



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY 24 JULY 2019, COMMENCING AT 5:00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs George Cameron (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Debbie Andre, Adrian Axford, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Geoff Brodie, Vanessa Churchman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, Steve Hastings, Steven Hendry, John Hobart, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, John Medland, Clare Mosdell, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle
Apologies	Cllrs Charles Chapman, John Kilpatrick, Michael Murwill

10. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2019 be approved.

11. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Cllr Debbie Andre declared an interest in item 19 (iii) as she knew the chair of the Steering Committee.

Cllr Michael Lilley declared an interest in items 14 and 19 (ii) as the chair of the Isle of Wight Voluntary Sector Forum and as a trustee of the Isle of Wight Youth Trust.

12. [Public Question Time](#)

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows;

Name	Subject	Comment
Tanya Rebel of Cowes	The declaration of an environmental emergency.	The Leader advised that this would be covered under item 19 (ii).

Name	Subject	Comment
Steven Goodman of Newport	The Council's response to rising temperatures.	The comments were noted by the Leader.
Johnathan Bacon of IW AONB	Approach to landscapes in the Island Plan.	The Leader advised it would be considered.
Derek Farrell of Shanklin	The Council's involvement in the roll out of 5G across the Isle of Wight.	This had been answered previously and a copy of the response would be provided.
Cllr Heather White of Freshwater	Mental health day centres and related cost savings.	A written response would be provided (PQ40/19).
	A supplementary question was asked regarding the closure of the day centres and the alternative local provision.	The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health, and Housing Needs confirmed there would be alternative local provision.

13. [Petition – Forest Road](#)

The petition sponsor, Cameron Palin, presented the petition which requested that Full Council recommend Cabinet instruct Island Roads to install traffic lights at the junction on Forest Road following the fatal accident in April 2019. The Leader accepted the petition but advised, in accordance with the advice of the Monitoring Officer, it would be inappropriate for members to comment at this stage as the police investigation and coroners enquiry were ongoing. A vote was taken, and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT Full Council refer the request to instruct Island Roads to install traffic lights at the junction on Forest Road to the Cabinet, to consider all potential options when all relevant information, including the outcome of the police investigation, is available.

14. [Petition – Mental Health Day Centres](#)

The petition sponsor, Colleen Brannon, presented the petition which requested that Full Council instruct Cabinet to review the decision to reconfigure Mental Health Day Centres. The Leader referred to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health, and Housing Needs, who presented a statement in response. Members raised questions in relation to the need for additional funding, the mental health blueprint and engagement with service users. At the conclusion of the discussion, a named vote was taken, and the recommendation fell. The result of which was as follows:

For: (13)

Cllrs Debbie Andre, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, John Howe, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Ian Stephens, Julie Jones-Evans, Michael Lilley, Geoff Brodie, Reg Barry, Andrew Garratt, Shirley Smart

Against: (22)

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

Abstained: (0)

15. Chairman's Official Announcements

The chairman noted that a written report had been circulated for information and no questions were raised at this stage. It was advised that Cllr Foster, who was Chairman of the Council from 1999-2000, had passed away and her funeral would be held on 23 August 2019 for those who wished to attend.

RESOLVED:

THAT the chairman's official announcements be noted.

16. Leader's Update

The Leader presented the Annual Report which summarised the work and achievements of the Council during the financial year 2018-19 and the progress made with the delivery of the corporate plan. It was noted that the report was not presented at Annual Council in May 2019 due to the EU pre-election period. Members raised question with regards to; high street funding, resilience plans for Newport, discharge arrangements from St Marys Hospital, homelessness, and the Empty Property Strategy. The Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Protection advised that a letter had been received from the Home Secretary accepting the case for the Combined Fire Authority.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Leader's update and the Council's Annual Report for 2018-19, be noted.

17. Member's Absence from Council Meetings

The Assistant Director for Corporate Services and Monitoring Officer presented the report which sought approval for Cllr Murwill's absence from meetings of the Council on the grounds of his ill health. The recommendation was proposed and duly seconded. It was confirmed that no complaints had been received from residents of Brading, St Helens and Bembridge with regards to feeling unrepresented and Cllr Tyndall confirmed he was available to constituents. At the conclusion of the discussion, a vote was taken, and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor Michael Murwill's absence from meetings of the Council for up to six months from the 12 September 2019 be approved on the grounds of ill health.

