

Minutes



Council

Date: 19 May 2015

Time: 5.00 pm

Present: Councillors M Evans (Chair), O Ali, D Atwell, T Bond, R Bright, P Cockeram, M Cornelious, E Corten, K Critchley, D Davies, V Delahaye, C Evans, C Ferris, D Fouweather, G Giles, J Guy, D Harvey, P Huntley, C Jenkins, M Kellaway, M Linton, D Mayer, S Mlewa, R Mogford, J Mudd, R Poole, M Rahman, J Richards, M Spencer, C Suller, T Suller, H Thomas, K Thomas, E Townsend, R Truman, T Watkins, M Whitcutt, R White, K Whitehead, D Wilcox and D Williams

Apologies: Councillors M Al-Nuami, E Garland, P Hannon, I Hayat, R Hutchings, R Jeavons, C Maxfield, A Morris and N Trigg

1. Preliminaries

There were no announcements by the Mayor

2. Appointment of the Leader of the Council

Councillor Robert C Bright was appointed as Leader of the Council.

The Leader of the Council announced that the Cabinet he had appointed would comprise:

Chair of the Cabinet and Leader : Councillor Robert C Bright

Deputy Leader (Cabinet Member for Customer Services and Digital Innovation): Councillor Ray Truman

Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services: Councillor Paul Cockeram

Cabinet Member for Education & Young People: Councillor Deborah Wilcox

Cabinet Member for HR, People and Business Change: Councillor Gail Giles

Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Investment: Councillor John Richards

Cabinet Member for Regulatory Functions: Councillor Bob Poole

Cabinet Member for Skills and Work and Newport LIVE: Councillor Mark Whitcutt (Also to act as Business Manager)

Streetscene and City Services: Councillor Deborah Davies

Councillor Ken Critchley

The Leader of the Council thanked the retiring Cabinet Member, Councillor Ken Critchley for his contribution to the Council and to the Cabinet. The Leader stated that Councillor Critchley's work was very much appreciated. All members joined the Leader by applauding Councillor Critchley.

3. **Appointments**

Councillor Fouweather announced the following:

Leader of the Opposition: Councillor Matthew Evans

Deputy Leader: Councillor Margaret Cornelious

Opposition Spokesperson for:

Adult and Community Services: Councillor David Fouweather

Customer and Digital Infrastructure: Councillor Ray Mogford

Education and Young People: Councillor David Atwell

People and Business Change Councillor Tom Suller

Regeneration Investment and Housing: Councillor Martyn Kellaway

Regulatory Functions: Councillor David Williams

Skills work and Newport LIVE Councillor Charles Ferris

Streetscene and City Services: Councillor Richard White

Chairs

(Councillors Huntley, Suller, Mayer, Atwell and Ferris each declared an interest in this item and did not vote.)

Following nominations by the Leader of the Council and, where appropriate by the Leader of the Opposition the following appointments were agreed by the Council:

Chair of Planning Committee: Councillor Paul Huntley.

Chair of Licensing Committee: Councillor Cliff Suller

Scrutiny Committee for Learning Caring and Leisure: Councillor David Mayer to be chair

Scrutiny Committee for Street Scene, Regeneration and Safety: Councillor Roger Jeavons to be chair.

Scrutiny Committee for Community Planning and Development: Councillor David Atwell to be chair.

Democratic Services Committee: Councillor Charles Ferris to be Chair

Committees and Outside Bodies

Councillor Bright announced that appointments of members to the committees and to outside bodies will be passed to the proper officer and recorded in the minutes (See the appendix to these minutes)

Councillors Fouweather also announced that appointments of members to the committees will be passed to the proper officer and recorded in the minutes (See the appendix to these minutes)

4. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned following the above items of business and reconvened for the following items at 5.30 pm

5. **Election of the Mayor**

It was proposed by the Leader of the Council and seconded by Councillor D Fouweather and unanimously:

Resolved

That Councillor Herbie Thomas is elected as the Mayor of the City of Newport for the ensuing year. Councillor Thomas, having made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and taken the Official Oath and Oath of Allegiance, expressed thanks for the honour conferred upon him.

6. **Vote of Thanks**

It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by the Leader of the Council and unanimously

Resolved

That the Council's thanks be given to Councillor Matthew Evans and Tina Hatton – Evans for the manner in which they had discharged the duties as Mayor and Mayoress.

Response

Councillor Evans congratulated the Mayor on his election. He expressed pride in serving the City as Mayor. He described a number of highlights of his year and mentioned the support he had received. He mentioned the successful year supporting the Teenage Cancer Trust and the Sea cadets announcing that some £43,000 had been raised to be shared between the Charities

Councillor Evans thanked Councillor Atwell and Mrs Carole Watkins for their support as Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress over the past 12 months.

