



Minutes

Name of meeting	ANNUAL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY 2017 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Charles Chapman (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Debbie Andre, Adrian Axford, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Geoff Brodie, 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, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle
Apologies	Cllrs Paul Bertie, George Cameron, John Kilpatrick, Ian Stephens,

1. [Introduction and Welcome](#)

The Chairman welcomed all invited guests, Elected Members and members of the public to Annual Council. Revd Canon Graham Morris was invited to lead the Chamber in prayers. Council was advised that this would be the Revd Canon Morris' last Council meeting, on behalf of the Council the Chairman thanked him for his service.

2. [Suspension of Procedure Rule](#)

Council considered a motion to formally suspend Procedure Rule 14(4) for agenda items 1, 2, and 6, which would enable the suspension of usual time limits for speeches.

A named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (25)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Adrian Axford, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Vanessa Churchman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, Karl Love, John Medland, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Matthew Price,

Chris Quirk, Bob Seely, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward,
Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Abstentions (9)

Cllrs Debbie Andre, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Geoff Brodie,
Andrew Garratt, John Howe, Julie Jones-Evans, Michael Lilley, Shirley Smart

RESOLVED ;

THAT Procedure Rule 14(4), in as far as it relates to the length of speeches be suspended for agenda items 1, 2 and 6 for the duration of the meeting.

3. Election of Chairman

Councillor Lora Peacey-Wilcox was proposed and seconded as Chairman of the Council. There were no further nominations. A named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For Lora Peacey-Wilcox (35)

Cllrs 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, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

RESOLVED :

THAT Councillor Lora Peacey-Wilcox be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Councillor Lora Peacey-Wilcox thanked Members for their support and appointed Mr John Wilcox as her Consort. The Revd Veronica Brown was appointed as the Chairman's Chaplain.

Councillor Lora Peacey-Wilcox formally declared her acceptance of office and took the Chair.

Tributes were made to the outgoing Chairman.

Councillor Charles Chapman thanked everyone for their support throughout the year.

4. **Election of Vice Chairman**

The names of Councillor Shirley Smart and Councillor George Cameron were separately moved and seconded. A named vote was then taken, the result of which was as follows:

For Councillor Shirley Smart (13)

Cllrs Debbie Andre, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Geoff Brodie, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, John Howe, Julie Jones-Evans, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, John Medland, Shirley Smart

For Councillor George Cameron (20)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Adrian Axford, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Vanessa Churchman, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Chris Quirk, Bob Seely, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

RESOLVED :

THAT Councillor George Cameron be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing Council year.

5. **Minutes**

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [15 March 2017](#) be confirmed.

6. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations received at this stage.

7. **Chairman's report, official announcements, communications and correspondence for the Council.**

The Chairman advised she had nothing to report at this time.

8. **To elect the Leader of the Council for the ensuing four years, who would also be the Chairman of the Council's Cabinet.**

Councillor Dave Stewart was proposed and seconded as Leader of the Council. There were no further nominations. A named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For Councillor Dave Stewart (29)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Debbie Andre, Adrian Axford, Julia Baker-Smith, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, John Hobart, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson,

Julie Jones-Evans, Karl Love, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill,
John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Chris Quirk,
Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward,
Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Against Councillor Dave Stewart (5)

Cllrs Reg Barry, Geoff Brodie, Andrew Garratt, Michael Lilley, John Medland

RESOLVED :

THAT Councillor Dave Stewart be elected Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Cabinet for the ensuing four year term of the Council.

Councillor Dave Stewart thanked Members for their support and announced his appointment of the following to the Cabinet:

Deputy Leader and Resources	- Councillor Stuart Hutchinson
Executive Member for Adult Social care and Public Health	- Councillor Clare Mosdell
Executive Member for Children's Services	- Councillor Chris Whitehouse
Executive Member for Infrastructure and Transport	- Councillor Ian Ward
Executive Member for Regeneration and Business Development	- Councillor Wayne Whittle
Executive Member for Planning and Housing	- Councillor Barry Abraham
Executive Member for Environment and Heritage	- Councillor John Hobart
Executive Member for Community Safety and Public Protection	- Councillor Gary Peace
Executive Member for Procurement, Projects and Forward Planning	- Councillor Michael Murwill

A short adjournment was held to enable guest to informally meet the new council.

The meeting reconvened.

9. **Appointments, Committee Structure and Constitutional Issues**

A proposed list of recommendations had been circulated to all members, which included recommendations on proposed appointments, the re-introduction of delegated member decisions, changes to Scrutiny and other changes to the constitution.

An amendment was proposed and seconded that the words 'to be taken en bloc' be removed from recommendation 1 (attached to and forming part of these minutes). A named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (13)

Cllrs Debbie Andre, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Geoff Brodie, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, John Howe, Julie Jones-Evans, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, John Medland, Shirley Smart

Against (19)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Adrian Axford, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Vanessa Churchman, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Chris Quirk, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

The amendment fell.

