathan Bacon	Was it correct that School Transport Appeals were currently being considered and determined on the basis of a policy that was not formally adopted until December 2012 being a date after which parents had to submit their choices for schools? Does this not give rise to a risk or perceived or actual unfairness as parents could	The Cabinet Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (MQ 13/12)

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	<p>not have been aware of the final terms of the policy when making decisions and were now being judged on rules that postdate the decisions they were being applied to?</p> <p>A supplementary - Given the high demand for 'spare seats' on school buses, it being understood there were at least 75 applications and potentially no spaces available to meet this demand, as well as some children consequently facing journeys of up to four hours to get to and from their school of choice, would the cabinet member be reviewing the position and would she agree to consider making provision for children who had been adversely affected by the current situation?</p>	
Cllr Paul Fuller	Asked for a copy of the response to be circulated to all members.	The Cabinet Member agreed to ensure that the response was available to all members.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Geoff Lumley	Given that the management of school re-organisation led to an overspend of £5.335m according to the financial years statement of accounts and noting that the report to the last Audit Committee indicated that would be managed back to the Council reserves over the next three years, could we be assured this would not have a detrimental effect to the quality of	The Cabinet Member indicated she would provide a detailed written response.

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Dave Stewart	education over the three few years Appreciation from pupils around the Island re the presentation of the Diamond Jubilee coins.	The Cabinet Member believed the Council had something to celebrate
Cllr Ian Stephens	What percentage of budget passed to early Years, pre-school funding?	The Cabinet Member advised that the majority of Early years were run as private businesses and any money was passported directly to them.

(vi) **Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste**

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

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr David Knowles	What percentage does this Council get back from monies raised through recycling?	The Cabinet Member indicated he would provide a written response.
	A short term gulley cleaning contract was recently signed off, when had the last contract ceased?	The Cabinet Member indicated he would provide a written response.
Cllr Reg Barry	Had the Council considered making the festival car free?	The Cabinet Member advised that the use of alternative transport was encouraged.
Cllr Colin Richards	Asked a question relating to the use of temporary traffic lights.	The Cabinet Member would provide a response.
Cllr David Williams	Would the junction at the Fighting Cocks be re-assessed in the light of the number of accidents there?	The Cabinet Member advised that assessments were done where serious accidents occurred.

(vii) **Cabinet Member for Fire, Culture and Residents' Services**

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

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Reg Barry	Asked a question relating to the Council Tax collection rate.	The Cabinet Member advised a percentage was collected throughout the year, by year end approximately 98% would have been collected.
Cllr Colin Richards	Did the Cabinet Member deal with the Police?	The Cabinet Member indicated it was not his role.
Cllr David Knowles	As there was no statutory duty to aid people in respect of flooding, had a case been made to central government for additional assistance?	The Cabinet Member advised the council did make representations.

CHAIRMAN