



Name of meeting

Date and time

Venue

Present

Officers in attendance

Apologies

Minutes

FULL COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 16 APRIL 2008

COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT

Cllrs Roger Mazillius (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Henry Adams, John Bowker, George Brown, Ivan Bulwer, William Burt, George Cameron, Vanessa Churchman, Dawn Cousins, Mike Cunningham, John Effemey, Jonathan Fitzgerald-Bond, Charles Hancock, John Hobart, Peter Humber, Heather Humby, Tim Hunter-Henderson, Gill Kennett, David Knowles, Geoff Lumley, Muriel Miller, Brian Mosdell, Lady Pigot, Garry Price, David Pugh, Susan Scoccia, Ian Stephens, Andy Sutton, Arthur Taylor, Diana Tuson, Alan Wells, David Whittaker, David Williams, Jilly Wood

Steve Beynon, David Burbage, Debbie Dixon, Joe Duckworth, Claire Foreman, Chris Mathews, Helen Miles, Amanda Thomas

Cllrs Wendy Arnold, Anne Bishop, Charles Chapman, Barbara Foster, Deborah Gardiner, Patrick Joyce, Win McRobert, Erica Oulton, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Melanie Swan, Ian Ward, Margaret Webster, Colin West

1. **Introduction and Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all invited guests, Elected Members and members of the public to Annual Council. Canon Stephen Palmer was invited to lead the Chamber in prayers.

2. **Suspension of Procedure Rules 15(4) and 18(4)**

To facilitate discussion on agenda items 1, 2, 5 and 6 it was proposed that Procedure Rules 15(4), relating to time limited speeches and 18(4) relating to voting by secret ballot for appointments, to be suspended.

RESOLVED:

THAT Procedure Rules 15(4) and 18(4) be suspended for agenda items 1, 2, 5 and 6 to facilitate discussion and enable voting on Council appointments by a show of hands.

3. **Election of Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year**

Cllr Arthur Taylor was proposed and seconded as Chairman of the Council. There being no other nominations it was

RESOLVED:

THAT Cllr Arthur Taylor be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Council then adjourned the meeting to enable the Chain of Office to be passed to the new Chairman.

When the meeting reconvened Cllr Taylor took the Chair and formally declared his acceptance of office and thanked Members for his appointment. There followed an announcement of the Chairman's Consort, Mrs Doreen Taylor, the Chaplaincy, Canon Stephen Palmer with Canon James Buckett as Honorary Chaplain. The Chairman's nominated charities were the Earl Mountbatten Hospice and Haylands Farm.

Tributes were made to the outgoing Chairman and the Past Chairman's badge was presented.

Cllr Mazillius responded accordingly and presented the Chairman's Consort badge to Mrs Jill Mazillius. Charitable donations of £7,353.82 were presented to Mr Mike Acton for the Island Youth Water Activities Centre and Mr Les Hollinshed for Macmillan Nurses. Members and officers were thanked for their support throughout the year.

4. **Election of Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year**

Cllr Lady Sarah Pigot was proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman of the Council. There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED:

THAT Cllr Lady Sarah Pigot be appointed Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

The newly elected Vice Chairman formally declared her acceptance of office and thanked Members for their support.

5. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [19 March 2008](#) be confirmed.

6. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that there were no announcements at this time.

7. **Election of the Leader of the Council**

Cllr David Pugh was proposed and seconded as Leader of the Council. There being no other nominations it was

RESOLVED:

THAT Cllr David Pugh be elected Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Cabinet for the ensuing Council year.

8. **Appointments and Constitutional Issues**

Members were advised that Council was required on an annual basis to confirm the Council's committee structure; size and terms of reference; the allocation of seats in accordance with political proportionality; appoint the Chairmen of the Committees and Member Champions; receive nominations for outside bodies and re-affirm the scheme of delegation.

The Leader introduced the report which was considered together with the tabled recommendation for appointments. For clarity, the full recommendation had been circulated prior to the start of the meeting.

Council noted that the revised Constitution would be submitted for consideration at the Full Council meeting on 16 July 2008. The Leader advised that appointments to outside bodies would be reviewed with a further report being submitted to the Full Council meeting on 21 May 2008 for approval.

