



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
Date and time	<b>WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2011 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs David Williams (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Jonathan Bacon, Reg Barry, Peter Bingham, George Brown, George Cameron, Vanessa Churchman, Rodney Downer, 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, David Stewart, Andy Sutton, Arthur Taylor, Gary Taylor, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Margaret Webster, Jerry White,
Apologies	Cllr Dawn Cousins, Roger Dixcey, Patrick Joyce, Chris Welsford, David Whittaker, Wayne Whittle

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36. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [21 September 2011](#) be confirmed.

37. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations received at this stage.

38. [Public Question Time](#)

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Dave Miller Cowes	Mr Miller was not in attendance to ask his question.	The Leader provided a written response which was available on the following link ( <a href="#">PQ 23/11</a> )
Adrian Whittaker	Asked if local residents were to be consulted on where the proposed Gatten and Lake school was to be.	The Leader advised that Council was working with the local community.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
	A supplementary relating to the condition of the footbridge over the railway line. In Shanklin.	The Leader indicated that the bridge was safe although improvements were to be made.
Adrian Nicholas	Asked what the future of Newport Harbour was.	The Cabinet Member advised the matter was currently under consideration.
Tanya Rebel	Asked if the Council was doing everything to safeguard the Riverside Centre.  A supplementary - did that mean the Council would not be charging £100,000 per annum in rent.	The Cabinet Member advised he hoped a meaningful meeting could be held in the near future. The Cabinet Member indicated the Council had acted legally and would continue to do so.

Councillor Geoff Lumley declared a personal interest in the above question as he was a trustee of the Riverside Centre.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Simon Haytach	Asked a question in relation to cuts.	The Leader advised of the need to benefit the tax payer and wider community. The Council would work to mitigate any adverse impact.

39. [Chairman's report, official announcements, communications and correspondence for the Council.](#)

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

The Chairman advised members that prior to the meeting he had received a presentation from the Coburg Twinning Association which consisted of a calendar and a tie.

40. [Appointment of Independent Members to the Ethical Standards Committee](#)

Members were advised that under the Local Government Act 2000 the Council was required to have a Standards Committee which must have at least one independent member, who must be the chairman. This Council currently has seven independent members on its Ethical Standards Committee who were appointed for a fixed term of office on a staggered basis. Two of those members' term of office was due to expire on 30 October 2011.

Due to the uncertainty of the future of the Standards Committee it was suggested that Captain Brindle had his term of office extended by a further six

months to April 2012. Peter Tautz had recently moved to the mainland and was consequently no longer qualified to serve an additional term, therefore it was suggested that the seat be left vacant at this time.

**RESOLVED :**

THAT Captain Anthony Brindle be appointed as an independent member of the Ethical Standards Committee, for a further six months, until 30 April 2012 and leave the other independent seat vacant at this stage.

41. **Local Government Resources Review**

Members considered the proposed response to the consultation relating to the Local Government Resources Review prior to the closing date of 24 October 2011. They believed the response was clearly set out and was of a high quality. There was a possibility of the Isle of Wight Council working together with other authorities to gain a better outcome.

**RESOLVED :**

THAT the response set out in Appendix 1 of the report be agreed.

42. **Cabinet**

**Reports of the Cabinet Members**

(i) **The Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources**

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

Written questions were put as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Reg Barry	Asked about the contract of employment relating to the Chief Financial Officer.  A supplementary – had the District Auditor confirmed the Council had not, and was not, acting unlawfully in this matter?	The Leader provided a written response which was available on the following link ( <a href="#">MQ 16/11</a> )  Response set out in MQ16/11
Cllr David Knowles	Had the Council checked with HM Revenues and Customs that the legal opinion was robust?	The Leader provided a written response which was available on the following link ( <a href="#">MQ 17/11</a> )

(ii) **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 :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr John Howe	Asked if he could be assured that if staff of the Gouldings took it on they would not end up with a large rent for the property.	The Cabinet Member indicated there would be a fair and equitable arrangement.

