

# Minutes



## Council

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Date: 17 May 2016

Time: 5.00 pm

Present: The Mayor: Councillors H Thomas (part 1) and D Atwell ( part 2) in the Chair.  
Councillors: O Ali, R Bright, J Cleverly, P Cockeram, M Cornelious, K Critchley, D Davies, V Delahaye, C Evans, M Evans, C Ferris, D Fouweather, G Giles, J Guy, D Harvey, I Hayat, P Huntley, R Hutchings, R Jeavons, M Kellaway, M Linton, D Mayer, S Mlewa, R Mogford, R Poole, J Mudd, M Rahman, J Richards, M Spencer, C Suller, T Suller, H Thomas (Chair), K Thomas, R Truman, T Watkins, M Whitcutt, R White, D Wilcox and D Williams

Apologies: Councillors M Al-Nuami, T Bond, E Corten, E Garland, P Hannon, C Jenkins, C Maxfield, A Morris and K Whitehead

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### 1. Preliminaries

The Mayor referred to the very sad loss of a friend and Councillor colleague, Councillor Ed Townsend. Members, officers and visitors stood in silence in memory of Councillor Townsend

### 2. Appointment of the Leader of the Council

Councillor Deborah Wilcox was appointed as Leader of the Council.

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

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport  
Cabinet Member for Education & Young People  
Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources  
CM for Community Services, Work and Skills  
Cabinet Member for Regulatory Functions  
Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Investment  
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services & Housing  
Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport and Business Manager

Cllr Ray Truman  
Cllr Gail Giles  
Cllr Mark Whitcutt  
Cllr Roger Jeavons  
Cllr Robert Poole  
Cllr John Richards  
Cllr Paul Cockeram  
  
Cllr Deborah Harvey

### 3. Appointments

#### Opposition Spokespersons:

Councillor M. Evans announced that he would act as Leader of the Opposition. Opposition spokespersons would be as follows:

Deputy Leader	Cllr Margaret Cornelious
Education & Young People	Cllr David Williams
Community Services, Work & Skills	Cllr Tom Suller
Regeneration & Investment	Cllr Martyn Kellaway
Regulatory Functions	Cllr Margaret Cornelious
Environment, Sustainability & Transport	Cllr Richard White
Adult Social Services & Housing	Cllr David Fouweather
Culture, Leisure & Sport	Cllr Charles Ferris
Finance & Resources	Cllr Ray Mogford

### **Chairs of Committees:**

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 John Guy to be Chair

Scrutiny Committee for Street Scene, Regeneration and Safety: Councillor Omar Ali to be chair.

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

Democratic Services Committee: Councillor Charles Ferris to be Chair

*(Councillors Huntley, Suller, Guy, Ali, Williams and Ferris each declared an interest in this item and did not vote on the specific appointments)*

### **Committees and Outside Bodies**

Councillor Wilcox 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)

Councillor M Evans 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)

### **Governors:**

The following were agreed:

- Bassaleg School: Cllr Tom Bond re-appointed
- Duffryn High School; Cllr Omar Ali
- Kimberley Nursery: Cllr Paul Cockeram
- Liswerry Primary : Cllr Debbie Harvey
- Millbrook Primary: Sarah Craven
- Mount Pleasant Primary: Tom Bond re- appointed
- Ringland Primary: Tim Harvey

#### 4. **Members Code of Conduct**

The Monitoring Officer reported that The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) Amendment Order 2016 has amended the mandatory provisions of the current Members Code of Conduct.

The Council was required to formally adopt this new Model Code of Conduct before 26<sup>th</sup> June 2016. All elected members and voting co-opted members of the Council would be automatically bound by the revised Code of Conduct following its adoption and there is no requirement for members to sign a fresh declaration or undertaking to abide by the revised Code.

The main changes were set out in the report. The Monitoring Officer reported that, for the most part, the revisions to the previous model Code of Conduct are technical in nature and reflect changes introduced by the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (“the 2013 Act”) but there are some substantive changes which clarify previous uncertainty regarding conflicts of interest, reporting of misconduct and registration of interests.

#### **Resolved**

To formally adopt the new Model Code of Conduct

#### 5. **Adjournment**

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

#### 6. **Election of the Mayor**

It was proposed by the Leader of the Council and seconded by Councillor M Evans and unanimously:

#### **Resolved**

That Councillor David Atwell is elected as the Mayor of the City of Newport for the ensuing year. Councillor Atwell, 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.