18. Report of the Leader - Approval of the Corporate Plan 2019-2022

The Leader presented the refreshed corporate plan which set out the long-term activities of the Council in the context of the financial strategy and the short-term activities that would underpin the Council's pursuit of its vision. It was noted that the Corporate Plan 2019-2022 had been considered by Corporate Scrutiny Committee. Members raised questions with regards to the proposed blue light system, fire stations, progress with Ventnor haven, and the PFI contract. Following discussion, a vote was taken, and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT the Corporate Plan 2019-2022 be adopted.

19. Motions submitted under Procedure Rule 9 of the Council's Constitution

(i) By Councillor Chris Whitehouse

Cllr Whitehouse moved the following motion:

To Move that: this Council notes the impact upon the Island of the Local Government Act 2000.

The proposer deferred the motion.

(ii) By Councillor Michael Lilley

Cllr Lilley moved the following motion:

The Isle of Wight Council resolves to:

1. *Declare a 'Climate Emergency'.*
2. *Pledge to achieve net zero carbon emissions on the Island by 2030, considering, both production and consumption of emissions according to the Standard provided by the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol.*
3. *Require the Chair of Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration, Planning Housing and the Environment to establish a Task & Finish Group to report back to the Council within six months with an action plan, detailing how the Council will work with partners and central government to ensure that the islands net carbon emissions (Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 emissions as defined by the GHG Protocol) are reduced to zero by 2030.*
4. *Provide an annual report on GHG emissions, what is working and what is more challenging and progress towards achieving net zero-carbon emissions; and provide provision to contribute to the UNESCO report; Biosphere Reserves Real-Life Observatories of Climate Change; in line with IW Council's support for UNESCO Biosphere Status.*

5. *Require the Leader and Chief Executive to establish a 'Climate Change Board' comprising of key groups, organisations and expert witnesses before the end of September 2019, to underpin our efforts to decarbonise the Island.*
6. *Write to the government requesting (a) additional powers and funding to make the 2030 target possible, and (b) that ministers work with local government and other governments to ensure that the UK maximizes carbon reduction by 2030 in line with the overriding need to limit global warming to a maximum of 1.5°C.*
7. *Liaise with other Local Authorities that have declared a Climate Emergency through the Local Government Association in establishing a LGA Climate Emergency Local Authority group to put additional pressure on the Government in relation to point 6.*
8. *Develop and implement a community engagement plan via the IW Council's Environmental Forum to i) fully inform residents about the need for urgent action on climate change ii) offer a vision of a healthier, more child friendly and greener Island that is a model of best practice iii) mobilise residents in the delivery of the action plan.*

Cllr Hastings proposed the motion be amended as follows;

To move that in the light of scientific reports relating to the world's climate, the Isle of Wight Council, in keeping with its longstanding tradition, will continue to take all reasonable steps to minimise its environmental impact and to maintain the beauty of our Island. And on that basis that this council resolves to:

1. *Declare and acknowledge a 'Climate Emergency'*
2. *Aim to achieve net zero carbon emissions on the Island by 2030.*
3. *Require the Chair of Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration in liaison with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Heritage to establish a Task & Finish Group to report back to the committee within six months with a costed action plan, recommending how the Council could work with partners and central government to ensure that the Islands net carbon emissions can be reduced to zero by 2030.*
4. *Present an annual update to the IW Council on progress towards achieving net zero carbon emissions in line with the IW councils support for our UNESCO Biosphere status.*
5. *Develop and implement a community engagement plan via the IW Council's Environment and Sustainability Forum (formerly community plastic forum) to mobilise environmental action groups, Parish Councils, biodiversity experts and residents in support of delivery of the action plan.*
6. *Liaise with other local authorities that have declared a Climate Emergency, through the Local Government Association, to lobby Government for*

additional powers and funding to help local authorities respond to the climate emergency.

The amendment was accepted by Cllr Lilley and the seconder and became the substantive motion.

Cllr Whitehouse proposed the motion be amended to;

To move that in the light of scientific reports relating to the world's climate, the Isle of Wight Council, in keeping with its longstanding tradition, will continue to take all reasonable steps to minimise its environmental impact and to maintain the beauty of our Island.

