



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY 2008 AT 6.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Arthur Taylor (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Wendy Arnold, George Brown, Ivan Bulwer, William Burt, George Cameron, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Dawn Cousins, Mike Cunningham, John Effemey, Barbara Foster, Deborah Gardiner, Charles Hancock, John Hobart, Peter Humber, Heather Humby, Tim Hunter-Henderson, Gill Kennett, David Knowles, Geoff Lumley, Roger Mazillius, Muriel Miller, Brian Mosdell, Erica Oulton, Lady Pigot, Garry Price, David Pugh, Susan Scoccia, Andy Sutton, Melanie Swan, Diana Tuson, Ian Ward, Margaret Webster, Alan Wells, Colin West, David Whittaker, David Williams, Jilly Wood
Officers in attendance	Steve Beynon, Joe Duckworth, Davina Fiore, Stuart Love, Bernadette Marjoram, Chris Mathews, Sarah Mitchell
Apologies	Cllrs Henry Adams, Anne Bishop, John Bowker, Jonathan Fitzgerald-Bond, Patrick Joyce, Win McRoberts, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Ian Stephens

10. **Minutes**

An amendment to include the words “and the Revd Lyn McRostie” and change the word ‘was’ to “were” in Item 1, was put forward.

RESOLVED :

THAT subject to the amendment, as above, the Minutes of Annual Council held on [16 April 2008](#) be confirmed.

11. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations received at this stage.

12. **Public Question Time**

Written questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name:	Subject:	Reference Number:
Mrs J Ferris of Cowes	Planning comments for Parish Councils	PQ 31/08
Mr Alan Hollands of Shanklin	Repairs to Upper Hyde Lane, Shanklin	PQ 32/08

An oral question was put to the Chairman as follows:

Name:	Subject:	Comment:
Mr J Wortham of Brighstone	A deferred item from the February Agenda, regarding Capital Receipts	The Leader provided a response.

13. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had provided a written report and further advised Council of the death of Mr John Ritchie, a former Borough Councillor and Mayor of Medina.

14. **The Appointment of an Interim Chief Executive**

Council was advised that the appointment of the Chief Executive was a function for Full Council and following the resolution at Annual Council an Appointment Panel had been established to deal with the recruitment process. However, since there would be period between appointments, it would be necessary for Council to appoint to the post of Chief Executive on a interim basis.

It was proposed and seconded that Mr David Burbage, the current Director of Finance, be appointed as Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service until the next incumbent was in post.

Following a brief debate and the vote it was

RESOLVED:

THAT Mr David Burbage, Director of Finance, be appointed as Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service from 6 June 2008 until a permanent Chief Executive is appointed and has commenced their employment. This appointment to be in addition to Mr Burbage's current appointment as Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer.

15. **Recommendation from the Ethical Standards Committee**

Members were advised that the assessment of complaints against councillors would now be dealt with by a Sub Committee of the Ethical Standards Committee. The regulations required amendments to the Ethical Standards Committee so that there were additional representation from Parish and Town Councils on the Committee, as well as the inclusion of an elected Member on any Sub Committee established to discuss Council related issues.

RESOLVED:

- (i) THAT the wording of the membership of the Ethical Standards Committee be amended in as far as it relates to the Parish and Town Council representatives so that it reads:

“3 representatives of the Isle of Wight Association of Parish and Town Councils (who must also not be a member of the Isle of Wight Council) and who must be in attendance when the Committee is considering matters affecting Town and Parish Councils.”

- (ii) THAT when considering any matters relating to the Isle of Wight Council the membership of any Sub Committee of the Ethical Standards Committee must include at least one Isle of Wight Councillor.

16. **Order to Appoint a Temporary Member to Fishbourne Parish Council**

Members were advised that following a number of resignations, Fishbourne Parish Council was currently inquorate and therefore unable to transact business. Under the Local Government Act 1972, Section 91 (1) (3), the Council is able to establish an Order to appoint persons on a temporary basis to take up vacancies, pending an election.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Isle of Wight Council make an order to appoint Cllr Ivan Bulwer to fill a parish councillor vacancy at the Fishbourne Parish Council and that the appointment is only until the new Councillors are elected to Fishbourne Parish Council on 5 June 2008.

17. **Isle of Wight Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) Partnership Plan 2008 to 2011.**

Members were advised that following a number of changes to the Crime and Disorder Act (1998), the Partnership was now required to complete an annual strategic assessment together with a three year partnership planning process for CDRP. Funding had been secured for the ensuring year, but in future it would be necessary to bid for funding. Council was invited to consider endorsement and adoption of the Partnership Plan.

