

Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2018
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, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Kilpatrick, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, John Medland, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle
Apologies	Cllrs John Howe, Shirley Smart, Brian Tyndall

14. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2018 be confirmed.

15. [Declarations of Interest](#)

The following councillors declared a personal interest in Cllr Lilley's motion regarding Hampshire County Council's Canine Countryside Strategy as they owned a dog who they considered to be a member of their family:

Cllrs Dave Stewart, Paul Brading, John Hobart, John Kilpatrick, Claire Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Debbie Andre, Julia Baker Smith, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, Peacey-Wilcox

Councillor Geoff Brodie declared an interest in the item relating to Parish of Newport Change of Name both as the Chair of Newport Parish Council and instigator of the change of name. Cllrs Julie Jones Evans (Vice Chair), Matthew Price and Andrew Garret, Steve Hastings and John Hobart (ward member for Carisbrooke) also declared an interest in this item as members of Newport Parish Council.

It was noted that all councillors had a special dispensation in relation to the Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on the Members' Allowances

Scheme – 2018-19. Cllr Peacy-Wilcox declared a personal interest as she knew a member of the panel.

16. **Public Question Time**

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Ms Sylvia May of Totalnd	The government's adoption of fracking as both PD and part of the NSIP regime.	The Cabinet Member provided a response which was available on the following link (PQ 26/18)
David Jones of Cowes	The changes to the layout and add traffic lights to St Mary's roundabout	The Cabinet Member provided a response which was available on the following link (PQ 27/18)
Ms Tanja Rebel	Declaring the Island frack free.	The Leader advised that Item 8 (iii) on the agenda, a motion from Cllr Barry Abraham dealt with the council's view of the government's proposals and fracking.
	A supplemental question was asked regarding the council standing strong.	The leader advised this would be the case.
Mr Cameron Palin	Oil drilling on the Isle of Wight.	The Leader advised the Cabinet would explore the matter when it was appropriate to do so. However, the whole chamber was dedicated to preserving the uniqueness of the Island.
Mr Bob Blezzard	The possibility of a parish review following the boundary review as has happened after previous reviews.	The Leader advised that the name change work resulting from the boundary review would need to be undertaken first and that it was hoped that the Cabinet/Town and Parish Council meetings being undertaken would drive work in this area.

17. **Chairman's Official Announcements**

A written report had been circulated for information.

18. [Leaders Update report](#)

The Leader presented the report which set out key points of information for each portfolio area within the Cabinet and highlighted the various challenges the council faced over the short and medium term and the need to ensure the council was financially balanced and sustainable.

Members raised questions in relation to the report

19. [Parish of Newport – Change of Name](#)

Members received a report which advised that the Isle of Wight Council had received a formal request from Newport Parish Council to change its name to “Newport and Carisbrooke” Parish Council and recommended that members approve the request for the change of the civil parish name to “Newport and Carisbrooke”.

At the conclusion of the debate a vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED:

To endorse and confirm the proposal for the change of civil parish and parish council name from “Newport” to “Newport and Carisbrooke”.

20. [Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on the Members’ Allowances Scheme – 2018-19](#)

A report was presented which outlined the findings of the Independent Remuneration Panel’s (IRP) review of the Members’ Allowances Scheme for 2018/19. It was noted that the review took into account the operation of the changes made at Full Council in May 2017 following the local elections.

Following the debate a named vote was taken the result of which was as follows and it was:

For (30)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Adrian Axford, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Geoff Brodie, George Cameron, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Andrew Garratt, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Kilpatrick, Karl Love, John Medland, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Chris Quirk, Dave Stewart, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle.

Against (3)

Cllrs Paul Fuller Michael Lilley, Matthew Price

Abstain (3)

RESOLVED:

That the following be agreed:

(a) That the Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) for 2018/19 be as set out below:

Position	Multiplier of the basic	Special Responsibility Allowance
Leader	2.00	£15,708.00
Deputy Leader	1.25	£9,817.50
Cabinet Member	1	£7,854.00
Scrutiny Chair	1	£7,854.00
Scrutiny Vice Chair	0.2	£1570.80
Adult Social Care and Health Policy and Scrutiny Committee Chair	0.6	£4,712.40
Children's Policy and Scrutiny Committee Chair	0.5	£3,927.00
Regeneration and Environment Policy and Scrutiny Committee Chair	0.5	£3,927.00
Audit Chair	0.4	£3,141.60
Planning Chair	0.8	£6,283.20
Planning Vice Chair	0.2	£1,570.80
Licensing Chair	0.3	£2,356.20
Pension Fund Chair	0.4	£3,141.60
Appeals Chair	0.2	£1,570.80
Chairman of Council	0.7	£5,497.80
Vice Chairman of Council	0.2	£1,570.80
Leaders of Groups of 5 or more	0.1	£785.40
Leaders of Groups of 10 or more	0.2	£1,570.80
Hampshire Police and Crime Panel Chair*	0.6	£4,712.40

**Not from the Isle of Wight Council budget (see paragraph 12 of the IRP report).*

(b) That the amended allowances are payable from 1 April 2018.

