

Minutes

Name of meeting

FULL COUNCIL

Date and time

WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY 2008 AT 6.00 PM

Venue

COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT

Present

Cllrs Arthur Taylor (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Henry Adams, John Bowker, George Brown, Ivan Bulwer, William Burt, George Cameron, Charles Chapman, Mike Cunningham, John Effemey, Jonathan Fitzgerald-Bond, , Charles Hancock, John Hobart, Peter Humber, Heather Humby, Tim Hunter-Henderson, David Knowles, Roger Mazillius, Erica Oulton, Lady Pigot, David Pugh, Susan Scoccia, Ian Stephens, Margaret Webster, Colin West, Jilly Wood

Officers in attendance

Steve Beynon, Dave Burbage, Debbie Dixon, Davina Fiore, Stuart Love, Sarah Mitchell, Clive Joynes

Apologies

Wendy Arnold, Anne Bishop Vanessa Churchman, Dawn Cousins, Barbara Foster, Deborah Gardiner. Patrick Joyce, Gill Kennett, Geoff Lumley, Win McRobert. Muriel Miller, Brian Mosdell, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Garry Price, Andy Sutton, Melanie Swan Diana Tuson. David Whittaker Ian Ward, Alan Wells, and **David Williams**

25. Minutes

RESOLVED:

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on <u>18 June 2008</u> be confirmed.

26. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations received at this stage.

27. Public Question Time

No questions were put to the Chairman from members of the public.

28. Chairman's Report

The Chairman provided a written report that had been circulated. The following were congratulated on honours that they had received in the Queen's Birthday Honours List:

Mr J Wilson-Smith – for voluntary work
Ms V Rayner – for services to businesses
Mr S Giany – for voluntary service to the Police
Cpt S Woodcock – services to the Royal Navy

29. Review of Constitution

Council received the report of the Director of Legal and Democratic services which explained the need for the review of the Constitution and highlighted at appendix 1 the main changes to the constitution.

The Leader of the Council moved that version 4 of the constitution be adopted but explained that as he would need to take a delegated decision defining the delegation of Executive powers the new Constitution would come into affect (if agreed) at the same time as his decision on the delegation of the Executive powers. It was also noted that any good practice issues that arose that merited amending the constitution would be reported back to Council for consideration as necessary.

RESOLVED:

THAT version 4 of the Constitution be adopted and that it comes into effect from the same date that the Leader's delegated decision on the delegation of Executive powers comes into effect.

30. Appointment of a New Chief Executive

Steve Beynon left the meeting for this item.

Council received a recommendation from the Appointments Panel, which was seconded and debated. Following the vote it was

RESOLVED:

THAT Mr Steve Beynon be appointed as Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service of the Isle of Wight Council with effect from 28 July 2008.

Steve Beynon returned to the meeting.

31. Cabinet

Reports of the Cabinet Members

(i) The Leader

A written report had been provided.

Oral questions were put to the Leader as follows:

Name:	Subject:	Comment:
Cllr Knowles	Mechanism for the approval of the Investment Fund accounts.	Leader responded accordingly.
Cllr Hancock	Requested update on SEEDA.	Leader responded accordingly.
Cllr Mazillius	Thanked David Burbage for acting as Interim Chief Executive.	Leader responded accordingly.

(ii) The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy, Leisure, Planning and Property

A written report had been provided.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows:

Name:	Subject:	Comment:
Cllr Knowles	Asked for clarification on the monies due from Tesco under the Section 106 agreement.	The Cabinet Member promised a full written response.
Cllr Hancock	Requested clarification on the current situation with regard to the relationships with the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Partnership.	The Cabinet Member responded accordingly.
Cllr Chapman	Sought further clarity on the Tesco Section 106 money.	The Cabinet Member would provide further clarification.

(iii) Cabinet Member for Safer Communities

A written report had been provided.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows:

Name:	Subject:	Comment:
Cllr Hancock	Requested	On behalf of the Cabinet
	clarification on the	Member the Leader
	role and membership	promised a written
	of the multi-agency	response.
	panel to look at anti-	
	social behaviour.	

(iv) Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

A written report had been provided.

(v) <u>Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport</u>

A written report had been provided.

(vi) Chair of Scrutiny

A written report had been provided.

(vii) <u>Cabinet Member for Health, Housing and Community</u> Wellbeing

A written report had been provided.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows:

Name:	Subject:	Comment:
Cllr Knowles	Asked a question in relation to the refurbishment of premises at Undercliff Drive for homeless family.	On behalf of the Cabinet Member the Leader promised a written response.
Cllr Hancock	Asked if the increase in requests for temporary accommodation was a growing trend.	On behalf of the Cabinet Member the Leader promised a written response.
Cllr Mazillius	Offered congratulations to Cabinet Member and Directorate on the various housing initiatives.	On behalf of the Cabinet Member the Leader promised to pass these congratulations on.

(viii) <u>Cabinet Member for Residents, Resources and the Fire Service</u>

A written report had been provided.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows:

Name:	Subject:	Comment:
Cllr Chapman	Raised concerns	The Cabinet Member
	with regard to the	was aware and meetings
	relocation of the	with local members had
	Ryde Help Centre	been arranged to try and
	to Ryde Library.	resolve the issues.
Cllr Hancock	Raised a question	The Cabinet Member
	in relation to the	explained that everything
	relocation of the	had been done to
	Fire Control Centre	prevent the move but
	to the mainland.	this was a requirement
		of the legislation.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.55 pm.

CHAIRMAN