Following the debate, a vote was taken, and the amendment fell.

Cllr Whitehouse proposed the following amendment to the motion;

To move that in the light of scientific reports relating to the world's climate, the Isle of Wight Council, in keeping with its longstanding tradition, will continue to take all reasonable steps to minimise its environmental impact and to maintain the beauty of our Island. And on that basis that this council resolves to:

- 1. Aim to achieve net zero carbon emissions on the Island by 2030.*
- 2. Require the Chair of Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration in liaison with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Heritage to establish a Task & Finish Group to report back to the committee within six months with a costed action plan, recommending how the Council could work with partners and central government to ensure that the Islands net carbon emissions can be reduced to zero by 2030.*
- 3. Present an annual update to the IW Council on progress towards achieving net zero carbon emissions in line with the IW councils support for our UNESCO Biosphere status.*
- 4. Develop and implement a community engagement plan via the IW Council's Environment and Sustainability Forum (formerly community plastic forum) to mobilise environmental action groups, Parish Councils, biodiversity experts and residents in support of delivery of the action plan.*
- 5. Liaise with other local authorities that have declared a Climate Emergency, through the Local Government Association, to lobby Government for additional powers and funding to help local authorities respond to the climate emergency.*

Following the debate on the amendment, a named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For: (8)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, John Nicholson, Gary Peace, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse

Against: (23)

Cllrs Adrian Axford, Vanessa Churchman, Steve Hastings, Steven Hendry, John Hobart, Clare Mosdell, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Debbie Andre, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, John Howe, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Ian Stephens, Julie Jones-Evans, Karl Love, Michael Lilley, Geoff Brodie, Reg Barry, Andrew Garratt, Shirley Smart, George Cameron

Abstained: (4)

Cllrs Stuart Hutchinson, Tig Outlaw, Graham Perks, Dave Stewart

During the debate a motion was moved under procedure rule 12.3 (that the question now be put) and was duly seconded. A named vote was taken on the substantive motion the result of which was as follows:

For: (23)

Cllrs Adrian Axford, Vanessa Churchman, Steve Hastings, Steven Hendry, John Hobart, Clare Mosdell, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Debbie Andre, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, John Howe, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Ian Stephens, Julie Jones-Evans, Karl Love, Michael Lilley, Geoff Brodie, Reg Barry, Andrew Garratt, Shirley Smart, George Cameron

Against: (6)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Stuart Hutchinson, Gary Peace, Ian Ward, Dave Stewart, Chris Whitehouse

Abstained: (6)

Cllrs Michael Beston, Paul Brading, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Brian Tyndall, Graham Perks

RESOLVED:

THAT in the light of scientific reports relating to the world's climate, the Isle of Wight Council, in keeping with its longstanding tradition, will continue to take all reasonable steps to minimise its environmental impact and to maintain the beauty of our Island. And on that basis that this council resolves to:

1. Declare and acknowledge a 'Climate Emergency'.
2. Aim to achieve net zero carbon emissions on the Island by 2030.
3. Require the Chair of Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration in liaison with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Heritage to establish a Task & Finish Group to report back to the committee within six months with a costed action plan, recommending how the Council could work with partners and central government to ensure that the Islands net carbon emissions can be reduced to zero by 2030.

4. Present an annual update to the IW Council on progress towards achieving net zero carbon emissions in line with the IW councils support for our UNESCO Biosphere status.
5. Develop and implement a community engagement plan via the IW Council's Environment and Sustainability Forum (formerly community plastic forum) to mobilise environmental action groups, Parish Councils, biodiversity experts and residents in support of delivery of the action plan.
6. Liaise with other local authorities that have declared a Climate Emergency, through the Local Government Association, to lobby Government for additional powers and funding to help local authorities respond to the climate emergency.

Due to time constraints, the remaining motions were deferred to the meeting of Full Council on 18 September 2019.

20. Member Question Time of the Leader

Questions were put to the Leader as follows:

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Chris Whitehouse	Would the Leader make a statement setting out the main achievements of his administration since it was formed two years ago?	The Leader presented a written response (MQ 6/19)

CHAIRMAN