He thanked staff in the Mayoral Office and all Councillors for their support and in particular his ward colleagues.

Councillor Evans paid particular tribute to his wife and thanked her for her support as Mayoress.

7. **Appointment of the Deputy Mayor**

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Fouweather and unanimously

Resolved

That Councillor Kate Thomas is appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor Thomas, having made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance for the role of Deputy Mayor expressed thanks for her appointment.

8. **Mayor's Charities**

The Mayor announced that he would be supporting three charities this year: Diabetes UK Cymru, Alzheimer's Research UK and the Madzimai Pamwe (meaning women together).

9. **APPENDIX: INTERNAL APPOINTMENTS**

NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL - APPOINTMENTS AT AGM - May 2015

Cabinet:

Post	Appointed
Leader & Chair of Cabinet	Cllr Robert C Bright
Deputy Leader (CM Customer Services & Digital Innovation)	Cllr Ray Truman
Cabinet Member for Education & Young People	Cllr Debbie Wilcox
Cabinet Member for People & Business Change	Cllr Gail Giles
Cabinet Member for Streetscene & City Services	Cllr Deb Davies
Cabinet Member for Regulatory Functions	Cllr Bob Poole
Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Investment	Cllr John Richards
Cabinet Member for Adult & Community Services	Cllr Paul Cockeram
Cabinet Member for Skills, Work & Newport LIVE (and Business Manager)	Cllr Mark Whitcutt

SHADOW POSTS

Post	Appointed
Leader	Cllr Matthew Evans
Deputy Leader	Cllr Margaret Cornelious
Education & Young People	Cllr David Atwell
People & Business Change	Cllr Tom Suller
Regeneration & Investment	Cllr Martyn Kellaway
Regulatory Functions	Cllr David Williams
Streetscene & City Services	Cllr Richard White
Adult & Community Services	Cllr David Fouweather
Skills, Work & Newport Live	Cllr Charles Ferris
Customer Services & Digital Innovation	Cllr Ray Mogford

Planning Committee:
(8 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 Independent)

Chair (Labour)	Cllr Paul Huntley
Labour (Deputy Chair)	Cllr Val Delahaye
Labour	Cllr Miqdad Al-Nuaimi
Labour	
Labour	Cllr Malcolm Linton
Labour	Cllr Jane Mudd
Labour	Cllr Christine Jenkins
Labour	Cllr Mark Spencer
Conservative	Cllr David Fouweather
Conservative	Cllr Richard White
Independent	Cllr Noel Trigg

Licensing Committee:
(8 Labour, 2 Conservative, One Independent)

Chair (Labour)	Cllr Cliff Suller
Labour	Cllr Chris Evans
Labour	Cllr Emma Garland
Labour	Cllr John Guy
Labour	Cllr Sally Mlewa
Labour	Cllr Majid Rahman
Labour	Cllr Allan Morris
Labour	Cllr Herbert Thomas
Conservative	Cllr Margaret Cornelious
Conservative	Cllr Charles Ferris
Independent	Cllr Noel Trigg

Audit Committee:**(6 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 Independent)****LAY MEMBER CHAIR**

Labour	Cllr Herbert Thomas
Labour	Cllr John Guy
Labour	Cllr Deborah Davies
Labour	Cllr Ibrahim Hayat
Labour	Cllr Jane Mudd
Labour	Cllr Mark Spencer
Conservative	Cllr Ray Mogford
Conservative	Cllr Richard White
Independent Group appointment	Cllr Ed Townsend
Lay Member (Chair)	Mr John Baker

*** Chair to be appointed by the Committee****Democratic Services Committee:****(7 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 Independent)**

Chair (Conservative)	Cllr Charles Ferris
Labour	Cllr Tom Bond
Labour	Cllr Emma Corten
Labour	Cllr Debbie Harvey
Labour	Cllr David Mayer
Labour	Cllr Jane Mudd
Labour	Cllr Kate Thomas
Labour	Cllr Trevor Watkins
Conservative	Cllr Matthew Evans
Independent	vacant

Scrutiny Committees:

Learning, Caring & Leisure

(7 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 Independent)

Chair (Labour)	Cllr David Mayer
Labour	Cllr Sally Mlewa
Labour	Cllr Christine Maxfield
Labour	Cllr Emma Garland
Labour	Cllr Cliff Suller
Labour	Cllr Mark Spencer
Labour	Cllr Ibrahim Hayat
Conservative	Cllr David Atwell
Conservative	Cllr David Williams
Independent	Cllr Kevin Whitehead

Streets Scene, Regeneration & Safety

(7 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 Independent)