#### **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 Cliff Herbie Thomas and Ms Jacqueline Mitchell for the manner in which they had discharged the duties as Mayor and Mayoress.

#### **Response**

Councillor Herbie Thomas congratulated the Mayor on his election. He expressed pride in serving the City as Mayor.

He mentioned in particular the support he has received from Sian Isgrove, his PA and Ms Sue Griffiths. He also thanked the Chauffeurs and made particular mention of the

contribution of Mr Peter Howells who was retiring from his role as Chauffeur after the Annual Meeting

Councillor Thomas thanked his chaplain and referred to the teamwork that had helped in his successful year. He mentioned the wonderful people from all walks of life he and the Mayoress had met in the past year. He described a number of highlights of his year and mentioned the good times he and the Mayoress had enjoyed.

Councillor Thomas thanked Councillor Kate Thomas and Dr Worden for their support as Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress over the past 12 months.

Councillor Thomas thanked his son and family for their support and paid particular tribute to his Mayoress, Ms Jacqueline Mitchell.

## **7. Appointment of the Deputy Mayor**

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition and unanimously

### **Resolved**

That Councillor David Fouweather is appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor Fouweather, having made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance for the role of Deputy Mayor expressed thanks for his appointment.

8. **APPENDIX : Internal Appointments**

**NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL - APPOINTMENTS AT AGM - May 2016**

**Cabinet:**

<b>Post</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
Leader & Chair of Cabinet	Cllr Debbie Wilcox
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment Sustainability and Transport	Cllr Ray Truman
Cabinet Member for Education & Young People	Cllr Gail Giles
Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources	Cllr Mark Whitcutt
CM for Community Services, Work and Skills	Cllr Roger Jeavons
Cabinet Member for Regulatory Functions	Cllr Robert Poole
Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Investment	Cllr John Richards
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services & Housing	Cllr Paul Cockeram
Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport and Business Manager	Cllr Deborah Harvey

**Opposition Spokespersons:**

<b>Post</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
Leader of the Opposition	Cllr Matthew Evans
Deputy Leader	Cllr Margaret Cornelious
Education & Young People	Cllr David Williams
Community Services, Work & Skills	Cllr Tom Suller
Regeneration & Investment	Cllr Martyn Kellaway
Regulatory Functions	Cllr Margaret Cornelious
Environment, Sustainability & Transport	Cllr Richard White
Adult Social Services & Housing	Cllr David Fouweather
Culture, Leisure & Sport	Cllr Charles Ferris
Finance & Resources	Cllr Ray Mogford

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

Chair (Labour)	Cllr P Huntley
Labour (Deputy Chair)	Cllr V Delahaye
Labour	Cllr O Ali
Labour	Cllr M Linton
Labour	Cllr J Mudd
Labour	Cllr R Hutchings
Labour	Cllr K Critchley
Labour	Vacant
Conservative	Cllr D Fouweather
Conservative	Cllr R White
Independent	Cllr C Evans

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

Chair (Labour)	Cllr C Suller
Labour	Cllr J Guy
Labour	Cllr C Jenkins
Labour	Cllr E Garland
Labour	Cllr D Davies
Labour	Cllr M Rahman
Labour	Cllr T Watkins
Labour	Cllr H Thomas
Conservative	Margaret Cornelious
Conservative	Charles Ferris
Independent	vacant

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

Labour	Cllr RC Bright
Labour	Cllr H Thomas
Labour	Cllr J Guy
Labour	Cllr D Davies
Labour	Cllr E Garland
Labour	Cllr M Spencer
Conservative	Cllr R White
Conservative	Cllr R Mogford
Independent	Vacant
Lay Member (Chair)	Mr John Baker

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

Chair (Conservative)	Cllr C Ferris
Labour	Cllr T Bond
Labour	Cllr M Linton
Labour	Cllr A Morris
Labour	Cllr D Mayer
Labour	Cllr J Mudd
Labour	Cllr K Thomas
Labour	Cllr T Watkins
Conservative	Cllr M Evans
Independent	Cllr C Evans

**Scrutiny Committees:**

**Learning, Caring & Leisure**

*(7 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 Independent)*

Chair (Labour)	Cllr J Guy
Labour	Cllr S Mlewa
Labour	Cllr C Maxfield
Labour	Cllr E Garland
Labour	Cllr C Suller
Labour	Cllr M Spencer
Labour	Cllr D Mayer
Conservative	Cllr D Fouweather
Conservative	Cllr C Ferris
Independent	Cllr K Whitehead