Following further discussion on the substantive proposal recommendation 1 was put to a named vote the result of which was as follows:

For (19)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Adrian Axford, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Vanessa Churchman, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Chris Quirk, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Against (12)

Cllrs Debbie Andre, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Geoff Brodie, Rodney Downer, Andrew Garratt, John Howe, Julie Jones-Evans, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, John Medland, Shirley Smart

Abstentions (2)

Cllrs Charles Chapman, Paul Fuller

RESOLVED :

- (l) THAT The overview and scrutiny arrangements be changed to provide for:-
 - (a) A Scrutiny committee to address the wider budget and policy strategy;
 - (b) Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services.;
 - (c) Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Adult Social Care and Health;
 - (d) Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Regeneration, Planning, Housing and the Environment;
 - (e) To approve the terms of reference for the above committee as attached at appendix E to the report;

- (f) To remove the Select committees;
 - (g) To change the call-in provision so that this now requires the support of the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee in addition to the current requirements for 2 members of the Scrutiny committee plus any other member.
- (II) THAT The Employment Committee be replaced with an Appointment's Panel on the terms of reference attached at appendix F to the report.
 - (III) THAT The remainder of the committee structure and size of the various committees as within the constitution and that the seats be filled in accordance with the wishes of the group leaders and in accordance with the delegated powers given to the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer be approved.
 - (IV) THAT the chairmen, and vice chairmen to the positions as set out in the attached appendix be approved.
 - (V) THAT Councillor Stewart be appointed as the Council's Appointed Member to the Police and Crime Panel together with Councillor Peace to act as "Deputy Member".
 - (VI) THAT the reformatted and revised constitution as attached at appendix C to these minutes be approved subject to such further amendments as may be made arising from this report.
 - (VII) THAT the scheme of delegation as set out at pages 73-84 of Appendix C be approved.
 - (VIII) THAT The number of council meetings be reduced to 6 – in January, February, May, July, September and November.
 - (IX) THAT the submission of Executive reports and questions to Executive members be removed from Full Council Agenda.
 - (X) THAT the Executive be known as the Cabinet.
 - (XI) THAT Delegated Member decisions are reinstated. All Delegated Member decisions were included on the forward plan, a formal report would be prepared and published by the council 5 clear working days before the decision is taken. The decision would be published on the council's website and would be subject to the call-in provisions.
 - (XII) THAT the requirement for named votes set out in the procedure rules for Full council and all decision making committees be removed, subject to the opportunity for 4 members present at the meeting to request names be recorded remaining.
 - (XIII) THAT the Policy framework referred to in Article 4 be updated – to read as follows:-

Policy framework. The Full Council will be responsible for adopting or approving the following plans and strategies:

- (a) The Council's Corporate Plan;
- (b) Sustainable Community Strategy;
- (c) The Children's and Young People's Plan;

- (d) The Local Plan;

- (e) Local Transport Plan;

- (f) The Fire and Rescue Authority Integrated Risk Management Plan;

- (g) Gambling Act: Statement of Licensing Policy;

Any other plan or strategy that is required by law or which the Council determines should be designated as a Policy Framework Document and adopted or approved by Full Council

- (XIV) THAT a temporary Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) for the additional Policy and Scrutiny Committees, to be the same as the SRA for the current Children's committee, and a temporary SRA for the vice chair of Scrutiny to be the same as other vice chairs, be approved

- (XV) THAT the Independent Remuneration Panel be asked to consider the impact of the changes agreed by this meeting of the council and to report back before the end of the year on any adjustments that need to be made to the members allowances scheme.

- (XVI) THAT the Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend the constitution to reflect the above agreed changes.

- (XVII) THAT Council approve the appointment of the following:
 - (i) Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Paul Fuller
 - (ii) Chairman of Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services – Councillor Vanessa Churchman
 - (iii) Chairman of Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Adult Social Care and Health – Councillor John Nicholson
 - (iv) Chairman of Policy and Scrutiny Committee for regeneration, Planning, Housing and the Environment – Councillor Tig Outlaw
 - (v) Chairman of the Planning Committee - Councillor Chris Quirk
 - (vi) Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee – Councillor Matthew Price
 - (vii) Chairman of the Appeals Committee – Councillor John Kilpatrick
 - (viii) Chairman of the Audit Committee – Councillor Paul Brading
 - (ix) Chairman of the Appointments Panel – Leader (by virtue of the terms of reference of that Committee)
 - (x) Chairman of the Isle of Wight Pension Fund Committee - Councillor Adrian Axford

The Leader then proposed recommendation 2 (attached to and forming part of these minutes).

In accordance with procedure rule 17 (4) four members requested a named vote.

A named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (31)

Cllrs, Barry Abraham, Debbie Andre, Adrian Axford, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, John Hobart, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, 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

Abstentions (2)

Cllrs, Geoff Brodie, Michael Lilley,

RESOLVED :

THAT The political proportionality for the Scrutiny Committee be disapplied so that the majority group only has 3 seats and the other groups are allocated the remainder of the seats (5) to reflect those groups respective size, and the Terms of Reference at Appendix E be amended as necessary be approved.

10. [To receive from the Returning Officer the results of the Council elections held on 4 May 2017](#)

The Chairman invited Council to note the results of the elections held on 4 May 2017, as circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED :

THAT the results of the Council elections held on 4 May 2017 be noted.

11. [To approve the following programme of ordinary Council meetings for the ensuing year](#)

The proposed dates for future Council meetings, as listed on the agenda, were considered and following the vote it was

RESOLVED :

THAT the following dates be approved:

19 July 2017
20 September 2017
15 November 2017
17 January 2018
28 February 2018 (**BUDGET COUNCIL**) (5.00 pm start)
16 May 2018 (**ANNUAL COUNCIL**)

12. **Motion submitted under Procedure Rule 10 of the Council's Constitution**

By Councillor Geoff Brodie

The following motion was moved by Cllr Brodie:

That Council, in recognition of the diversity of religious beliefs and no beliefs in the community we represent, resolves to end the practice of offering largely Christian prayers as a formal part of the opening proceedings of Full Council meetings.

Instead it is agreed that such prayers will be offered before the formal opening of Full Council.

The motion was seconded and following debate the motion was put to the vote and was lost.

CHAIRMAN