Chair (Labour)	Cllr Roger Jeavons
Labour	Cllr Miqdad Al Nuaimi
Labour	Cllr Tom Bond
Labour	Cllr Chris Evans
Labour	Cllr D Harvey
Labour	Cllr Paul Huntley
Labour	Cllr Sally Mlewa
Conservative	Cllr Matthew Evans
Conservative	Cllr Martyn Kellaway
Independent	Vacant

Community Planning & Development
(7 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 Independent)

Chair (Conservative)	Cllr David Atwell
Labour	Cllr Omar Ali
Labour	Cllr Jane Mudd
Labour	Cllr Allan Morris
Labour	Cllr Val Delahaye
Labour	Cllr Trevor Watkins
Labour	Cllr Kate Thomas
Labour	Cllr Herbert Thomas
Conservative	Cllr Tom Suller
Independent	Vacant

Standards Committee:

Cllr Herbie Thomas
Cllr John Guy
Cllr David Fouweather

Also: Mrs H Taylor OBE (Chair), Mr J Pickering, Mr G Hancock, Mr P Westwood, Mr B John and Ms T Britton

SACRE: The Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education:

Cabinet Member for Education & Young People
Cllr Sally Mlewa
Cllr Omar Ali
Cllr Christine Jenkins
Cllr David Williams

CHARITABLE TRUSTS PANEL	(agreed at Council 25/11/4)
Cllr Garland	
Cllr K Thomas	
Cllr H Thomas	
Cllr P Cockeram	
Cllr M Cornelious	

Social Services Rota Visits:

Cllr Kate Thomas
Cllr Paul Huntley
Cllr D Harvey
Cllr S Mlewa
Cllr O Ali
Cllr C Maxfield
Cllr M Cornelious
Cllr C Ferris

Corporate Parenting Forum:

Cabinet Member for Education and Young People
Cllr Tom Bond
Cllr Deborah Davies
Cllr Paul Hannon
Cllr Debbie Harvey
Cllr Rhys Hutchings
Cllr Christine Maxfield
Cllr Herbert Thomas
Cllr Mathew Evans
Cllr Tom Suller

HR Appeals:

Cllrs Jane Mudd, Allan Morris, Malcolm Linton, Trevor Watkins, Tom Bond, Paul Huntley, Mark Spencer, Debbie Harvey, David Mayer, Roger Jeavons, Herbie Thomas, Charles Ferris, David Fouweather, David Williams, Richard White, Cllr Kate Thomas to be used in rotation

Employee Partnership Forum

The Cabinet Member for People & Business Change; Cabinet Member for Skills, Work & Newport LIVE; and Cabinet Member for Education and Young People were appointed.

Champions:

Older Persons Champion: Cllr Trevor Watkins

Disabled and Vulnerable Persons Champion: Cllr Kate Thomas

Carers Champion: Cllr Cliff Suller

Equalities Champion: Cllr O Ali

Member Development Champion: Deputy Leader

Poverty Champion: Cllr Tom Bond

Armed Forces Champion and Veterans Champion: Cllr Mark Spencer

Homelessness and Supporting People Champion: Cllr Jane Mudd

Cabinet Sub Groups

These are Executive Appointments:

- **City Centre Sub** : Leader, Deputy, CM Regeneration & Investment, CM Streetscene & City Services
- **Performance Board** : Leader, Deputy, Cllr D Davies
- **Total Reward** : Leader, Deputy, Cabinet Member for People & Business Change

Sports & Leisure Trust:

Cllr D Wilcox and Cllr H Thomas

10. APPENDIX: APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL BODIES

NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL: APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES: May 2015

Outside Body	No	Appointments 2015
Adoption Panel	1	Cllr R Hutchings
Aneurin Bevan Health Board (Stakeholder Reference Group)	2	Cllr Hayat Cllr Maxfield
Arts Council for Wales: SE Wales Regional Committee	1	Cabinet Member for Skills & Work & Newport LIVE
Caldicot & Wentlooge Internal Drainage District Advisory Group:	4+ 4 subs	<p>4 members Cllr T Watkins Mr Rob Hepworth Mrs Helen Truman Mr William Langsford</p> <p>4 substitutes Cllr P Huntley Cllr H Thomas Cllr C Jenkins Mr A Speight</p>
Careers Wales (Gwent) Ltd	1	Cabinet Member for Skills & Work & Newport LIVE
Capital Region Tourism	1	Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Investment
Citizens Advice Bureau	1	Cllr C Suller
Coleg Gwent	1	Cabinet Member for Skills & Work & Newport LIVE
Community Centres Management Committees		All appropriate ward members appointed

