

Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and Time	WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs C Critchison (Chairman), K Love (Vice-Chairman), D Adams, D Andre, J Bacon, M Beston, E Blake, P Brading, G Brodie, V Churchman, I Dore, R Downer, W Drew, S Ellis, P Fuller, A Garratt, S Hendry, C Jarman, J Jones-Evans, P Jordan, J Lever, M Lilley, K Lucioni, J Medland, C Mosdell, J Nicholson, M Oliver, T Outlaw, L Peacey-Wilcox, M Price, R Quigley, C Quirk, R Redrup, Redrup, J Robertson, P Spink, I Stephens, N Stuart and I Ward

1. **To elect a Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.**

Councillor Chris Jarman and Councillor Karl Love were separately nominated and seconded. A named vote was taken the result of which was:

Councillor C Jarman JP (19)

Councillors M Beston, E Blake, P Brading, V Churchman, W Drew, S Ellis, S Hendry, C Jarman JP, J Medland, C Mosdell, J Nicholson, M Oliver, T Outlaw, M Price, C Quirk, R Redrup, J Robertson, P Spink, I Ward

Councillor K Love (19)

Councillors D Adams, D Andre, J Bacon, C Critchison, I Dore, R Downer, P Fuller JP, J Jones-Evans, P Jordan, J Lever, K Love, K Lucioni, L Peacey Wilcox, I Stephens, A Garratt, M Lilley, S Redrup, N Stuart, R Quigley

As the vote was tied, in accordance with the law and the Council's Constitution the Chairman used their casting vote to break the deadlock, and the Chairman voted for Councillor K Love.

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor Karl Love be elected as Chairman of the Isle of Wight Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor Love formally declared his acceptance and took the chair.

The outgoing Chairman thanked everyone for their support throughout her time as Chairman and awarded a cheque to her charity South Wight Area Youth (SWAY).

2. To appoint a Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor V Churchman and Councillor Ian Dore were separately nominated and seconded. A named vote was taken the result of which was:

Council V Churchman (20)

Councillors M Beston, E Blake, P Brading, G Brodie, V Churchman, W Drew, S Ellis, S Hendry, C Jarman JP, J Medland, C Mosdell, J Nicholson, M Oliver, T Outlaw, M Price, C Quirk, R Redrup, J Robertson, P Spink, I Ward

Councillor I Dore (19)

Councillors D Adams, D Andre, J Bacon, C Critchison, I Dore, R Downer, P Fuller JP, J Jones-Evans, P Jordan, J Lever, K Love, K Lucioni, L Peacey Wilcox, I Stephens, A Garratt, M Lilley, S Redrup, N Stuart, R Quigley

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor V Churchman be elected as Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor V Churchman formally declared her acceptance of office.

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillor P Fuller JP declared an interest as he was the chairman of Local Access Forum, a position held in an independent capacity and not appointed by the Council.

4. Chairman's Official Announcements

The newly elected Chairman had no announcements.

5. Urgent Business

The Monitoring Officer advised that due to timescales the draft minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 1 May 2024 had only recently been finalised, and that there was a need for these to be considered and the minutes agreed as a correct record and signed at this meeting.

Concern was raised that Council had not had time to read the minutes. The MO advised that the Chairman had agreed the need for the inclusion of the item of business due to such urgency and was satisfied that the above special circumstances existed.

The Chairman called an adjournment to allow time for Council to read the minutes.

Following the adjournment, the minutes were proposed and duly seconded.

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 1 May 2024 were approved.

6. Leaders Annual Report (20 minutes)

The Leader introduced his report and advised that the annual report contained details from all Cabinet Members. Good news on grant funding that had been achieved, £13.5 million to delivery West Wight cycle greenway was awarded under Levelling Up 3 grant funding and an initiative of safety works between Sandown and Blackwater had been awarded funding.

The Leader was asked if he could arrange for a formal response to be provided regarding specific monies for the Military Road. The Leader said he would provide a more detailed response, however he advised that following approval of the final amend budget money had been redirected from other capital schemes, to put into the Military Road issue, and work had already commenced on a business case which would consider re-routing the road.

A question was asked regarding Osborne steps in Shanklin, seeking confirmation that capital funding had been received as a result of the closure of the Hs2 project. The Leader responded that the funding was, from the Highways capital budget.

