



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
Date and time	<b>WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2011 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs David Williams (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Jonathan Bacon, Reg Barry, George Brown, George Cameron, Vanessa Churchman, Dawn Cousins, Roger Dixcey, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Edward Giles, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Heather Humby, Tim Hunter-Henderson, Julie Jones-Evans, David Knowles, Geoff Lumley, Roger Mazillius, David Pugh, Colin Richards, Susan Scoccia, Ian Stephens, David Stewart, Andy Sutton, Arthur Taylor, Gary Taylor Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Margaret Webster, Chris Welsford, Jerry White, Wayne Whittle, David Whittaker
Apologies	Cllrs Peter Bingham, Patrick Joyce, Lora Peacey-Wilcox

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Prior to the start of the meeting the Chairman called for a minute's silence in remembrance of the passing of Councillor Stuart Dyer. Personal [tributes](#) were made to Councillor Dyer.

29. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [20 July 2011](#) be confirmed.

30. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Cllr David Pugh declared a personal interest in Minute 34 – As his wife was a council employee.

Cllr Roger Mazillius declared a personal interest in Minute 34 – As his son was a director of a business which occasionally undertook architectural work for the council.

Cllr Andy Sutton declared a personal interest in Minute 34 – As his wife was an employee of the council.

Cllr Knowles declared a personal interest in Minute 34 – As he was involved within the caring profession.

Cllr Paul Fuller declared a personal interest in Minute 34 – As a family member was occasionally employed by the council.

31. **Public Question Time**

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Mr Mark Chiverton, Ryde	Did Appendix 5 of the Council's initial budget proposals for 2012/13 contain an accurate description of the work undertaken by Connexions Education Participation team.	The Cabinet Member provided a written response which was available on the following link ( <a href="#">PQ 20/11</a> )
	A supplementary asking if this had a long term affect on the economy of the Island and development of young people if service diminished.	The Cabinet Member stated that this was amongst the issues to be covered by the review and the reason it was being started well before the budget setting process. Supporting young people and the economy continued to be a point of focus.
Mr M Hunter, Newport	Mr Hunter was not in attendance to ask his question in relation to local resident parking charges.	The Cabinet Member provided a written response which was available on the following link ( <a href="#">PQ 21/11</a> )
Mr Adrian Nicholas, Newport	Were the members aware that because of the Isle of Wight Council involvement in Highways PFI, the current Government annual highways grant funding will end in 2013.	The Cabinet Member provided a written response which was available on the following link ( <a href="#">PQ 22/11</a> )
	A supplementary asking if assurance could be given that the scope and funding of the project would not impact adversely the other seven council priorities.	The Cabinet Member replied that the PFI would result in the council paying less for highway works and would alleviate financial pressures in other areas of the authority and not cause adverse impact.
Mr John Wortham, Brightstone	Is the Cabinet Member responsible for Licensing aware that the WOW Fest company applying for a	The Cabinet Member responded stating that applications were determined under the

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	licence is classified as valueless by credit rating agencies, and would not granting a licence contravene guidance on circumventing the public interest.	Licensing Act 2003, which limited decisions within clearly defined objectives. The financial standing of applicants under the act was not a consideration for the Licensing Sub Committee.
Mr John McGee	A supplementary asking if the Cabinet Member was aware that the two directors owed £73,000 to previous ventures many of those owed being Island companies. What will be the affect on schools of the proposed collaboration with Southampton.	The Chairman advised Mr Wortham that his question was inappropriate and council were unable to discuss the matter.  The Cabinet Member advised that a report would be presented to Cabinet and any impact we would be to be positive.
	A supplementary asked how ready schools were to cope with the extra work the removal of connexions would create.	The Cabinet Member assured things were being looked at in great detail including which services could be retained in-house and those which the schools may have to provide.

32. [Chairman's Report](#)

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

33. [Motion submitted under Procedure Rule 10 of the Council's Constitution](#)

Motion moved by Councillor Chris Welsford

"This Council agrees that all budget proposals presented to Full Council in the budget debate on the 23 February 2011 were legal and balanced."

An amendment was proposed and seconded as follows:

That the words "in overall terms, but not all necessarily deliverable" be added to the end of the motion.

Following debate a vote was then taken on the amendment which was carried. The amended motion then became the substantive motion. A further amendment to the motion was then proposed and seconded as follows:

That the words “from all budgets presented on that day” be added to the end of the motion.

Following debate a vote was then taken on the amendment which was lost.

A vote was then taken on the substantive motion and following the vote it was:-

**RESOLVED:**

THAT this Council agrees that all budget proposals presented to Full Council in the budget debate on the 23 February 2011 were legal and balanced in overall terms, but not all necessarily deliverable.

