



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2013 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Ian Ward (Chairman), Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

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RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [16 October 2013](#) be confirmed.

35. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Councillor Chris Whitehouse declared an interest in Minute 41 (ii) as he was the Director of Strategy for Consumers Health for Choice that campaign on behalf of complementary and alternative medicine.

Councillor Conrad Gauntlett declared an interest in Minute 41 (iii), as he was a vineyard owner.

Councillor Wayne Whittle declared an interest in Minute 41 (iii), as he was Vice Chair of Ryde Business Association, which represented tourism and retail and he operated a tourism related business.

Councillor Julie Jones-Evans declared a non pecuniary interest in Minute 41 (ii), as she has an involvement in the complimentary medicine field.

Councillor Jonathan Gilbey declared an interest in Minute 41 (iii), as he was a licence holder.

Councillor Richard Priest declared an interest in Minute 41 (iii), as he was a licensee.

Councillor Lora Peacey-Wilcox declared an interest in Minute 39, as she had family members in that business.

Councillor Graham Perks declared an interest in Minute 41 (iii), as he was a licensee.

Councillor Daryll Pitcher declared an interest in Minute 41 (iii) as he worked in a public house.

36. **Public Question Time**

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Ms Judy Ferris of Cowes on behalf of the Association of Island Independents.	Ms Ferris was not in attendance, the Chairman read her question out.	The Leader provided a written response which was available on the following link (PQ 28/13)
Mr Moore of Ryde	Asked a question in relation to a 2007 planning application.	The Cabinet Member indicated he would provide a written response.

37. **Chairman's Report**

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

38. **Consultation Review – following consultation exercise**

Members were reminded that at the September 2013 meeting of Full Council, it was agreed to hold a public consultation exercise on three possible governance arrangements for the council, a total of 119 responses had been received.

Option 3 was proposed by the Leader of the Council and duly seconded as follows :

The hybrid system consisting of one party executive, with four politically proportionate executive advisory committees and one scrutiny committee with the option to set up task and finish groups to scrutinise particular issues and:

- a larger Overview and Scrutiny Committee of say 14 members;

- a sub committee to deal with the statutory scrutiny functions of health, crime and flood;
- task and finish groups to be set up by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to deal with the scrutiny of particular issues instead of the existing three scrutiny panels;
- membership of the task and finish groups to be drawn from the whole council, not just the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Option 1 was proposed by Councillor Dave Stewart and duly seconded as follows :

The current one party cabinet system (option 1) but with further work undertaken to further improve the scrutiny function.

Option 2 was proposed by Councillor Bob Blezzard and duly seconded as follows :

A committee system with committees politically proportionate in relation to the representation of political groups on the council and one scrutiny committee to meet the statutory scrutiny functions of health, crime and flooding.

Other members of the council made comment on the proposals. The three proposers then summed up and clarified any points made during the debate.

The Monitoring Officer advised members they were only entitled to one vote. She also explained that if one option got more than half the votes of the members present then that would be the favoured option. If none of the options got a majority of the votes of the members present, the option with the lowest number of votes would fall from the list and then a vote would be taken again on the remaining two proposals.

A named vote was taken on option 1 (as moved by Councillor Stewart), the result of which was as follows:

For (14)

Councillors Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, David Eccles, Conrad Gauntlett, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Nicholson, Matthew Price, Bob Seely, Dave Stewart, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Against (24)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Bob Blezzard, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith,

Abstention (1)

Councillor Charles Chapman

A named vote was taken on option 2 (as moved by Councillor Blezzard), the result of which was as follows:

For (3)

Councillors Bob Blezzard, John Hobart, Richard Hollis

Against (31)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith

Abstention (5)

Councillors Reg Barry, Luisa Hillard, John Medland, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

A named vote was taken on option 3 (as moved by Councillor Stephens), the result of which was as follows:

For (24)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith,

Against (15)

Councillors Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, David Eccles, Conrad Gauntlett, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Nicholson, Matthew Price, Bob Seely, Dave Stewart, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

RESOLVED :

- (i) THAT option 3 be agreed, the hybrid system consisting of one party executive, with four politically proportionate executive advisory committees and one scrutiny committee with the option to set up task and finish groups to scrutinise particular issues and:

- a larger Overview and Scrutiny Committee of say 14 members;
 - a sub committee to deal with the statutory scrutiny functions of health, crime and flood;
 - task and finish groups to be set up by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to deal with the scrutiny of particular issues instead of the existing three scrutiny panels;
 - membership of the task and finish groups to be drawn from the whole council, not just the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (ii) THAT the Constitution Review Working Party continues to develop the detail of the constitution for consideration by the Full Council in due course.

