



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2018
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Lora Peacey-Wilcox (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Debbie Andre, Adrian Axford, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Geoff Brodie, George Cameron, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Kilpatrick, Michael Lilley, John Medland, Clare Mosdell, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle
Apologies	Cllrs Julia Baker-Smith, Rodney Downer, Karl Love, Michael Murwill, Graham Perks, Brian Tyndall.

1. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2018 be confirmed.

2. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Councillor Julie Jones Evans declared a pecuniary interest in the item relating to the parking charges petition as a business owner on a Newport road subject to similar proposals.

3. [Public Question Time](#)

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Tanja Rebel of Cowes	Seeking reassurance Independent Health and Environmental Impact assessments and Public Consultations would be	The Cabinet Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (<u>PQ 40/18</u>)

Name	Subject	Comment
	considered before 5G Wireless Technology is implemented on the Island	
Cameron Palin of East Cowes	The situation regarding warranty for Floating Bridge Six if the vessel had not yet been accepted by the council.	The Leader responded that the warranty had been extended to reflect this.
	A supplemental question was asked regarding payments for work whilst under warranty.	The Leader responded that these works were not covered by the warranty and were to improve the vessel.
Nick Stuart	The strategic plan for the maintenance of Military Road and reducing instances of speeding on the road.	The Leader responded that the contract with Island Roads provided for the road to be maintained for a further 18 years and that work was being undertaken with the police regarding how best to address the issues around speeding.
	A supplemental question was asked regarding a strategic plan for the road.	The Leader acknowledged concerns regarding the possible need to redirect the road (through the area of AONB) into Freshwater and indicated work would need to be undertaken to address this in coming years.
Kathryn Pugh of Ryde	The bid for Park status for the Island and the impact of planned development around Ryde, requesting planning permissions be capped or revoked.	The Leader advised the Isle of Wight Council was subject to the law of the land in relation to planning considerations and all applications would be considered on merit and according to legislation.
	A supplemental question was asked regarding the government recognising the Island's difference to the mainland.	The Leader, while acknowledging the differences, reiterated all applications would be considered on merit and according to legislation.

Name	Subject	Comment
Mark Chiverton of Ryde	Growing public concern around the Cabinet Decision in relation to Local Area Co-ordinators (LAC).	The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Housing Needs responded that the decision had been made. However, there was a task and finish group looking at community resilience and its work would include this area.
	A supplemental question was asked regarding the involvement of LAC service users in the work of the task and finish group.	The cabinet member provided reassurance that the group would be engaging with service users and looking at funding from across health partners on the Island.
Diane Conyers of Ryde	Referral and signposting of cases previously held by Local Area Coordinators.	The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Housing Needs advised she would raise the concerns at the next operational meeting.

4. [**To Receive a Petition 'No parking fees for Ryde Town'**](#)

Members considered a petition of over 2,500 Island residents which had been received in relation to the administration's budget proposal regarding parking fees in Ryde. The petition asked, that in support of the town and local businesses, the proposal was not taken forward.

The organiser of the petition Karen Lucioni gave a brief outline of the petition, highlighting several points of interest. The local member, Councillor Adrian Axford, also gave a brief speech. Members discussed various aspects of the issues raised including parking zones on Union Street

Councillor Julie-Jones Evans left the room for this item when it became clear Newport would be included in the debate.

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

For (30)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Debbie Andre, Adrian Axford, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Geoff Brodie, George Cameron, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Kilpatrick, Michael Lilley, John Medland,

Clare Mosdell, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Against (0)

Abstained (2)

Cllrs John Nicholson, Ian Ward.

RESOLVED:

THAT the chamber request the cabinet reconsider parking fees in Ryde in their budget recommendation to Full Council.

5. **Chairman's Official Announcements**

A written report had been circulated for information.

6. **Leaders Update report**

The Leader presented his 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. The Leader also drew members attention to the Ofsted inspection of Children's services that was underway and the various statistics relating to tourism on the Island.

Members raised questions in relation to the report.

7. **Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2019 – 2020**

Members received a report which outlined the council's review of its Council Tax Reduction Scheme in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992. It outlined previous changes in relation to adjusting the level of support in line with the funding available from central government; aligning the scheme with the changes in Housing Benefit; and to aid administration.