An amendment was proposed and seconded:

THAT item (i) of the recommendation be removed and arrangements be made for the appointment of an interim Chief Executive until after the 2009 elections.

During debate concerns were raised about associated costs of the appointment and also about any delay in appointing to such a senior managerial post. Following the vote the motion was lost.

The debate resumed on the original recommendation and following the vote it was

RESOLVED:

THAT Council:

- (a) Notes that the revised Constitution will be submitted to the July meeting of the Council for consideration.

- (b) That the following Committees be re-appointed with the size and terms of reference as set out in version 3.19.1 of the Constitution:
 - (i) Scrutiny Committee
 - (ii) Audit Committee
 - (iii) Ethical Standards Committee
 - (iv) General Purposes Committee
 - (v) Planning Committee
 - (vi) Licensing Committee
 - (vii) Investment Panel
 - (viii) Policy Commission for Safer Communities
 - (ix) Policy Commission for Children and School Results
 - (x) Policy Commission for Business and Infrastructure
 - (xi) Policy Commission for Care, Health and Housing
- (c) To appoint to the positions of Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the Council's committees as detailed in Appendix 1 (as attached).
- (d) That whilst the existing appointments to Outside Bodies remain the Leader be requested to review these appointments and report back to the May Council meeting with his recommendations.
- (e) That the existing scheme of delegation as set out in version 3.19.1 of the Constitution be re-affirmed.
- (f) To appoint five Champion positions as set out in Appendix 1 (as attached).
- (g) That the Independent Remuneration Panel be asked to consider the allowances paid to the Independent Ethical Standards Committee and report back their recommendations to the Council in due course.
- (h) That a Panel of the Leaders of the three largest groups be established with delegated authority to make the appointments to the Independent Remuneration Panel following public advertisement.
- (i) That Council appoint a Chief Executive Appointment Panel of 5 members, on a politically proportionate basis, to shortlist and interview all the applications and to make a recommendation to Council on the appointment.

9. **Programme of Ordinary Council Meeting for the ensuing year**

It was proposed and seconded that Council approve the dates of future meetings as listed on the agenda. Members noted that no meetings had been scheduled for August or December 2008. All meetings would begin at 6.00 pm and would be held in the Council Chamber at County Hall, Newport.

RESOLVED:

THAT the following dates be approved for ordinary Council meetings.:

Wednesday, 21 May 2008
Wednesday, 18 June 2008
Wednesday, 16 July 2008
Wednesday, 17 September 2008
Wednesday, 15 October 2008
Wednesday, 19 November 2008
Wednesday, 21 January 2009
Wednesday, 25 February 2009 (Budget Council)
Wednesday, 18 March 2009
Wednesday, 15 April 2009
Wednesday, 20 May 2009 (Annual Council)

CHAIRMAN

ANNUAL COUNCIL – 16 APRIL 2008

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – 2008/09
LIST OF COMMITTEES AND POSITIONS**

Nominations proposed by Cllr David Pugh

Scrutiny Committee

Chairman – Cllr Muriel Miller

Audit Committee

Chairman – Cllr Colin West

Ethical Standards Committee

Chairman – Mark Southwell

Planning Committee

Chairman – Cllr Ivan Bulwer

Vice-Chairman – Cllr Susan Scoccia

Licensing Committee

Chairman – Cllr Susan Scoccia

General Purposes Committee

Chairman – Cllr Lady Pigot

Investment Panel

Chairman – Cllr Colin West

Policy Commission for Safer Communities

Chairman – Cllr David Williams

Policy Commission for Children and School Results

Chairman – Cllr George Cameron

Policy Commission for Business and Infrastructure

Chairman – Cllr Jonathan Fitzgerald-Bond

Policy Commission for Care, Health and Housing

Chairman – Cllr Erica Oulton

Champions

Housing and Homelessness – Cllr Bill Burt

Older People – Cllr Margaret Webster

Children – Cllr Gill Kennett

Civic Pride – Cllr David Whittaker

Heritage and Environment – Cllr John Hobart