39. [Setting the amount of fees required under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013](#)

Members were advised that the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 required local authorities to set fees for the issuing of licences for scrap metal sites and collectors. It was noted there would be full cost recovery of salary rates.

At the conclusion of the debate a named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (37)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, John Nicholson, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Abstention (1)

Councillor Geoff Lumley

RESOLVED :

THAT the fees for scrap metal sites and collectors be set as follows:

Site Licence (application and renewal)	£325.00
Collectors Licence (application and renewal)	£195.00
Variation	£65.00

40. Reports of the Cabinet Members

(i) The Leader

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

Oral questions were put to the Leader as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Stewart	Would the Leader agree that Visit Isle of Wight and the DMO have and continue to provide a positive contribution to the promotion of economy and tourism of the Isle of Wight? Could he explain the comment attributed to him in the Isle of Wight County press dated 15 November 2013?	The Leader believed the Council should see a good return on any money it put into an organisation, which had not been the case a short while ago for Visit Isle of Wight. He wanted to see value for money.
Cllr Whittle	In its first year, apart from generating £25m, what has Visit Isle of Wight ever done for the Island?	The Leader indicated he wanted to see value for money and ensure that money was spent wisely.
Cllr Pitcher	How much did the local authority spend on translation services?	The Leader would provide a written response to include all members.
	Supplementary - Did the Council intend to hold an inquiry into Eco Island matter?	The Leader advised that it was currently a matter for the police.
Cllr Seely	Did the Leader believe DMO were providing value for money and could he guarantee them future funding?	The Leader said when the Council put money out there; there was a need to make that money work.

(ii) The Deputy Leader

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

Oral questions were put to the Deputy Leader as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Jones-Evans	Would the outcome of the budget consultation roadshow be taken into account?	The Deputy Leader would provide a written response.

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Seely	Was there any indication of a time scale for community bids?	The Deputy Leader advised that it had already gone through Cabinet; he would raise the issue with officers.
Cllr Blezzard	When would you respond to items raised by Sandown Town Council when you visited in September 2013?	The Deputy Leader indicated he was to visit Sandown Town Council on Monday, 25 November 2013.
Cllr Bloomfield	Figures from the roadshow should be taken into account, could clarification be given into what the Leader said in relation to whether the events were worthwhile?	The Deputy Leader indicated that Cllr Bloomfield must have misunderstood what he said; he had not mentioned the roadshow. He indicated in an earlier that when a response from a public consultation which generated 115 votes from a population of between 100,000 and 140,000 people you actually had a response that represented one tenth of 1% of the population. He pointed out there was a point in statistical analysis where you had to decide that actually the response to the consultation was not worth taking a huge amount of notice of.
Cllr Hollis	Did the Deputy Leader believe the budget consultation roadshow had been a resounding success?	The Deputy Leader said it had been disappointing in the number of people who had attended, but there had been good engagement.
Cllr Stewart	Would the Deputy Leader agree that whilst there might not have been a lot of people taking part in the consultation, we do value everybody's input?	The Deputy Leader indicated he agreed that everyone who had engaged in the consultation was of great value.

(iii) **Cabinet Member for Public Protection**

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

(iv) **Cabinet Member for Tourism and Economy**

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

An oral question was put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Stewart	Would the Cabinet Member confirm she was happy for him to progress the initiative with DMO with regard to apprenticeships which was yet to be further developed and come back with a fuller picture in due course?	The Cabinet Member indicated she was happy but that she wanted to be involved.

(v) **Cabinet Member for Resources**

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

A written question was put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Nicholson	What was the policy for checking that the PFI contract works were performing against budget? What meaningful details could be provided?	The Cabinet Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (MQ 09/13)

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Pitcher	Was there anything in place for ¼ly or annual review	The Cabinet Member advised there were monthly meetings with Island Roads and the PFI team.
Cllr Stewart	A visit to the Call Centre was arranged for January 2014, would the Cabinet Member arrange for the appropriate information to be made available to him?	The Cabinet Member indicated he would.

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Seely	When would the road signage be in place?	The Cabinet Member advised he had attended a meeting last week and believed it would probably be in about a month.
Cllr Jones-Evans	Would there be an all member briefing on parking?	The Cabinet Member said there would be as soon as something was available.