An amendment to the recommendation which added the following option was proposed and duly seconded:

“Option 6 – To consult on amending the current LCTS scheme to allow for a maximum level of support for working age cases to be increased to 80 per cent but allowing for any minor adjustments to applicable amounts and non-dependent charges in-line with housing benefit and Council Tax Reduction scheme for pension age applicants”.

Following the debate a named vote was taken, the result of which was as follows and the amendment fell:

For (11)

Cllrs Debbie Andre, Paul Fuller, John Howe, John Medland, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Julie Jones-Evans, Michael Lilley, Geoff Brodie, Reg Barry, Andrew Garratt.

Against (22)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Adrian Axford, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, George Cameron, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, John Kilpatrick, Clare Mosdell, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Dave Stewart, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Abstained (0)

Following the debate a vote was then taken and it was:

RESOLVED:

- (i) THAT development begins on options for an alternative council tax reduction banded scheme for consideration and potential implementation with effect from 1 April 2020, to reduce the administrative burden placed on the council by the introduction of Universal Credit.
- (ii) THAT the new infected Blood Scheme payments in LCTS be disregarded. Payments of financial support be fully disregarded in housing benefit and can be achieved without consultation in LCTS using the Exceptional Hardship Fund
- (iii) THAT the current LCTS scheme but allowing for any minor adjustments to applicable amounts and non-dependant charges in line with housing benefit and Council Tax Reduction scheme for pension age applicants be maintained.

8. [Motions submitted under Procedure Rule 9 of the Council's Constitution](#)

(i) By Councillor Chris Whitehouse

Councillor Whitehouse moved the following motion which was duly seconded:

“To move that this Council notes the impact upon the Island of the Local Government Act 2000”

The proposer agreed to defer the motion until the January 2019.

(ii) By Councillor Chris Whitehouse

Councillor Whitehouse moved the following motion which was duly seconded:

“To move that this Council commits to regenerating the area of Newport Harbour to the benefit of all residents of Newport and the Island as a whole”.

During the debate a motion was moved under procedure rule 13.11.1(iii) (move to next item of business). A vote was taken and the motion fell.

Following the debate a vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT this Council commits to regenerating the area of Newport harbour to the benefit of all residents of Newport and the Island as a whole.

(iii) By Councillor Michael Lilley

Councillor Lilley moved the following motion which was duly seconded:

Resolved that Isle of Wight Council supports the IW Red Box Project and campaign in their endeavour to raise awareness and tackle period poverty which results in an estimate of one in ten girls in IW schools not able to afford sanitary products through provision of free products in all schools across the Island.

Ann amendment to the motion was proposed, and duly seconded, as follows:

Line 1, leave out from “Council” to “products” and insert:

“continues to support initiatives to ensure that all students have discreet access to the sanitary products they require”

During the debate a motion was moved under procedure rule 13.11.1(iv) (that the question be now put) and duly seconded. A vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT the question be now put

A vote was taken on the amendment and it was accepted.

A vote was then taken on the revised motion and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT the Isle of Wight Council continues to support initiatives to ensure that all students have discreet access to the sanitary products they require in all schools across the Island.

Prior to consideration of the next motion the Chairman agreed to a short adjournment to allow the monitoring officer to provide advice on a declaration of interest.

(iv) By Councillor Debbie Andre

Councillor Debbie Andre declared a personal interest as the Chair of the AONB was known to her before moving the following motion:

In accordance with Defra's 25 year plan, the government is undertaking the Glover Review of designated landscapes. There is currently a call for evidence which closes on 18th December, in respect of this review. This council calls on the administration to use the opportunity presented by the Glover Review to make representations to support the creation of a new designation of an "Island Park", which would be properly funded by government and come with appropriate powers. This would help to promote a sustainable economy for the Isle of Wight by protecting its unique environment, whilst supporting sustainable development to facilitate true and appropriate regeneration for the Isle of Wight.

The motion was duly seconded and an amendment to the motion was proposed as follows:

Line 4: Delete "the Administration" to end of Motion and replace with

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"the responsible Cabinet Member to undertake further research into, and to consider making representations to government about, the opportunities and threats that might be created for the Island by the possible creation of an Island Park."

