



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2009 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Arthur Taylor (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Jonathan Bacon, Reg Barry, Peter Bingham, George Brown, Ivan Bulwer, George Cameron, Vanessa Churchman, Dawn Cousins, Rodney Downer, Stuart Dyer, Paul Fuller, Edward Giles, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, Heather Humby, Tim Hunter-Henderson, Julie Jones-Evans, Geoff Lumley, Roger Mazillius, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, David Pugh, Colin Richards, Susan Scoccia Ian Stephens, Andy Sutton, Ian Ward, Margaret Webster, Chris Welsford, Jerry White, Wayne Whittle, David Williams, William Wyatt-Millington
Apologies	Cllrs Roger Dixcey, John Howe, Patrick Joyce, David Knowles, Adrian Whittaker, David Whittaker

34. Minutes

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [28 October 2009](#) be confirmed subject to the oral question noted for the Cabinet Member for Resources in Minute 33 (vii) being moved to Minute 33 (viii) Cabinet Member for Fire and Community Safety.

35. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations received at this stage.

36. Public Question Time

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Mrs Jackie Hawkins of Newport (MQ/25)	The management of the Planning Committee meeting for the Cheverton Down wind turbine application.	The Cabinet Member would provide a written response.

Name	Subject	Comment
Mr David Miller of Cowes (MQ/26)	The timing and method of contract award decision for the One School Pathfinder project in Cowes. A supplementary question on when the school re-organisation matrix would be available on the Council's web site.	The Leader advised that the timetable had to be changed to comply with recent case law. The Leader believed it would be available in 2010 and would confirm that in writing.

Oral questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Mr John Wortham	If there was a change in government after the next election George Osborne, the Shadow Chancellor, had indicated that he would scrap the PFI scheme, was the Council confident it would be allocated £325m although it was not guaranteed. A supplementary question was put asking if it was misleading to state the Council had the grant, as until confirmation was received they would not know.	The Cabinet Member indicated that George Osborne had not been correctly quoted and referred Mr Wortham to the Conservative web site. The Cabinet Member advised that on the best information the Council had it was highly likely the grant would be received.

37. [Chairman's Report](#)

A written report had been circulated for information.

38. **Isle of Wight Council Corporate Plan 2009 - 2013**

The Leader indicated that Appendix A to the Plan had been re-circulated as there had been a few anomalies in the original printed version.

Council reviewed the Corporate Plan for 2009 to 2013, which highlighted the Council's revised priorities and objectives as well as links to service development plans and annual staff reviews. It was noted that feedback from the Residents' Survey had been incorporated in the refreshed Plan, and Cabinet Members and Directors had also been consulted.

Members were advised that the Island Strategic Partnership had also provided comment about the Council's contribution to the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy Action Plan. In addition, activity associated with the government's Local Area Agreement (LAA), which aligned with themes and

priorities detailed in the Sustainable Community Strategy, had also been included.

RESOLVED:

THAT the refreshed Corporate Plan 2009 – 2013 be adopted subject to the addition of the word ‘member,’ after ‘council staff’ and before ‘partners’, on line 4 of paragraph 3, page 4 of Appendix 1.

39. Cabinet

Reports of the Cabinet Members

(i) **[The Leader and Cabinet Member for Governance and School Improvement](#)**

A written report had been circulated for information.

The Leader also reported that the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had resigned with immediate effect.

Oral questions were put to the Leader as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Lumley	In the light of the resignation would nominations still be welcomed from opposition parties	The Leader indicated that nominations would be sought and considered at the January 2010 Council meeting.
	Relations with the royal British Legion be restored as no maroon was fired on Remembrance Day as was normally the case.	The Leader agreed to look into the concerns and responded accordingly.
Councillor Barry	The recent Adjudication Panel sanctions imposed were relatively light.	The Leader provided a personal response.

(ii) **The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for the Economy, Tourism, Leisure and Planning**

An oral report was provided.

(iii) **[Cabinet Member for Resources](#)**

A written report had been circulated for information.

Members were advised that a briefing on Transformation had been arranged for all members on 16 December 2009 in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Newport, commencing at 4.00 pm.

(iv) [Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee](#)

A written report had been circulated for information.

(v) [Cabinet Member for Children, Social Care, Health and Housing](#)

A written report had been circulated for information.

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Mazillius	Offered congratulations to officers on the delivery of affordable home ownership and bringing redundant properties back into use.	The Cabinet Member indicated she would pass on congratulations

(vi) [Cabinet Member for the Environment and Transport](#)

A written report had been circulated for information.

A written question was submitted as follows:

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Downer (PQ 13/09)	Improvements and availability of the public toilets at Grove Road in Wroxall.	The Cabinet Member gave a full response which included an explanation of why the Council had taken the decision.

Oral questions were submitted as follows:

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Barry	If the PFI money was not awarded did the Council have a Plan B.	The Cabinet Member provided a response indicating that if the grant was not received the Council would have to budget between £10m - £11m.
Councillor Welsford	Home to School transport	The Cabinet Member provided a response.
Councillor Richards	Had previously attended a presentation on traffic arrangements for Newport, where at with the plan.	The Cabinet Member advised that Project X had only been one option discussed; there was a need for a workable solution. All options were being worked up by officers.
Councillor Dyer	Was money for the improvement to Bouldner Road being vired from	The Cabinet Member indicated that the Council were endeavouring to

	money not spent on Niton Undercliff scheme.	include the road in the PFI.
Councillor Bacon	The closure of toilets in September for the winter period, would it be possible to leave them open until after ½ term in October. A matrix had been obtained regarding an assessment done on public toilets dated 2009 why was another assessment being undertaken.	The Cabinet Member provided a response advising of the need for an up to date assessment.
Councillor Humby	Advertising hoardings on the back of vehicles.	The Cabinet Member believed it was a planning issue.

(vii) **Cabinet Member for Fire and Community Safety**

A written report had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Lumley	A licensing issue with regard to a pole dancing club proposed for Newport which was opposite a school and should the head teacher of the school should have been advised.	The Cabinet Member provided a full response which included information from the Licensing Act 2003 which set out the consultation process.
Councillor Pugh	Made comment on the propose changes to the licensing process set out in the Police and Crime Bill	
Councillor Richards	A successful prosecution on fly tipping had been made in his area, he asked that local members be kept informed of the outcome of such actions.	The Cabinet Member provided a response and agreed to ensure that local members were informed.

(viii) Cabinet Member for Major Projects, Customer Service and Communications

A written report had been circulated for information.

An oral question was asked as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Mazillius	Concern had been raised about the annual residents' survey being conducted by telephone.	The Cabinet Member advised that the company being used would properly introduce themselves at the start of the call.
Councillor Peacey-Wilcox	Were businesses on the Isle of Wight also part of the survey.	Isle of Wight businesses were part of a separate contract by the Isle of Wight Council through our Economic Partnership partner to ascertain the views of the business sector.

CHAIRMAN