34. **Budget Review**

The Leader of the Council stated that the report set out the current financial position of the council and showed that savings were being delivered during the current financial year, and possible areas savings could be made in next years budget. Members were advised that these proposals were being brought early to Council to allow time to assess the impact of those savings and to make informed decisions.

Members were reminded that the savings agreed in February 2011 would show a full year effect which would offer further savings of £3.366m in 2012/13, although this still left a gap of £3.835m to be found. It was stated that the outturn from the previous financial year which showed an underspend of £787,000 would alleviate some of the pressures. Members were advised that Paragraphs 12 and 15 of the report where it referred to 2011/12, should actually read 2010/11.

Members were advised that the authority would be submitting a response to the consultation on the Local Government Resource Review (LGRR), which sought to localise Business Rates and the proposed submission would be put to the next meeting of Full Council for approval.

The Leader proposed options 63 (i) and 63 (iii) be agreed.

An additional option for inclusion as part of the recommendation was proposed and seconded as follows:

“(iv) That Council agrees to defer identification and consideration of savings proposals for the 2012/13 budget until after the position at Quarter 2 of this year’s Budget has been reported. This will enable Council to be more sure that this year’s Budget forecasting is an accurate reflection of the Council’s position”.

Following debate the amendment was put to the vote and was lost.

A further amendment to the recommendation was proposed and seconded as follows:

“That options 63 (ii) and 63 (iii) form the recommendation and that (i) be omitted”

Following debate the amendment was put to the vote and lost.

After hearing the concerns during the debate the Leader proposed an amendment to option (i) as follows:

Add to the end “This list of areas for consideration is not exhaustive and other areas may also be worked up”

During the debate it was agreed that the voting on the recommendations (i) and (iii) be taken separately.

A vote was then taken on the proposed recommendation and following the vote it was :-

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) THAT Council agrees those areas identified in paragraph 40 of the report that should be worked up for consideration in the budget decisions in February 2012 and consult with residents/stakeholders as appropriate and to develop relevant Equality Impact Assessments. This list of areas for consideration is not exhaustive and other areas may also be worked up”
- (iii) THAT Council agrees that in respect of the disposal to the Waterside Community Trust that provision be made for £50,000 within the Council’s capital programme, a one-off start up grant of £16,061 be met from general fund balances and that the reduction of income of £25,600 from 2012/13 be dealt with as part of the budget strategy for 2012/13.

**35. Cabinet**

**Reports of the Cabinet Members**

**(i) The Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources**

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Leader as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
CLlr Chris Welsford	Unreliability of Southern Vectis buses providing transport for schools	The Leader stated that he was not aware of any problems and the initial problems had been resolved.

(ii) **The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for the Economy and the Environment**

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

Written questions were put as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Jonathan Bacon	In respect of toilets and libraries proposed closure or handing over to community ownership pursuant to the Budget decision of February 2011, how many facilities have been or are in the process of being handed over to community ownership.	The Cabinet Member had provided a written response which was available on the following link ( <a href="#">MQ 14/11</a> )
	A supplementary asking if any lessons had been learnt on how the proposed closures had been handled to eliminate any costs of this type of exercise in the future.	The Cabinet Member replied that there had been lengthy discussions with interested groups and as good progress as reasonably possible had been made in many cases allowing for continued use.
Cllr Ian Ward	Asking Cllr Brown if he would arrange for a report or briefing to inform members what the impact of the proposed Marine Conservation Zones will have upon the Island.	The Cabinet Member had provided a written response which was available on the following link ( <a href="#">MQ 15/11</a> )

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Wayne Whittle	Asking if the Cabinet Member was aware the national increase in overnight stays of 21% against an Island increase of 5%.	The Cabinet Member advised that he was aware of those figures.
Cllr Vanessa Churchman	Why were the ward councillor and the parish council chairman not included in talks about the Bestival with the organisers.	The Cabinet Member responded that both would be possible in the future.

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	A supplementary asking if cost analysis could be provided in the form of three month figures for before and after the introduction of new work stations at Westridge and Sandown complexes.	
Cllr Chris Welsford	Was the Cabinet member aware of the closure of the Nat West Bank in Ventnor and would he be willing to write to the bank asking them to reconsider the plan in light of the local concerns.	The Cabinet Member replied that he would provide the councillor with a written response.
Cllr David Knowles	Will the four day examination of the Island Plan Core Strategy be held in open forum.	In response the Cabinet Member stated the meeting would be held in public but that the decision on who participated lay with the Inspector.
	A supplementary asking if the Cabinet Member could state where the meeting was scheduled to be held.	The Cabinet Member agreed to respond in writing.