Following debate a vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT the amendment be accepted.

During the debate a motion was moved under procedure rule 13.11.1(iv) (that the question be put now) and duly seconded. A vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT the question be now put

A vote was then taken on the revised motion and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT in accordance with Defra's 25 year plan, the government is undertaking the Glover Review of designated landscapes. There is currently a call for evidence which closes on 18th December, in respect of this review. This council calls on the responsible Cabinet Member to undertake further research into, and to consider making representations to government about, the opportunities and threats that might be created for the Island by the possible creation of an Island Park

9. Procedure rule No. 25

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting be extended for up to one hour.

(v) [By Councillor John Nicholson](#)

Councillor Nicholson moved the following motion which was duly seconded:

To move that this Council appreciates the important contribution that public houses make to communities and local economies around the Island; notes with concern the rate at which such businesses have closed in recent years; and encourages the current Administration to consider active engagement, when appropriate, to facilitate and encourage public houses to continue their trade.

Following debate a vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT this Council appreciates the important contribution that public houses make to communities and local economies around the Island; notes with concern the rate at which such businesses have closed in recent years; and encourages the current Administration to consider active engagement, when appropriate, to facilitate and encourage public houses to continue their trade.

(vi) [By Councillor John Nicholson](#)

Councillor Nicholson moved the following amended motion which was duly seconded:

This council recognises the sacrifice endured by service personnel for us fighting to preserve our liberty and freedom to argue and disagree as a democracy and should reflect upon the traumas that they have suffered and, in some cases, continue to suffer. We should recognise and be more active in addressing those issues.

Following debate a vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT this council recognises the sacrifice endured by service personnel for us fighting to preserve our liberty and freedom to argue and disagree as a democracy and should reflect upon the traumas that they have suffered and, in some cases, continue to suffer. We should recognise and be more active in addressing those issues

10. **Member Question time of the Leader**

The following written questions were put to the leader. It was agreed that written responses would be provided:

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Chris Whitehouse	If he will make a statement on his vision for one public service on the Island; if he will indicate the service improvements that achievement of that vision will deliver for the Island; and if he will set out his plan for achieving his objectives?	The Leader provided a written response which is available on the following link MQ14-18
Cllr Michael Lilley	In the light of the Isle of Wight Council's Public Health Department and Strategy now being managed by Hampshire County Council alongside Children Services and Fire Service (Proposed Combined Fire Authority), what other IW Council services could be contracted to Hampshire in the future and what is the future of IW Council as an Independent Unitary Authority if we increasingly become reliant on mainland management of our services?	The Leader provided a written response which is available on the following link MQ15-18
Cllr Geoff Brodie	The IW Council leadership endorsed at Cabinet on 8 November the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sustainability and Transformation Partnership	The Leader provided a written response which is available on the following link MQ21-18

(STP); something that has had no public consultation as to its implications whatsoever despite promises there would be in the autumn on 2016. It also had the support of something called the Local Care Board - an entirely non-transparent and unaccountable body, with no meetings in public or published minutes that I can find.

Can the Leader of this Council explain to Full Council and the public at large why the STP is being driven forward by his administration and their local health partners without bothering to reassure Islanders that their precious NHS will not be further damaged?

Cllr Ian Stephens

A motion passed at Full Council in January 2018 promised support in the search for a suitable site for the Bus Shelter. The winter has arrived and there is not just a 'one fits all' service which can successfully cover service provision for the homeless on our Island. Please can the Leader update members on the assistance given to the Bus Shelter to date and any ongoing work in supporting this worthy charity?

The Leader provided a written response which is available on the following link [MQ16-18](#)

Cllr Ian Stephens

How much is the total budget for the new information hub and reception area?

The Leader provided a written response which is available on the following link [MQ17-18](#)

Cllr Ian Stephens

Where is the ASDA money and how much money is left?

The Leader provided a written response which is available on the following link [MQ18-18](#)

Cllr Ian Stephens	Can a list of capital projects be produced with costs?	The Leader provided a written response which is available on the following link MQ19-18
Cllr Ian Stephens	How much financial interest is being accrued by the £11.5m approx. in reserves?	The Leader provided a written response which is available on the following link MQ20-18

CHAIRMAN