Councillor Andy Sutton declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the question relating to the Gouldings as his wife works in the Community Services Directorate and is working on this project, and left the room during its consideration.

Cllr Geoff Lumley	Was the Cabinet Member prepared to have a meeting with him as a trustee of the Riverside Centre.	The Cabinet Member indicated there had been many meetings. The trustees were to receive legal advice this week and it was hoped to have a meaningful meeting with them after that. In light of the negotiations the Cabinet Member considered that it would be inappropriate, at this stage, to have a private meeting with Cllr Lumley as a trustee
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Cllr Heather Humby	Had any progress had been made with regard to the reduced monitoring of CCTV in the early hours.	The Cabinet Member reminded the committee that a detailed report relating to CCTV had been signed off in November 2010.
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Cllr Julie Jones-Evans	Would the Cabinet Member encourage Town/Parish Councils to contribute to the running costs of CCTV in the early hours?	The Cabinet Member welcomed any contributions from any Parish/Town Councils.
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Councillor Sutton re-entered the room.

(iii) **The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for the Economy and the Environment**

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

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Geoff Lumley	As Pan Meadows, Cowes Pathfinder, Waitrose and Stag Lane were to be using bio-mass plants, was that renewable energy.	The Cabinet Member indicated he believe bio-mass furnaces did represent renewable energy.
Cllr John Howe	Clarification re bringing bio-fuel in from Europe as fossil fuels would be used to transport it here.	The Cabinet Member if the cost of transporting material outweighed the benefit then suppliers would not do it.
Cllr Andy Sutton	Firms in West Wight were looking to supply fuel to the bio-mass plants.	The Cabinet Member welcomed this and believed there was a growth cycle for those fuels of 6 – 10 years.
Cllr Colin Richards	If farms turned over to bio-mass and stopped producing arable crops, what were people going to eat.	The Cabinet Member advised they were commercial ventures so it would be up to each business.

(iv) **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 :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Vanessa Churchman	Ventnor Botanic Garden - was the catering contract a separate thing from the sale of the garden?	The Cabinet Member advised he would and confirm what was in the prospectus.
Cllr Reg Barry	Could the Cabinet member confirm the oak dais, that was previously in the Council Chamber, had not been put in a skip.	The Cabinet Member advised that had been put into storage.
	A supplementary – would you arrange a viewing?	The Cabinet Member indicated he would.
Cllr Geoff Lumley	A constituent had demonstrated how difficult	The Cabinet Member reminded members it had

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr David Knowles	it was to get through to the call centre. Was there more work planned for the call centre as between September 2010 – 2011 84,570 calls had been abandoned	been raised at a previous Council meeting. The Cabinet Member advised that over ½ million calls had gone through the call centre in that period.

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

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Geoff Lumley	There was no mention of the internal audit report due at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee next week.	Cllr Churchman advised that it would be discussed at Scrutiny the following week.

(vi) **Cabinet Member for Children’s Services and Education**

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

(vii) **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 :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Paul Fuller	2,123 penalty charge tickets had been issued. How many appeals had been lodged and how many were successfully appealed against.	The Cabinet Member advised he would provide a written response.
Cllr John Howe	Would to move to a two weekly bin collection be a saving and did that include the additional money from the Government. A supplementary – If there was a financial difference would the Council change its mind and stick with a weekly collection.	The Cabinet Member advised he was not clear on what basis the money would be available. The Cabinet Member explained that there would be a weekly collection with food waste being collected weekly and recyclables and other waste on an alternate 2 weekly cycle.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Jonathan Bacon	When would the communication plan be circulated in relation to the new scheme and would there be an opportunity to appeal or contest.	The Cabinet Member indicated that officers were currently going out with Biffa to assess where bins could be provided. There was no appeal system at present and public would be advised in the new Year.
Cllr Rag Barry	If there was any spare money, would collections return to back door collection.	The Cabinet Member advised there were no plans for that.

CHAIRMAN