



Minutes

Name of meeting	EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY 2017 COMMENCING AT 9.00PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Lora Peacey-Wilcox (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Debbie Andre, Adrian Axford, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Geoff Brodie, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, John Hobart, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, John Medland, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Chris Quirk, Shirley Smart, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle
Apologies	Cllrs Paul Bertie, John Kilpatrick, Matthew Price, Bob Seely, Ian Stephens

13. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Councillor Andrew Garratt declared a personal interest in minute 14 as a relative attends Sandown Bay Academy.

Councillor Chris Quirk declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute 14 as he was a former Chair of governor at Sandown Bay Academy.

Councillor Tig Outlaw declared an interest in minute 14 as he had a daughter at Sandown Bay Academy.

Councillor Paul Brading declared a personal interest in minute 14 as he was vice Chair of governors at Sandown Bay Academy, and he declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as his wife was employed at Sandown Bay Academy. He left the room and was not present during the discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Dave Stewart declared an interest in minute 14 as he has family members who worked in a number of schools.

14. [Motion by Councillor Julia Baker-Smith](#)

Councillor Baker-Smith proposed the following:-

This Council is appalled at the recent behaviour of the AET Academy Chain in relation to Sandown Academy School. The School is a valuable and important part of the education system on the Isle of Wight and secondary education provision needs to be retained, preserved and promoted in the Bay Area.

In light of the behaviour of AET and the concerns this gives rise to this Council resolves to take such steps as it can to;

- (I) Approach the relevant Government Office to demand that AET be removed from the role of managing any school on the Isle of Wight.
- (II) To take steps to either establish or promote and encourage the establishment of an accountable body to take on the management and running of a school on the Sandown Bay site.

An amendment to the motion was moved as follows:

At end add:

“Further, this Council salutes the students of Sandown Bay Academy on their stalwart defence of their school; praises the parents for their passion and perseverance in promoting the need for secondary education in Sandown; welcomes the support from the staff of the school, teaching and non-teaching alike, for the need to resist AET’s proposed merger of the school with Ryde and to end secondary education in Sandown; and expresses its renewed commitment to do all in its power to ensure that secondary education is retained in Sandown for the students of Sandown Bay Academy and for future generations of local children.”

The amendment was accepted by the proposer

At the conclusion of the debate a vote was taken:

RESOLVED :

- (I) THAT the council approached the relevant Government Office to demand that AET be removed from the role of managing any school on the Isle of Wight.
- (II) THAT the Council take steps to either establish or promote and encourage the establishment of an accountable body to take on the management and running of a school on the Sandown Bay site.
- (III) THAT this Council salutes the students of Sandown Bay Academy on their stalwart defence of their school; praises the parents for their passion and perseverance in promoting the need for secondary education in Sandown; welcomes the support from the staff of the school, teaching and non-teaching alike, for the need to resist AET’s proposed merger of the school with Ryde and to end secondary

education in Sandown; and expresses its renewed commitment to do all in its power to ensure that secondary education is retained in Sandown for the students of Sandown Bay Academy and for future generations of local children.”

CHAIRMAN