It was noted that government had put forward a water restoration fund, for areas hit by water companies and sewage, and the Leader was asked if an application had been made? The Leader and Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding said they would look into it and provide a written response to council.

The Leader was asked to confirm that the independent consultant analysis agreed in the budget amendment in February 2024 was on target for delivery. The Leader advised that he would provide a written response.

Cllr P Brading thanked the Leader for safety works in his ward and looked forward to a meeting with the Leader to discuss a dangerous road.

Councillor J Medland asked when a response would be received following questions asked at the meeting held on 1 May 2024. He was informed that this would be looked at and a response provided as soon as possible.

7. To approve the following programme of ordinary Council meetings for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED:

THAT the following dates be approved:

17 July 2024

18 September 2024

20 November 2024

15 January 2025

26 February 2025 (Budget)
19 March 2025
21 May 2025 (Annual)

8. Reports of the Monitoring Officer

8a **Review of Political Proportionality, Alternative Arrangements, Appointments of Committees, Allocation of Seats, Nominations and Appointments to Committees (including Chairs and Vice-Chairs)**

The Monitoring Officer advised that this was an annual item and he had received some nominations. A proposal to elect the Chairmen to Committees and the two Vice Chairman posts that received a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA), with appointment of other Vice Chairman roles to be undertaken by each relevant Committee was made and duly seconded

Following a vote the result was:

RESOLVED:

THAT Council would appoint Chairman and the two Vice Chairman positions that received an SRA, appointments of other Vice Chairman would be a decision of each Committee.

The following nominations for Chairman of Committees were put forward and duly seconded without being contested:

RESOLVED:

THAT the following be appointed to the respective role of Chairman for the following Committees:

Corporate Scrutiny – Councillor C Mosdell
Licensing Committee – Councillor M Beston
Pension Fund Committee – Councillor C Jarman JP
Planning Committee – Councillor W Drew
Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children’s Services, Education and Skills –
Councillor P Brading

Councillor I Dore and Councillor S Ellis were separately nominated and seconded for the position of Chairman for the Appeals Committee, following a vote it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor I Dore be appointed Chairman of Appeals Committee.

Councillor A Garratt and Councillor C Quirk were separately nominated and seconded for the position of Chairman for the Audit and Governance Committee, following a vote it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor A Garratt be appointed Chairman of Audit and Governance.

Councillor L Peacey Wilcox and Councillor M Oliver were separately nominated and seconded for the position of Chairman for the Investigating and Disciplinary Committee, following a vote it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor L Peacey Wilcox be appointed Chairman of Investigating and Disciplinary Committee.

Councillor S Redrup and Councillor J Nicholson were separately nominated and seconded for the position of Chairman for the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care, following a vote it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor S Redrup be appointed Chairman of the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care.

The following nominations for Vice Chairman of Committees were put forward and duly seconded without being contested:

RESOLVED:

THAT the following be appointed to the respective role of Vice Chairman for the following Committees

Corporate Scrutiny – Councillor P Spink
Planning Committee – Councillor M Price

RESOLVED:

- (i) THAT the review of political proportionality be agreed
- (ii) THAT the appointments set out in Appendix 2 as revised be agreed

8b **Appointments to Outside Bodies**

The Monitoring Officer highlighted that he had been advised of nominations for appointments to these positions. He advised that Government Guidance for Ryde Town Board requested two nominations from the Local Authority and that he had received nominations of Councillors, W Drew, K Lucioni and P Jordan.

Following further debate in accordance with the Council's Constitution (Part 4B – Procedure Rules Governing how Full Council, Cabinet, Sub Committees and Boards Operate section Voting) a named vote was requested by four councillors, the result of which was:

Councillor K Lucioni (36)

Councillors D Adams, D Andre, J Bacon, M Beston, E Blake, P Brading, V Churchman, C Critchison, I Dore, R Downer, W Drew, S Ellis, P Fuller JP, A Garratt, S Hendry, C Jarman JP, J Jones-Evans, P Jordan, J Lever, M Lilley, K Love, K Lucioni, J Medland, C Mosdell, J Nicholson, M Oliver, L Peacey Wilcox, M Price, R Quigley, C Quirk, R Redrup, J Robertson, P Spink, I Stephens, N Stuart, I Ward