During the debate Members raised concerns about the disproportionately high level of fear of crime compared to the actual crime levels, which were lower than others in England. Members also discussed issues around reporting crime, crime information collation and analysis, future funding, raising awareness of domestic violence and alcohol related crime. It was suggested that a local telephone number might assist in encouraging the reporting of crime and raising public confidence. The Council's contribution to the Youth Offending Team was also questioned.

The success of the Safer Neighbourhood Partnership was discussed with varying results being experienced across the Island.

Following the vote it was

RESOLVED:

THAT Council endorse and adopt the Isle of Wight Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) Partnership Plan 2008 to 2011 as attached to the report.

18. **Cabinet**

The following recommendations were considered:

- (a) From the Cabinet meeting held on 13 May 2008 regarding the Local Area Agreement (LAA) Sign Off.

Council considered the report submitted to Cabinet and also reviewed the updated LAA2 targets and indicators, which had been re-circulated prior to the meeting. The submission would enable funding to be drawn from Government to support local services. Members were offered further detailed briefings upon request.

Members raised concerns about the division of responsibility for leading on partnership indicators, owning indicators and updating indicators. In addition, disappointment was expressed on some targets, particularly for 16 to 18 year olds, who were not in education, employment or training (NEET).

Council was advised that the targets were shared with Partners as well as Government, although they were subject to an annual review. Improvements to the NEET targets could be further discussed with GOSE and the duplications of responsibilities for leading on and recording results would be discussed with the Director of Children's Services, who was the Lead for the Local Area Agreement.

Following the debate and the vote it was

RESOLVED:

- i. THAT the stage 1 report (as attached at Appendix A of the report) be noted and approved
- ii. THAT in view of the timescales, Full Council authorise the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Leader, to approve the final LAA2 submission and that a copy of this be circulated to all members when ready.

- (b) From the Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Leisure and Governance regarding the Adult and Community Learning Plan for 2008-09.

The Leader advised Members that the range and scale of services provided on the Island are agreed annually with the Local Learning and Skills Council (LLSC) for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The service was structured around available funding from LLSC, plus any income that may be generated by the courses on offer.

Following a brief discussion it was

RESOLVED:

THAT Council approve and adopt the Adult and Community Learning Plan for 2008/09 as attached to the report.

(c) **Reports Of The Cabinet Members**

- (i) [The Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Leisure and Governance](#)

A written report had been provided and the Leader further advised that the review of Outside Bodies membership was on-going and the report due to be heard at this meeting had been delayed until the meeting on 18 June 2008.

The Leader advised Council that this would be the Chief Executive's last Council meeting and thanked him, on behalf of Members, for his achievements over the past two years.

Oral questions:

Name:	Subject:	Comment:
Cllr Gardiner	The Chairmanship of the Island Strategic Partnership.	The Leader provided a response.

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

Written questions:

Name:	Subject:	Reference Number:
Cllr Knowles	The Sharpe Pritchard Report on Undercliff Drive	MQ 09/08

A written update report had been provided and circulated.

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

Written questions:

Name:	Subject:	Reference Number:
Cllr Knowles	The Highways PFI Process	MQ 10/08
Cllr Price	Skid Resistance on Island roads.	MQ 12/08

A written update report had been provided and circulated.

Oral questions:

Name:	Subject:	Comment:
Cllr Mazillius	Copies of the responses to written questions be circulated to Members.	The Cabinet Member agreed.

A petition of approximately 100 signatures was presented to the Cabinet Member by Cllr Knowles regarding the condition of High Park Road and Arundel Road in Ryde.

(iv) **Chair of Scrutiny**

A written update report had been provided and circulated.

(v) **Cabinet Member for Health and Community Wellbeing**

A written update report had been provided and circulated.

(vi) **Cabinet Member for Residents and Resources**

Written questions:

Name:	Subject:	Reference Number:
Cllr Knowles	Costs incurred during the Chief Executive's employment.	MQ 08/08
Cllr Price	Financial Markets and the Council's Investment panel	MQ 11/08

A written update report had been provided and circulated.

Oral questions:

Name:	Subject:	Comment:
Cllr Miller	Staff resources during the ICT email system upgrade.	The Cabinet Member provided a response.
Cllr Price	Clarification of figures quoted in response to Cllr Knowles's earlier written question.	The Cabinet Member would circulate the response to all Members.
Cllr Whittaker	The policy regarding Equality and Diversity and Members' responsibilities	The Cabinet Member advised that all Members should undertake the equality and diversity training.

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

A written update report had been provided and circulated.

Oral questions:

Name:	Subject:	Reference Number:
Cllr Mosdell	The emergency services risk analysis statement for his Ward.	The Cabinet Member would refer the query to Cllr Abraham for response.
Cllr Knowles	The costs of expansion for the CCTV system.	The Cabinet Member would provide a written response.

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

A written update report had been provided and circulated.

CHAIRMAN