Community Chest Local Panel	3	Cllr Majid Rahman Cllr Mark Spencer Cllr Emma Garland
Communities First Partnership	1	Cabinet Member for Skills & Work & Newport LIVE
Communities First Cluster Groups	4 (+4)	Central: Cllr Al-Nuaimi (sub: Cllr Rahman) East: Cllr Corten (sub Cllr Harvey) North: Cllr Mudd (sub Cllr Delahaye) West: Cllr Watkins (sub Cllr Wilcox)
Community Health Council, Newport Committee	3	Cllr Guy Cllr C Maxfield
Connecting South East Wales (CSEW)	1 + 1	Leader of the Council Chief Executive
Consortium of Local Authorities in Wales (CLAW)	1	Cabinet Member for HR , People & Business Change
Credit Union	1	Cllr V Delahaye
Education Achievement Service board member (Company Board)	1	Cabinet Member for Skills & Work & Newport LIVE (sub Cllr Giles)
Education Achievement Service Commissioning Group (Education) (JEG)	1	Cabinet Member for Education and Young People (sub Cllr Davies)
EAS Scrutiny Panel	2	Cllr Mayer Cllr Mlewa
EAS Programme Board	1	Leader of the Council (sub Deputy Leader)
East Newport Social Care Centre	1	Cllr J Guy

Fairness Commission	2	Cllr R Mogford Cllr K Thomas
Friends of Newport Transporter Bridge	1	Cllr C Ferris
Food Waste Treatment Partnership	2	Cabinet Member for Streetscene & City Services Cabinet Member for Regulatory Functions
Foster Panel	1	Cllr R Hutchings
Flood Risk Management Wales	2	Cllr P Hannon
Frailty Project Joint Committee	1	Cabinet Member for Adult & Community Services
Greater Gwent Archives Joint Committee	2	Cllr D Mayer Cllr J Guy
Greater Gwent Cremation Joint Committee	2	Cllr V Delahaye Cllr Huntley
Greater Gwent Pension Fund Joint Committee	3	Cabinet Member for People & Business Change Cllr H Thomas Mr J Baker
Growing Space	1	Cllr M Cornelious
Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations Local Committee	2	Cllr O Ali Cllr J Mudd
Gwent Police & Crime Panel	3	Cllr J Guy Cllr O Ali Cllr D Williams

Gwent Police Animal Welfare Lay Visitor	1	Cllr T Bond
Gwent Level Wetlands Reserve	1	Cllr A Morris
Indoor Bowling Association	1	Cllr D Fouweather
Jerome Gatehouse Collection Trust	1	Cllr C Ferris
Joint Council for Wales	2	Cabinet Member for People & Business Change Cabinet Member for Regulatory Functions
Local Service Board	2	Deputy Leader Chief Executive
Merchant Navy Welfare	1	Cllr John Guy
Mon Brecon Canal Joint Steering Group	3	Cabinet Member for Streetscene & City Services Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Investment Cllr D Mayer
Newport Access Group	1	Vacant
Newport City Homes	4	Cllr J Mudd Cllr O Ali Cllr S Mlewa Sheila Davies
Newport Harbour Commission	2	Mr Speight Cllr J Guy
Newport Now BID	1	Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Investment
Newport Piano Competition	2	Leader of the Council

		The Mayor
Newport Transport Board	6	Cllr H Thomas (Chair) Cllr C Evans Cllr R Hutchings Cllr P Hannon Asst. Head of Finance Mr W Langsford
Newport Women's Aid	1	Cllr Corten
Norse Joint Partnership Board (Norse Newport and NPS Newport)	2	Cllr Al-Nuaimi Sheila Davies, Strategic Director
Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee	2	Cabinet Member for Regulatory Functions Deputy Leader
Prosiect Gwyrdd Scrutiny Panel	2	Cllr M Spencer Cllr P Hannon
Raven House Trust	1	Cllr N Trigg
Reserve Forces & Cadet Association	1	Cllr M Evans
River Usk Management Group	1	Cllr J Richards
Roger Williams & Queen Victoria Alms Houses (Stow Hill)	1	Cllr M Al-Nuaimi
South East Wales Racial Equality Council (SEWREC)	1	Cllr M Rahman
South East Wales Strategic Planning Group	1	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Investment

South Wales Fire Authority	2	Cllr M Rahman Cllr P Hannon
Wastesavers Limited	4	Cllr E Garland Cllr M Spencer Cllr O Ali Cllr T Bond
Welsh Books Council	1	Vacant
Welsh Church Fund	2	Cabinet Member for People & Business Change Mr J Baker
Welsh Joint Education Committee (WJEC)	1	Cabinet Member for Education and Young People
Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)	3	Leader of the Council Deputy Leader TBC
WLGA Coordinating Committee	1	Leader of the Council
Welsh Purchasing Consortium (Joint Arrangements)	1	Cabinet Member for People & Business Change
Williams Trust	4	Jason Hughes Cllr C Suller Caroline McLachlan Stephen Marshall

The meeting terminated at 6.35 pm