Councillor P Jordan (20)

Councillors D Adams, D Andre, J Bacon, G Brodie, C Critchison, I Dore, R Downer, P Fuller JP, A Garratt, J Jones-Evans, P Jordan, J Lever, M Lilley, K Love, K Lucioni, L Peacey Wilcox, R Quigley, S Redrup, I Stephens, N Stuart

Councillor W Drew (20)

Councillors M Beston, E Blake, P Brading, G Brodie, V Churchman, W Drew, S Ellis, S Hendry, C Jarman JP, J Medland, C Mosdell, J Nicholson, M Oliver, M Price, C Quirk, R Redrup, S Redrup, J Robertson, P Spink, I Ward

As the vote was tied, in accordance with the law and the Council's Constitution the Chairman has a casting vote and decided to use it. The Chairman voted for Councillor P Jordan

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillors K Lucioni and P Jordan be appointed representatives on Ryde Town Board.

Following further discussion a vote was taken, the result of which was:

- (i) THAT nominations for representatives for external organisations (who make the appointments) as contained in the revised Appendix 3 (attached to and forming part of these minutes) be agreed in so far as those organisations are relevant to the exercise of council functions.
- (ii) THAT the appointments made or to be made by the Leader of the Cabinet in respect of executive appointments as listed in the revised Appendix 2 (attached to and forming part of these minutes) be noted.
- (iii) THAT the Council appointments as set out in the revised Appendix 1 (attached to and forming part of these minutes) be approved.

9. **Motions Submitted under Part 4, Procedure Rule 9 of the Council's Constitution**

10. **By Councillor S Redrup**

Councillor S Redrup moved the following motion which was duly seconded:

The Isle of Wight Council notes that Islanders are deeply concerned about water quality and the impact on wildlife and human health of regular wastewater discharge into our rivers and seas. Throughout 2023, sewage was discharged into our waters for an astonishing 38,648 hours. On Christmas Day in 2023, sewage was

discharged into the sea for five and half hours, where, the following day, Boxing Day swimmers were bathing.

The Isle of Wight Council Resolves to:

- Recognise this Council's obligation to protect its rivers and seas in line with its local planning policy, and the National Planning Policy Framework.
- Ensure that the new Island plan and SuDS supplementary planning document fully considers the cumulative impact of surface water runoff and sewage discharge.
- To continue managing stormwater at every opportunity by incorporating or retrofitting SuDS within its own capital programme.
- Help to raise awareness by supporting community groups wishing to conduct water quality testing in their local area.
- To take a positive and proactive lead on this issue and work with stakeholders to ensure that sewage releases into the sea surrounding the Isle of Wight are zero by 2030.

Councillor C Jarman JP moved the following amendment to the motion which was duly seconded:

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- To take a positive and proactive lead on this issue and work with **all** stakeholders to ensure that sewage releases into **Island watercourses and** the sea surrounding the Isle of Wight are zero by 2030.

The alteration to Cllr S Redrup's motion on notice was duly accepted.

Following further debate in accordance with the Council's Constitution (Part 4B – Procedure Rules Governing how Full Council, Cabinet, Sub Committees and Boards Operate section Voting) a named vote was requested by four councillors, the result of which was:

For (32)

Councillors D Adams, D Andre, J Bacon, M Beston, E Blake, C Critchison, I Dore, R Downer, W Drew, S Ellis, P Fuller JP, A Garratt, S Hendry, C Jarman JP, J Jones-Evans, P Jordan, J Lever, M Lilley, K Love, J Medland, C Mosdell, J Nicholson, M Oliver, L Peacey Wilcox, M Price, R Quigley, C Quirk, R Redrup, S Redrup, J Robertson, P Spink, N Stuart

Against (0)

Abstain (3)

Councillors P Brading, V Churchman, I Ward

RESOLVED:

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11. **Member Questions to the Leader and to any other Cabinet Member (30 minutes)**

Councillor I Dore asked what works were being undertaken for the flood mitigation scheme. The Leader (with responsibility Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy, Strategic Oversight and External Partnerships) and the Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding advised that they would look into the matter and do what they could to push this forward.

CHAIRMAN

