



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
Date and time	<b>WEDNESDAY, 15 JULY 2020 COMMENCING AT 5:00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING</b>
Present	Cllrs George Cameron (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Debbie Andre, Adrian Axford, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Geoff Brodie, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, Steve Hastings, Stephen Hendry, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Kilpatrick, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, John Medland, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Wayne Whittle.
Apologies	Cllrs John Nicholson, Graham Perks

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## 1. Minutes

### RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2020 be confirmed subject to the following amendment.

Page A - 5 the number of Councillors who voted against to be changed from 20 to 12.

## 2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor John Medland declared an interest in minute number 8 (3) as he was the secretary of Frack free Isle of Wight.

## 3. Public Question Time

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Mr Jonathan Bacon	What recognition and support of Biosphere status the council will consider and promote in order to support our environment and the contribution it makes into the Island's economy, including	The Cabinet Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (PQ 21/20)

Name	Subject	Comment
Mrs Sylvia Day	<p>support for the maintenance and development of the status and its use in respect of planning policy</p> <p>What further access or support will be offered to maximise public engagement over the remaining days of the consultation for UKOG's application given its uniqueness and complexity</p>	The Cabinet Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (PQ 22/20)

#### 4. Chairman's Official Announcements

A written report had been circulated for information. It was acknowledged that a number of community hubs had been formed and that the response had been Island wide.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Chairman's official announcements be noted.

#### 5. Leaders Update Report

The Leader acknowledged the work undertaken by all in the response to the pandemic and the recovery of the Island.

Members questioned if the Newport Master Plan had been well received given the number of people who had signed a recent petition and recent decision made by Newport Community Council, the leader assured members that they wanted to work with the community and a meeting would be arranged with the local member.

Concerns were raised regarding the recovery of the Island's economy and job creation across the Island, job opportunities would be made on the Island the recent Cabinet decision regarding Venture quays would provide 150 new jobs, apprenticeship schemes were continuing, positive feedback from hospitality businesses had been received.

Invested money had been monitored and there had not been a dramatic drop in the returns received.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Leader's update be noted.

#### 6. Reports of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources

##### i. Allocation of Committee seats

The Chairman presented the report which sought to make changes to the Committee seat allocation due to a number of changes within the Council political composition. He thanked group leaders for their support and assistance.

A vote was taken and the result of which were as follows:

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the council agreed to accept the calculations determining the aggregate number of committee places and their allocations on a political proportionate basis for all committees, and to appoint members to all committees on the basis of political proportionality as set out in Appendix 1.

ii. **Appointment of Assistant Director of Corporate Services and Monitoring Officer**

Cllr Stewart presented the report, he was the Chairman of the Appointments Committee who had interviewed the candidates and proposed candidate 3 (Chris Potter) be appointed, this was duly seconded.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 18 of the council's constitution Cllr Geoff Brodie asked that his vote against the appointment be recorded.

A vote was taken, and the result of which were as follows:

**RESOLVED:**

THAT The recommendation from the Appointment Committee for the appointment of a permanent Monitoring officer be approved.

THAT a further four-month extension to the current interim monitoring officer appointment to ensure that there was a continued provision for the statutory officer role during any period of notice of a successful candidate or consideration of any alternative arrangements that may be deemed necessary.

**7. Report of the Leader**

i. **New Combined Fire Authority Precept**

Cllr Steward present the report outlining that the decision to create a combined Fire Authority (CFA) for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight had been made and would take on all service responsibilities of the fire and rescue service from 1 April 2021.

As part of the preparations financial issues had been worked through by the Government in particular the setting of an Alternative Notional Amount (ANA) of council tax that enabled the new CFA and Isle of Wight Council to set a separate council tax for 2021/22. The ANA must be

agreed by both the Isle of Wight Council and Shadow Combined Fire Authority before the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government were notified prior to September 2020. The ANA would then be subject to agreement of the Secretary of State.

Concern was raised that Isle of Wight residents were being asked to pay additional precept for the service which was previously included in residents council tax, it was explained that the increase brought the Island's payments in line with that of Hampshire residents, the additional money would be used to invest and improve in the Island's fire service.

A proposal was made and seconded, in line with the constitution a named vote was taken the results of which was as follows:

For (24)

Cllrs George Cameron (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Adrian Axford, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Steve Hastings, Stephen Hendry, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, Stuart Hutchinson, John Kilpatrick, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Wayne Whittle.

Against (12)

Councillors Debbie Andre, Reg Barry, Geoff Brodie, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, Julie Jones-Evans, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, John Medland, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens,

Abstention (1)

Councillors Lora Peacey-Wilcox,

RESOLVED:

- i. THAT That the Council recommended to the HIOW Combined Fire Shadow Authority that it submitted its proposal to the Secretary of State to harmonise council tax at the existing HFRA level for the new CFA as per the approved business case and therefore the Alternative Notional Amount for the new CFA be set at £69.06
- iii. THAT That the Council approved an Alternative Notional Amount for the Isle of Wight Council of £1,600.87 and recommended this to the Secretary of State.

