



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2009 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Arthur Taylor (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Reg Barry, Peter Bingham, George Brown, Ivan Bulwer, George Cameron, Vanessa Churchman, Dawn Cousins, Roger Dixcey, Stuart Dyer, Paul Fuller, Edward Giles, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Tim Hunter-Henderson, Julie Jones-Evans, Patrick Joyce, David Knowles, Geoff Lumley, Roger Mazillius, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, David Pugh, Colin Richards, Susan Scoccia, Ian Stephens, Andy Sutton, Margaret Webster, Chris Welsford, Jerry White, Wayne Whittle, Adrian Whittaker, David Williams, William Wyatt-Millington
Apologies	Cllrs Jonathan Bacon, Rodney Downer, Heather Humby, Ian Ward, David Whittaker

26. Minutes

RESOLVED :

That the minutes of the meeting held on [30 September](#) be approved subject to the following amendment that ensured consistency throughout the minutes:

That the first sentence of Minute 25 (ii), 1 on page A8 be amended to read: "During the debate, the Local Member, Cllr Lumley, spoke against the motion and raised concerns about the closure of the school in view of the proposed Pan development and continued use of the site."

27. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Adrian Whittaker declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute 31 – Ethical Standards Committee as he knew one of the proposed members'. He was not present during the discussion and voting thereon.

28. **Public Question Time**

Oral questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Mr Mike Stark	The actual cost of the PFI scheme as there appeared to be a discrepancy in the figures given out.	The Cabinet Member indicated that he was not aware of a discrepancy and advised what he believed the figure would be.
Mr John Wortham	The number of people employed in the Council's communications department and what the annual cost to tax payers was.	The Cabinet Member explained what the communications department undertook and the number of staff employed on various activities. He did not have the total cost but would provide a written response.

29. **Chairman's Report**

A written report had been circulated for information.

30. **Items deferred from the last Council meeting:**

(a) Motion submitted under procedure rule 10 by Cllr Lumley:

"The Council resolves to sign up to the 10:10 campaign, committing itself to cutting the Council's carbon emissions by 10% by the end of 2010.

We also encourage Island residents, businesses and organisations to do the same."

Cllr Lumley moved the motion, which was seconded and during the debate an amendment was proposed by Cllr Giles and seconded.

Following the conclusion of the debate on the amended motion a vote was taken, the amendment then became the substantive motion and following the vote it was

RESOLVED:

THAT the Council resolved to applaud the 10:10 campaign as a motivator of public action to cut carbon dioxide emissions through individual and collective behaviour change and in doing so reaffirmed its intention to deliver its own Carbon Management Programme committing itself to cutting the Council's carbon emissions by at least 4% a year for a period of 15 years.

The Council noted the recent decision of the House of Commons not to sign up to the 10:10 campaign but instead committing Whitehall departments and the public sector to delivering long-term sustained emissions reductions through to 2022 and beyond. Likewise the Council believed that its longer-term commitment, as set out in the Carbon Management Programme, demonstrated a willingness to address those issues over a prolonged period, and that should continue to be the local authority's focus for achieving the permanent reduction of carbon emissions.

The Council encouraged Island residents, businesses and organisations to support the aspirations of the 10:10 campaign.

(b) Constitutional Matters and Appointments to Outside Bodies:

Council was advised that the constitution required a number of amendments following Annual Council and that the opportunity had been taken to review and update the terms of reference to the Council's Investment Panel in order to strengthen governance.

Advice had been taken from the Department of Communities and Local Government and would take account of the proposed wider remit of the panel. It was envisaged that this would support decisions regarding the longer term viability of the pension fund. A proposed change of name to the 'Isle of Wight Pension Fund Committee' had also been included within the review, which would better reflect the responsibilities of the panel.

The Leader indicated a wider review of outside bodies with regard to the role played by Council Members would be undertaken. A further list was circulated and one further amendment was to be made, in that Councillor Margaret Webster would serve on the Yorkie Bar (East Cowes) Youth & Community Centre, not Cllr Edward Giles as printed.

In addition, a number of changes to the Council's grievance and disciplinary procedures had been reviewed to align with best practice which would mean the establishment of an Employment Committee. The Committee would meet four times per year and be made up of both Councillors and senior officers.

RESOLVED:

- (i) THAT the revisions to the terms of reference of the investment panel as set out at Appendix A, (attached to these minutes) and to change its name to the 'Isle of Wight Pension Fund Committee' be agreed
- (ii) THAT the appointments to the outside bodies as set out below be agreed.

- (a) THAT the appointments to the outside bodies as set out in Section 1 below be agreed and any remaining vacancies for those outside bodies shall remain unfilled.

