



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2008 AT 5.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Arthur Taylor (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Henry Adams, George Brown, William Burt, George Cameron, Vanessa Churchman, Dawn Cousins, Mike Cunningham, John Effemey, Jonathan Fitzgerald-Bond, Barbara Foster, Deborah Gardiner, Charles Hancock, John Hobart, Peter Humber, Heather Humby, Tim Hunter-Henderson, Patrick Joyce, Gill Kennett, Geoff Lumley, Roger Mazillius, Muriel Miller, Erica Oulton, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Lady Pigot, Garry Price, David Pugh, Ian Stephens, Andy Sutton, Diana Tuson, Ian Ward, Margaret Webster, Alan Wells, David Whittaker
Officers in attendance	Steve Beynon, Dave Burbage, Davina Fiore, Stuart Love, Keith Woods
Apologies	Cllrs Wendy Arnold, Anne Bishop, John Bowker, Ivan Bulwer, Charles Chapman, David Knowles, Win McRobert, Brian Mosdell, Susan Scoccia, Colin West, David Williams, Jilly Wood

39. Minutes

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [17 September 2008](#) be confirmed.

40. Motions under Procedure Rule 10

(a) By Cllr Taylor:

The following motion was moved by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Mazillius:

“To confer the honorary freedom of the Isle of Wight upon Christopher Bland in grateful recognition of the outstanding way he has supported and served the Island.”

Following a brief debate and the vote, it was

RESOLVED:

THAT the Council confer the honorary freedom of the Isle of Wight upon Christopher Bland in grateful recognition of the outstanding way he has supported and served the Island.

Following the resolution a fanfare was played in tribute to Christopher Bland and the scroll granting the freedom was read out. Mr Bland then formally signed the Roll of Honorary Freeman and gave a speech of thanks to the Council.

The Chairman then adjourned the meeting for 30 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 6.07pm

41. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations received at this stage.

42. **Public Question Time**

No written questions were submitted.

Oral questions were put to the Chairman as follows:

Name:	Subject:	Comment:
Mr M Starke of Chale	Standards Board for England investigation	The Leader responded.
Mr J Wortham of Brighstone	Highways PFI	The Cabinet Member responded.
Mr Miller of Cowes	Cowes One School Pathfinder	The Cabinet Member responded.

43. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had provided a written report.

44. **Report from the Council's Returning Officer**

The Chief Executive announced that Roger Dixcey had been elected to Mount Joy ward.

45. **Review of Membership on Outside Bodies**

The Leader introduced the report and explained that the changes contained within it were limited at this stage due to the short timescale until the next election, after which a full review would be carried out.

After a brief debate and the vote it was

RESOLVED:

THAT representation be changed on the following outside bodies to the members detailed below, with immediate effect:

- (a) County Councils Network – Cllrs Pugh, Cousins, Abraham and Adams
- (b) Hampshire & Isle of Wight Local Government Association – Cllrs Pugh, Brown and Wood
- (c) Local Government Association – Cllr Pugh
- (d) South East England Regional Assembly – Cllrs Pugh and Brown (Deputy).

46. Scrutiny Committee Recommendation

Cllr Miller outlined the recommendation from the Scrutiny Committee and explained that the proposal was to rectify the position that at present there was no time limit between the publication of a delegated decision and the signing of it by a Cabinet Member.

After a brief debate and the vote it was

RESOLVED:

THAT the Constitution be amended so that a delegated decision proposed to be taken by a Cabinet Member must be signed off within 20 working days of the closing date for representations following its publication, but subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee, an extension can be permitted.

47. Cabinet

Reports of the Cabinet Members

(i) **[The Leader](#)**

A written report had been circulated.

(ii) **[The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy, Leisure, Planning and Property](#)**

A written report had been circulated.

(iii) **[Cabinet Member for Health, Housing and Community Wellbeing](#)**

A written report had been circulated.

Name:	Subject:	Comment:
Cllr Stephens	Supporting the homeless and recouping lost new builds.	The Cabinet Member responded.

(iv) **[Cabinet Member for Residents, Resources and the Fire Service](#)**

A written report had been circulated.

Name:	Subject:	Comment:
Cllr Churchman	Potential loss of Fire Service to Hampshire	The Cabinet Member responded.
Cllr Hancock	Rate Support Grant and reduction of resources in real terms.	The Cabinet Member would provide a written response.

(v) **Cabinet Member for Safer Communities**

A written report had been circulated and the final decision on Town Centre Managers would be circulated to all members.

Cllr Peacey-Wilcox declared a personal interest as her name was mentioned in the report.

(vi) **Cabinet Member for Children and Young People**

A written report had been circulated.

Name:	Subject:	Comment:
Cllr Lumley	Cost limit for Cowes One School Pathfinder	The Cabinet Member responded.
Cllr Cameron	Abolition of SATS tests for 14 year olds	The Cabinet Member responded.

(vii) **Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport**

A written report had been circulated.

Name:	Subject:	Comment:
Cllr Hancock	Servicing and dates for work to floating bridge	The Cabinet Member would provide a written response.
Cllr Humby	Private companies placing billboards on or near the highway	The Head of Planning was drafting a response which would be copied to Cllr Humby.

Cllr Stephens	Monitoring, transparency and payments relating to the Highways PFI	The Cabinet Member would provide a written response.
Cllr Miller	Policy around cars for sale in lay by's	The Cabinet Member for Safer Communities responded.
Cllr Brown	Cynicism around the Highways PFI	The Cabinet Member responded.

(viii) **Chair of Scrutiny**

A written report had been circulated.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.55 pm.

CHAIRMAN