



Minutes

FULL COUNCIL

Name of meeting

Date and time

Venue

Present

Officers Present

Apologies

20 JUNE 2007 at 6.00 pm

COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT

Cllrs Roger Mazillius (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Henry Adams, Wendy Arnold, John Bowker, George Brown, Ivan Bulwer, William Burt, George Cameron, Vanessa Churchman, Dawn Cousins, Mike Cunningham, John Effemey, Charles Hancock, John Hobart, Heather Humby, Tim Hunter-Henderson, Patrick Joyce, Gill Kennett, Win McRobert, Brian Mosdell, Lady Pigot, David Pugh, Susan Scoccia, Ian Stephens, Andy Sutton, Melanie Swan, Arthur Taylor, Diana Tuson, Ian Ward, Alan Wells, Colin West, David Whittaker, Julian Whittaker, Jilly Wood

Alison Lowton, Chris Mathews, Pat Szatter, Amanda Thomas

Cllrs Anne Bishop, Jonathan Fitzgerald-Bond, Barbara Foster, Deborah Gardiner, David Knowles, Geoff Lumley, Muriel Miller, Erica Oulton, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Garry Price, Margaret Webster, David Williams

24. **Minutes**

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [16 May 2007](#) be confirmed.

25. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations received at this stage.

26. **Public Question Time**

A written question had been received from Mr David Miller of Cowes regarding the availability of the final admission numbers for Cowes middle schools. The Cabinet Member advised that the numbers would be available by mid-September 2007 and a written response would be forwarded, copied to all Members, about the other questions received from Mr Miller. (PQ 15/07)

27. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had provided a written report detailing some of the events attended during the month for Council's information.

28. **The Island Youth Water Activities Centre**

The Manager of the IYWAC introduced the Paddywack crew members to Council and provided a presentation demonstrating their experiences in the recent race between Cowes and Deauville. The Paddywack had gained first place in Class 4.

The Chairman was pleased to congratulate the crew members for their hard work and success on behalf of the Council.

29. **The Gypsy Moth IV World Tour**

The Chief Executive of the United Kingdom Sailing Academy provided a presentation showing the route and events surrounding the recent World Tour of the Gypsy Moth IV. The refit project had cost approximately £300,000 and had involved a total of 120 Island children throughout the duration of the tour.

Council noted that the Gypsy Moth IV was now berthed in Cowes and would be a major visitor attraction in the future.

30. **The 2007 World Island Youth Games in Corsica**

The Community Leisure Development Manager provided a presentation for Members, demonstrating the Island's success in the recent World Island Youth Games.

A past competitor, Stuart Blackler, addressed Council describing his own experiences of representing the Island in the past and how it had affected his personal growth.

Some of the Island's competitors, including medal winners, then joined Members in the Council Chamber and the Chairman presented medals, congratulating them all for their efforts and achievements on behalf of the Council.

The Pasha Burgoyne Award was also to be presented to the competitor(s) demonstrating outstanding services, including performance, attitude and ambassadorship during the games. Following the announcement, the Chairman presented the award to the Girls 400m Relay Team, Sarah Grace, Brogan Percy, Faith Norster and Ella Bilton.

31. **Cabinet**

Update Reports from the Cabinet Members

(i) **The Leader**

The Leader had provided a written report updating Council on progress over the last month.

Cllr Hancock asked about the Leader's awareness of the Voluntary Sector input to Council Services, pointing out that contracts had not as yet been signed. The Leader advised that he was aware of the Third Sector input and reassured the Member that contracts would be signed in due course.

(ii) **The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Schools Leadership and Governance**

The Deputy Leader advised that he had no specific updates for Council.

(iii) **Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Leisure and Communications**

The Cabinet Member had provided a written report updating Council on progress over the last month.

Cllr Hancock reminded the Cabinet Member of his invitation to attend a meeting in East Cowes to discuss the Regeneration project. The Cabinet Member advised that he would be able to attend a meeting in the near future.

(iv) **Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Supporting People**

The Cabinet Member had provided a written report updating Council on progress over the last month.

(v) **Cabinet Member for Customers and Parish Empowerment**

The Cabinet Member had provided a written report updating Council on progress over the last month.

Cllr Hancock asked for a response to the question put at the March Council meeting and the Cabinet Member advised that this would be investigated at the earliest opportunity.

(vi) **Cabinet Member for Economy, Tourism, Assets and Planning**

The Cabinet Member had provided a written report updating Council on progress over the last month.

(vii) **Cabinet Member for Resources**

The Cabinet Member advised that he had no specific updates for Council.

(viii) **Cabinet Member for Safer Communities and Fire Modernisation**

The Cabinet Member had provided a written report updating Council on progress over the last month. In particular, he highlighted the appointment of Paul Street to Chief Fire Officer, and offered congratulations on behalf of the Council.

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

The Cabinet Member had provided a written report updating Council on progress over the last month.

Cllr Mosdell asked about the installation programme for the new reactive electronic road signs, particularly in respect of Newchurch. The Cabinet Member advised that sites were currently being prioritised and installation would begin in September 2007 and be completed by March 2008.

Cllr Hancock asked for an explanation regarding a large part of the car park at Yaverland, which was currently unavailable for use and in particular whether this situation would continue throughout the summer season. The Cabinet Member advised that a design had been agreed and would be in place by autumn 2007.

(x) **Cabinet Member for Children's Services**

The Cabinet Member had provided a written report updating Council on progress over the last month. In particular the Cabinet Member advised that officers had been requested to establish a mechanism for collating information around school attendance as part of the Corporate Parenting role.

Cllr Hancock asked what was being done about the large number of vacancies within the Children's Services Directorate and the resulting pressure on existing staff. The Cabinet Member advised that a written response would be provided.

CHAIRMAN