SECTION 1

<u>Name of Body</u>	<u>Appointment(s)</u>
Brading Youth & Community Centre	Cllr Patrick Joyce
British Resorts Association	Cllr Tim Hunter-Henderson
Combined Youth Justice Standing Conference	Cllr George Cameron
County Councils Network	Council Leader Deputy Council Leader Chairman of Scrutiny
Fostering Panel	Cllr Susan Scoccia
Isle of Wight AONB Partnership Steering Committee	Cllr John Hobart Cllr Julie Jones-Evans Cllr Paul Fuller (Deputy) Cllr Vanessa Churchman (Deputy)
Isle of Wight Local Access Forum	Cllr Paul Fuller Cllr John Hobart
Isle of Wight Rural Community Council – Board of Trustees	Cllr Susan Scoccia
Isle of Wight SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education)	Cllr Julie Jones-Evans
Local Government Association	Council Leader
Local Government Association Coastal Special Interest Group	Cllr Stuart Dyer
Medina Housing Association Ltd – Management Board	Cllr Geoff Lumley Cllr John Hobart
Newport Youth & Community Centre	Cllr Roger Dixcey
Niton Youth & Community Centre	Cllr William Wyatt-Millington
Ryde Youth & Community Centre	Cllr Vanessa Churchman
Sandown Youth & Community Centre	Cllr Ian Ward
Solent Forum	Cllr George Brown

<u>Name of Body</u>	<u>Appointment(s)</u>
South East England Partnership Board	Council Leader Deputy Council Leader (Deputy)
Southern Sea Fisheries District Committee	Cllr Patrick Joyce
Standing Conference on Problems Associated with the Coastline (SCOPAC)	Cllr Chris Welsford Cllr Stuart Dyer
Tom Woolgar	Cllr Geoff Lumley Cllr Julie Jones-Evans
Tourism South East	Cabinet Member responsible for tourism
University of Southampton Court	Cllr David Pugh
Ventnor Youth & Community Centre	Cllr Susan Scoccia
West Wight Landscape Partnership	Cllr Peter Bingham
West Wight Youth & Community Centre	Cllr George Cameron
Wootton Youth & Community Centre	Cllr Barry Abraham
Yarmouth (Isle of Wight) Harbour Commissioners Elected Councillors' Advisory Committee	Cllr Stuart Dyer
Yarmouth Youth & Community Centre	Cllr Stuart Dyer
Yorkie Bar (East Cowes) Youth & Community Centre	Cllr Margaret Webster

- (b) THAT appointments to the outside bodies as set out in Section 2 below, shall be made using the existing delegated procedure, when nominations come forward.

SECTION 2

The positions on the following outside bodies have currently received no nominations from Isle of Wight Council members.

Name of Body

Adoption Panel

Cowes Youth & Community Centre
NPAS (National Parking Adjudication Service)
Shorwell Youth & Community Centre
South Wight Housing Association Management Board
Vectis Housing Association Ltd

- (c) THAT officers be asked to undertake a review of whether the Isle of Wight Council should continue to make appointments to the outside bodies as set out in Section 3 below. Such a review should give consideration to the appropriateness of having formally appointed Isle of Wight Council representatives on their boards. Where appropriate, the bodies would be consulted on any proposed changes. The outcome of this review would be reported to Full Council in due course.

SECTION 3

Name of Body

Age Concern Isle of Wight
Augusta Wilder Almshouse Charity
Combined Council for the Isle of Wight Youth Services
Early Years Development & Childcare Partnership
Footprint Trust Ltd
Green Island Partnership
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Local Government Association
**Hampshire & Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology
(Management Committee)**
Island 2000 Trust
Island Games Association
Island Woman's Refuge
Isle of Wight Citizens Advice Bureau
Isle of Wight Economic Partnership
Isle of Wight Law Centre
Isle of Wight Sports & Recreation Council
Isle of Wight Tourist Board
Island Youth Water Activities Centre
Real World Trust
Riverside Centre Board of Directors
Ryde Development Trust

Ryde Sports Centre Management Committee

Safer Communities Board

Solent Sea-Rescue Organisation

Solent & South Downs AEG

South East Employers

**Southern Group Valuation Tribunals – Isle of Wight
Appointments Panel**

West Wight Sports Centre Committee

- (iii) THAT an employment committee, with the membership and terms of reference as set out in [appendix C](#) (attached to these minutes) and the removal from the remainder of the constitution of members involvement in non-chief officer disciplinary or grievance matters (other than those grievance or dismissal appeals relating to the fire service), be established.

31. Ethical Standards Committee

(Cllr Adrian Whittaker declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item and left the room during its consideration).

Members were advised that informal interviews had taken place to appoint seven independent members to the Council's Ethical Standards Committee.