(c) That the process for the distribution of the on Island travel lump sum be left

unchanged. This is currently based on the distribution of a lump sum divided between the members on the basis of a formula reflecting distance of county hall from their homes and office they hold. However, the panel will continue to keep this under review in future reports.

- (d) That all other allowances (for example those for co-opted members and child allowance) remain unchanged.

(A full copy of the proposed new members' allowances scheme is set out in the appendix to the attached report of the Independent Remuneration Panel.)

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

- (i) [By Michael Lilley](#)

Councillor Lilley moved the following motion which was duly seconded:

THAT the IW Council resolves in principal to make Isle of Wight a dog (with a responsible owner) friendly Island by adopting the Hampshire County Council's Canine Countryside Strategy which promotes responsible dog owners and makes the Island sea and landscape a place for everyone to enjoy and recommends that Cabinet investigate the introduction of such a strategy.

An amendment changing "principal" to "principle" was accepted by the proposer and seconder and following a debate on the motion, a vote was taken and the motion fell.

- (ii) [By Cllr Stuart Hutchinson](#)

Councillor Hutchinson presented the following motion which was duly seconded:

THAT Council notes the boundary review proposals for the Isle of Wight from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) and further notes the consultation deadline for comment on those proposals, being 12 November 2018; Council requests the formulation of a council wide response be undertaken by the appropriate officer in discussion with the Lead Member and submitted within the designated timescales"

An amendment to the motion which added the following wording which was accepted by the proposer and seconder.:

Council is deeply disappointed that the subsequent Parliamentary Constituency boundary review, now finalised, would mean that these draft recommendations if confirmed will lead to two divisions straddling the proposed two constituencies - Fairlee & Whippingham and the 'greater' Godshill division.

Therefore, whilst recognising the difficulties, the Lead Member is requested to consider options for inclusion in the Council's response that address that anomaly, which would otherwise complicate representation for the affected residents and their councillors.

Following the debate a vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED

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(iii) [Cllr Barry Abraham](#)

Councillor Abraham introduced his motion by stating:

The Government has recently issued a consultation document entitled 'Permitted development for shale gas exploration.' This document has been sent to all Council's in their role as Minerals Planning Authorities and proposes that temporary works for the exploration of shale gas reserves are made permitted development and therefore, not require planning permission. The proposals only relate to conventional drilling for shales gas and do not relate to fracking. The Council is required to provide formal comments by 25 October 2018, setting out its views on the proposals and answers to specific questions outlined within the consultation document. I feel that it is important that all members have the chance to consider these proposals and given the deadlines for the consultation, and as Cabinet member for Planning I would like to raise this matter as a motion for Full Council. I would ask Members to agree with Officer's draft consultation response to Government, which is:

THAT the Council notes the Government's proposals in relation to permitted development rights for shale gas exploration. This Council wishes to raise objections to the proposals and would wish to retain the

ability for the Minerals Planning Authority to determine proposals for shale gas exploration.

The motion was duly seconded and an amendment to the introduction to the motion and the motion itself (indicated by the underlined) was proposed as follows:

The Government also proposes to bring the production phase of fracking under Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP), to be decided centrally by government and the planning inspectorate, thus taking decisions away from local councils. If approved, this could be extended to include other types of oil and gas exploration through secondary legislation.

THAT the Council notes the Government's proposals in relation to permitted development rights for shale gas exploration and to bring the production phase of fracking under Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP). This Council wishes to raise objections to the proposals and would wish to retain the ability for the Minerals Planning Authority to determine all planning decisions at all stages for all types of oil and gas exploration.

Therefore, this Council instructs our planning officers to respond to the government consultation accordingly, by rejecting the changes proposed for PD and NSIP as inappropriate and with the view that local plans, local planning and local democratic decisions should retain control of all local mineral and fossil fuel development.

Following debate a procedural motion to move immediately to the vote was proposed and carried.

A vote was then taken on the amendment and the amendment fell.

A second amendment to add the following wording was proposed and duly seconded:

"Further, to potentially strengthen the ability of the Island to protect its communities and geology, in particular against potentially damaging industrial processes, this Council should consider making representations to the current Glover Review, which is looking, amongst other things, at the potential extension of the boundaries of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, given that in such areas there is restricted potential for activities such as fracking and shale gas exploration to take place."

Following the debate a vote was then taken on the amendment and the amendment fell.

A vote was taken on the substantive motion and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT the Council notes the Government's proposals in relation to permitted development rights for shale gas exploration. This Council wishes to raise objections to the proposals and would wish to retain the ability for the Minerals Planning Authority to determine proposals for shale gas exploration.

22. Member Question Time of the Leader

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Chris Whitehouse	The leaders vision for the future regeneration of the Newport Harbour district and for attracting investment and jobs to the Medina Valley and the redevelopment of the County Hall site.	The Cabinet Member provided a written response which is available on the following link (MQ 10/18)
Cllr Michael Lilley	Development on the land known as Penny Feathers in Ryde East Ward.	The Cabinet Member provided a written response which is available on the following link (MQ 11/18)

CHAIRMAN