(iii) **Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste**

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr David Knowles	Would the possible disposal of the floating bridge to a commercial enterprise, would this affect the public right of way to the river Medina.	The Cabinet Member responded that should disposal be sought the rights of visitor access would be looked at being protected. It was not thought there would not be any adverse impact on those using the river or navigational rights.

(iv) **Cabinet Member for Fire, Culture and Residents' Services**

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr John Howe	Could the Cabinet Member assure members the government plans to centralise control rooms would not impact on plans to move the Island control room.	The Cabinet Member stated that the proposal was of the previous government and that the current government had stopped the programme.
Cllr Vanessa Churchman	What were the cost implications of the delay in the transfer of the control room to Surrey.	The Cabinet Member advised that contingencies had been put in place should the transfer be delayed and he would provide the costs through a written response.
Cllr David Knowles	Could the Cabinet Member supply the number of missed calls to the call centre in respect to those who cancelled a call after receiving a recorded message.	The Cabinet Member stated that those figures could be supplied and the invitation remained open for members to visit the call centre.
	A supplementary asking if the figures could be supplied via email	The Cabinet Member agreed to supply them.

(v) **Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

(vi) **Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Housing and Community Safety**

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Rodney Downer	Could he be assured that the Cabinet Member would change the situation with	The Cabinet Member stated that the present system was weighted in



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	the joint housing register with regard to housing homeless islanders as they were concerned housing was being awarded to off island families over islanders	favour of Island residents and a further review was scheduled to strengthen this further.
Cllr Wayne Whittle	Would it not be wise to reinstate full funding for the operation of CCTV to assist police in managing crime and disorder.	The Cabinet Member shared the councillors concerns and stated that they had raised it at the last meeting of the Community Safety Partnership. The police were now in dialogue with other groups to fulfil the shortfalls in funding, although it was stated that the CCTV continued to record 24 hours a day.
Cllr Geoff Lumley	Could I ask the Cabinet Member to pass on my thanks about the timely delivery of the Downside Community Learning Centre on the site of the former Downside Middle School.	The Cabinet Member agreed to pass on his comments.
Cllr Ian Stephens	Could the Isle of Wight Council assist in any way to the funding of CCTV on Friday and Saturday nights until alternative funding streams could be researched.	The Cabinet Member reiterated his previous response to Cllr Whittle, stating again that the issue had been raised with the Community Safety Partnership.
	Would the Cabinet Member accept the offer to undertake a late night patrol of Ryde on an evening.	The Cabinet Member stated he would gladly accept the offer to accompany Cllr Whittle.

(vii) **Cabinet Member for Children’s Services and Education**

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr John Howe	Could the provision of after school activities for those living outside of the school area be looked into.	The Cabinet Member agreed to look into the matter and would provide a comprehensive reply.
Cllr Paul Fuller	What steps are being taken to ensure local foster children remain on the Island and that a robust approach was being taken.	The Cabinet Member stated that a recruitment drive was underway alongside other initiatives and the Deputy Director would be asked to provide a written reply.
Cllr Vanessa Churhman	Having heard positive reports about the Cowes One School Pathfinder project, could members visit the site.	The Cabinet Member gave a commitment that she would arrange a visit once it was appropriate to do so.
Cllr Colin Richards	Could it be confirmed that the council is looking to join with Southampton on an educational basis.	The Cabinet Member confirmed that a full report including proposals for working with Southampton was due to be presented to Cabinet shortly.
	A supplementary asking how Southampton’s key stage 2 results reflected against the Island	The Cabinet Member acknowledged the poor Island results against neighbouring authorities and that this was a key driver why proposals were being put to work closer with Southampton.
Cllr David Stewart	Could reassurance be given that key elements of leadership and performance would continue to be monitored in the new school structure.	The Cabinet Member gave an assurance.
Cllr Margaret Webster	Would the Cabinet Member agree that whilst the key stage 2 results may have been disappointing this was	The Cabinet Member said they were mindful of the work undertaken during a period of change and

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Cllr Reg Barry	<p>during a time of great change in the structure of Island schooling.</p> <p>Is the description disappointing adequate when the Island was bottom of the list for key stage 2 results</p>	<p>some schools had shown a significant improvement.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member stated that they were disappointed but pointed out improvements had been made later on. Furthermore, the Cabinet member was confident positive progress would be made.</p>
Cllr Welsford	<p>Is there any data available to show a connection between poor key stage 2 results and subsequent GCSE results.</p>	<p>The Cabinet Member referred to the support that primary schools were due to receive including the support to providers to ensure that young people were not disadvantaged.</p>

CHAIRMAN