The Chairman thanked Bruce Claxton for his work with the Committee over the last 10 years

RESOLVED

- (a) THAT the following be appointed as independent members of the Ethical Standards Committee for the time specified, as from 1 November 2009:

- (i) Capt. Charles Anthony Brindle - 2 years
- (ii) Mr Peter Tautz. - 2 Years
- (iii) Mr Keith Fagan - 4 years
- (iv) Mr George Hibberd - 4 years
- (v) Mrs Elizabeth (Liz) McKenzie - 4 years
- (vi) Mr Raymond Smith - 4 years
- (vii) Mr Mark Southwell - 4 years

- (b) THAT Mr Mark Southwell be confirmed as chairman of the committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

32. Audit Committee

An informal interview had been held for the appointment of a co-opted member to the Council's Audit Committee.

RESOLVED :

THAT Mr Garry Smith be appointed as a co-opted non-voting member to the Audit Committee for 2 years with effect from 1 November 2009.

33. **Cabinet**

Reports from Cabinet Members:

(i) [The Leader and Cabinet Member for Governance and School Improvement](#)

A written report had been circulated for information.

A written question was put to the Cabinet Member as follows:

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Dyer	The tri-partite agreement between the IWALC, the Society of Council Clerks and the Isle of Wight Council.	The Leader gave a full response (MQ 11/09) which explained why the Council had taken the decision and that the decision would not be revisited.

Oral questions were put to the cabinet member as follows:

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Barry	The trip to meet with Ed Miliband, the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change at Westminster	The Leader explained that Cllr Lumley had been invited to the meeting in his own right.
Councillor Knowles	Provision of Cabinet Members' written reports in advance of the meeting.	The Leader indicated he would discuss the matter with the other Cabinet members.
Councillor Lumley	Of the 23 items on the Forward Plan for the next four months only two were for Full Council.	The Leader advised that the Constitution as drafted placed those 21 items within the Cabinets remit. He would bring the Corporate Plan to the next Full Council meeting in November.

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Howe	Separating the role of Leader from his role as Cabinet Member for Governance and School Improvement to assist in members' question time.	The Leader informed members that written questions were not timed and an extension to the time slot could be sought.
Councillor Lumley	Separating the role of Cllr Cousins from her role as Cabinet Member for Childrens' Services and her role as Adult Social Care to assist in members' question time.	

- (ii) To enable further questions of the Leader, a proposal to extend the timeslot for a further 10 minutes was made.

RESOLVED :

THAT a further 10 minutes for questions to the Leader be agreed.

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Howe	Regular updates to be reported back to members on school re-organisation with regard to primary schools.	The Leader indicated that a member seminar giving a comprehensive update would take place at the end of the year.
Councillor Welsford	The use of school playing fields in the Ventnor area during school holidays.	The Leader indicated he would be happy to look at this suggestion.

- (iii) [**The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for the Economy, Tourism, Leisure and Planning**](#)

A written report had been circulated for information.

- (iv) [**Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee**](#)

A written report had been circulated for information.

- (v) [**Cabinet Member for Children, Social Care, Health and Housing**](#)

A written report had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the cabinet member as follows:

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Barry	The star rating for Children's Services.	The Cabinet Member was confident the Council was moving forward.
Councillor Pugh	Education attainment results.	The Cabinet Member agreed and shared concerns on the low education attainment.
Councillor Lumley	Cabinet members' response to Councillor Barry's question in terms of Children's Services.	The Cabinet Member advised that changes were being addressed.

(vi) **Cabinet Member for the Environment and Transport**

A written report had been circulated for information.

A written question was put to the Cabinet Member as follows:

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Fuller	Steps being taken to ease congestion during peak periods whilst road works were being undertaken.	The Cabinet Member gave a full response (MQ 12/09) explaining the work was to replace a large gas main and indicated the project was expected to be completed by mid December 2009.

Oral questions were put to the cabinet member as follows:

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Richards	Why was money being spent on the road works at the Sea Street/Quay Street, Newport junction, which was now more difficult to negotiate when he had dangerous cross roads in his ward where nothing was being done.	The Cabinet Member indicated it was a scheme that had been evaluated. All schemes were evaluated each year and prioritised.
Councillor Knowles	The road surface planned for Brading Road., would it be the same specification as that in Bullen Road.	The Cabinet Member would provide a written response.

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Welsford	Dangerous crossing points for children walking to school in the Ventnor area, would like safe crossing points put in.	The Cabinet Member would look at the situation with Cllr Welsford.
Councillor Barry	The number 20 bus operating in his area	The Cabinet Member indicated that Southern Vectis would now be providing that bus service.

(vii) **Cabinet Member for Resources**

A written report had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the cabinet member as follows:

Name	Subject	Comment
Councillor Adrian Whittaker	HRH the Princess Royals visit to Ryde Fire Station.	The Cabinet Member to would provide a written response.

(viii) **Cabinet Member for Fire and Community Safety**

A written report had been circulated for information.

(ix) **Cabinet Member for Major Projects, Customer Service and Communications**

A written report had been circulated for information.

CHAIRMAN