**8. Motions submitted under Procedure Rule 11 of the Council's Constitution**

By Cllr Dave Stewart

Cllr Stewart moved the following motion which was duly seconded:

That Council endorses the approach taken by the administration in response to Coronavirus and approves development of a Recovery Plan that looks to re build the economy of the Island and at the same time ensures the continued protection of the Island Community

Cllr Brodie proposed the motion be amended as follows:

That Council endorses the approach taken by the Island Community in response to Coronavirus and approves development of a Recovery Plan that looks to re build the economy of the Island and at the same time ensures the continued protection of the Island Community.

During the debate Cllr Brodie asked in accordance with the Council's constitution Procedure rule 18 that a named vote be taken, he was supported by four other members.

The amendment was accepted by Cllr Stewart and the seconder and became the substantive motion. A named vote was taken the result of which were as follows:

For (36)

Councillors George Cameron (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Debbie Andre, Adrian Axford, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Geoff Brodie, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, Steve Hastings, Stephen Hendry, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, John Medland, Michael Murwill, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Wayne Whittle.

RESOLVED:

THAT That Council endorsed the approach taken by the Island Community in response to Coronavirus and approved development of a Recovery Plan that looks to re build the economy of the Island and at the same time ensured the continued protection of the Island Community.

By Cllr Michael Lilley

Councillor Lilley moved the following motion which was duly seconded.

- i) That this Council commission a root and branch review of the island plan in light of revision required post-Covid19 as the Island Plan, still in draft, is not fit for purpose. Any such review should be subject to full public consultation.
- ii) That this Council implements a 12 month moratorium on the processing of any Planning Applications in excess of 20 units to allow for the above review to be adopted into policy and to have taken effect.

Cllr Lilley proposed and moved the following amendment to his original motion which was duly seconded:

That this Council commission a root and branch review of the island plan in light of revision required post-Covid19 as the Island Plan, still in draft, is not fit for purpose. Any such review should be subject to full public consultation.

Councillor Abraham proposed the motion be amended as follows:

This Council supports the position of the Cabinet to hold a full review of the Island Plan, taking into account the likely impact of the COVID 19 pandemic, and agrees with the position statement made by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing at the Cabinet meeting on 9 July 2020, as set out below:

“For some weeks I have been in dialogue with senior planning officers looking at how the pandemic has impacted on the islands future for residents and business regarding planning. As a result, it has now been decided to hold a full review of the local plan to take account of some of the likely impacts. This will mean the Island Plan consultation proposed for November will not take place and will be delayed to a future date.”

The amendment was accepted by Cllr Lilley and the seconder and became the substantive motion. A vote was taken and the result were as follows:

**RESOLVED:**

THAT This Council supports the position of the Cabinet to hold a full review of the Island Plan, taking into account the likely impact of the COVID 19 pandemic, and agrees with the position statement made by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing at the Cabinet meeting on 9 July 2020, as set out below:

“For some weeks I have been in dialogue with senior planning officers looking at how the pandemic has impacted on the islands future for residents and business regarding planning. As a result, it has now been decided to hold a full review of the local plan to take account of some of the likely impacts. This will mean the Island Plan consultation proposed for November will not take place and will be delayed to a future date.”

**By Cllr John Medland**

Cllr Medland moved the following motion:

This Council believes that the current procedure for the public consultation on the oil application planned for Arreton 20/00513/FUL is inadequate as it fails to comply with relevant legislative provisions. In particular it appears that the current consultation procedure being followed is not proportionate to the potential impact of the development. Therefore, this Council believes that the procedure for the public consultation should be temporarily withdrawn and reintroduced at a time that allows (a) the public to inspect paper copies of the

plans, (b) physical attendance at the Arreton Parish Council and IWC Planning Committees, (c) for all the normal rights of political association and public meetings and demonstration guaranteed under Article 11 of the Human Rights Act 1998, and (d) attendance by the members of the Planning Committee at a site visit.

The Chairman advised that under procedure rule 11 (11.8) of the council's constitution, the motion would be referred without discussion to the Planning Committee.

## 9. Member Question time of the Leader

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Geoff Brodie	Does the Council leader support the shameful remarks of the Prime Minister that many care homes, presumably including those on the Isle of Wight, did not follow proper procedures on Coronavirus?	The Leader read a written response which is available on the following link MQ 09/20
Cllr Geoff Brodie asked a supplementary question	Thanked the Leader for his honesty	
Cllr Andrew Garratt	What is the overall expenditure currently estimated to be on the St Mary's junction improvement scheme?	The Leader read a written response which is available on the following link MQ 10/20
Cllr Andrew Garratt asked a supplementary question	Does the Leader share his surprise that the expense is greater than previously advised?	The Leader advised that he would check facts and provide a written response.
Cllr Andrew Garratt	Is the leader of the council satisfied that the expenditure of money provided under the 'Reopening the High Street Safely Fund' has achieved value for money as envisaged in the council's corporate plan?	The Leader read a written response which is available on the following link MQ 10/20
Cllr Andrew Garratt asked a supplementary question	A fifth of the money has been spent on items such as project management and design which does not seem like value for money.	The Leader advised that he would provide a written response.