(vi) **Cabinet Member for Sustainability**

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

A written question was put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Gauntlett	Taking into account residents' scepticism as to what happens to our recycled waste; can you give figures as to what happened to food/cardboard and paper/plastic and metal waste for the year 2012 to 2013 and the reduction in land fill because of it?	The Cabinet Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (MQ 08/13)

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Seely	The Cabinet Member had a great interest in sustainability, how many ideas was she bringing forward?	The Cabinet Member would provide a written response.
Cllr Stewart	What were the financial implications for the Council's budget in relation to underwater turbines?	The Cabinet Member would provide a written response.
Cllr Hollis	Would the Cabinet Member accept that all the derogatory remarks made by the Independent Group were completely unfounded about waste management?	The Cabinet Member would provide a written response.

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

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

Oral questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Jones-Evans	What was the magic number of responses the Council needed in order to have a valid consultation?	The Chairman indicated he would treat the question with the disdain it deserved.

(viii) **Cabinet Member for Children's Services**

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

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Lumley	There was to be a day to celebrate teaching assistants next week, would the Council pledge its support to the role teaching assistant's played in schools?	The Cabinet Member indicated he would support all contributions that helped to drive up standards in schools.
Cllr Lumley	With regard to the decision to transfer Sandown Secondary School to Academy status, which had failed so far, I and a few others had proposed that the school be run by the East Wight Educational Trust. Did the Cabinet Member think, in retrospect, those few councillors were right, or did the Conservatives get it right with the Academy situation, of not only Sandown but of Ryde?	The Cabinet Member reminded members that he had been the lead person on the East Wight Educational Trust, so therefore had an interest. He indicated that some serious issues had come to fruition but the Council was committed to working in partnership with Academies Enterprise Trust for the collective interest of all children on the island.
Cllr Baker-Smith	There was some confusion relating to the change in law recently to absences and heads being able to grant them. Was there a copy of the policy available?	The Cabinet Member would provide a written response.

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Whitehouse	Had the Council written to the two dioceses in relation to their seats on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel?	The Cabinet Member proffered his thanks to the C of E diocesan representative Mr Tony Blackshaw, who was retiring soon.
Cllr Stewart	Could the Cabinet Member confirm members would have access to the information regarding the budget implications of the work Hampshire was undertaking?	The Cabinet Member believed the Managing Director would include that in his overall presentation. Hampshire was to make a presentation to the Audit Committee; it was possible a response could be provided at that time.
Cllr Jones-Evans	Did the Cabinet Member have more detail on anti-bullying week?	The Cabinet Member indicated the anti-bullying week profile addressed the issue.

(ix) **Cabinet Member for Planning and Regulatory**

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

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Stewart	Whilst nobody could exclude the option of the office of fair trading becoming involved in the ferries issue in due course, would the Cabinet Member agree that at this stage and in line with the motion that was carried by this Council, that it was not a priority at this time in terms of the working being done with the ferry companies?	The Cabinet Member indicated it was not a priority but remained an option.
Cllr Smart	Would Newport be included for S.215 Notices?	The Cabinet Member advised that he would see a Notice was served on any property that was brought to his attention.

(x) **Cabinet Member for Health, Community and Adult Wellbeing**

A written report had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Whitehouse	Could the figures relating to the numbers of applicants for homeless services, be broken down by the geography of the island. He also asked to be involved in looking at early drafts of any papers resulting from the work.	The Cabinet Member welcomed any input and would provide the information.

41. **Motions submitted under Procedure Rule 10 of the Council's Constitution**

By Councillor John Nicholson

Councillor Stewart asked that motions (i) and (ii) be deferred to the next meeting of Full Council, but that motion (iii) be discussed. This was agreed.

Cllr Nicholson then moved:

That the Isle of Wight Council actively promote its native drinks industry at functions and in hospitality, as the prime featured alcoholic refreshment.

An amendment to the motion was proposed and seconded as follows:

That the Isle of Wight Council actively promote its native food and drinks industry at functions and in hospitality, as the prime featured refreshment.

Councillor Nicholson advised that he accepted the amendment to his motion.

At the conclusion of the debate a named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (35)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, John Nicholson, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Abstention (3)

Councillors Jonathan Gilbey, Richard Priest, Colin Richards

RESOLVED :

THAT the Isle of Wight Council actively promote its native food and drinks industry at functions and in hospitality, as the prime featured refreshment.

CHAIRMAN