**Streets Scene, Regeneration & Safety**

*(7 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 Independent)*

Chair (Labour)	Cllr O Ali
Labour	Cllr D Davies
Labour	Cllr T Bond
Labour	Cllr M Rahman
Labour	Cllr K Critchley
Labour	Cllr P Huntley
Labour	Cllr S Mlewa
Conservative	Cllr M Cornelious
Conservative	Cllr M Evans
Independent	Cllr C Evans



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

Chair (Conservative)	Cllr D Williams
Labour	Cllr J Mudd
Labour	Cllr A Morris
Labour	Cllr V Delahaye
Labour	Cllr T Watkins
Labour	Cllr K Thomas
Labour	Cllr H Thomas
Labour	vacancy
Conservative	Cllr T Suller
Independent	Cllr J Cleverly

**Standards Committee:**

Cllr H Thomas	Labour appointment
Cllr J Guy	Labour appointment
Cllr D Fouweather	Conservative appointment

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	Chair
Cllr A Morris	Labour appointment
Cllr C Jenkins	Labour appointment
Vacancy	Labour appointment
Cllr D Williams	Conservative appointment

**Social Services Rota Visits:**

Cllr Kate Thomas  
 Cllr Paul Huntley  
 Cllr R Hutchings  
 Cllr S Mlewa  
 Cllr O Ali  
 Cllr D Davies  
 Cllr M Cornelious  
 Cllr C Ferris

### **Corporate Parenting Forum:**

Chair (Labour)	Cabinet Member for Education and Young People
Labour	Cllr T Bond
Labour	Cllr D Davies
Labour	Cllre M Linton
Labour	Cllr K Critchley
Labour	Cllr R Hutchings
Labour	Cllr C Maxfield
Labour	Cllr H Thomas
Labour	Cllr K Thomas
Conservative	Cllr M Evans
Conservative	Cllr T Suller

### **HR Appeals:**

Members appointed to be used in rotation:

Cllr's Jane Mudd, Allan Morris, Malcolm Linton, Trevor Watkins, Tom Bond, Paul Huntley, Mark Spencer, David Mayer, Herbie Thomas, Kate Thomas, Debbie Davies; David Fouweather  
Charles Ferris, David Williams, Richard White

### **Employee Partnership Forum**

- The Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources;
- CM for Community Services, Work and Skills;
- and Cabinet Member for Education and Young People

### **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

9. **APPENDIX: External Bodies - Appointments**

**APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES: May 2016**

<b>Body</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>2016 appointments</b>
Adoption Panel	1	Cllr Rhys Hutchings
Aneurin Bevan Health Board (Stakeholder Reference Group)	2	Cllr Debbie Davies Cllr Maxfield
Arts Council for Wales: SE Wales Regional Committee	1	Cllr Debbie Harvey as Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport
Caldicot & Wentlooge Internal Drainage Board Advisory Body	4+ 4 Sub	<b>4 Members</b> Cllr Trevor Watkins Mr Rob Hepworth Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability & Transport Mr William Langsford  <b>4 Substitutes</b> Cllr Paul Huntley Cllr Herbie Thomas Cllr Christine Jenkins Mr Alan Speight
Careers Wales (Gwent) Ltd	1	Cllr Roger Jeavons as CM for Community Services, Work and Skills
Capital Region Tourism	1	Cllr John Richards as Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Investment
Citizens Advice Bureau	1	Cllr Cliff Suller
Coleg Gwent	1	Cllr Roger Jeavons as CM for Community Services, Work and Skills
Community Centres Management Committees		Local members
Community Chest Local Panel	3	Cllr Mark Spencer Cllr Emma Garland Cllr David Fouweather
Communities First Partnership	1	Cllr Roger Jeavons as CM for Community Services, Work and Skills
Communities First Cluster Groups	4 (+4)	<b>Central:</b> Cllr Miqdad Al-Nuaimi (sub: Cllr Majid Rahman) <b>East:</b> Cllr Debbie Harvey (sub: Cllr Emma Corten) <b>North:</b> Cllr Jane Mudd (sub:Cllr Val Delahaye) <b>West:</b> Cllr Trevor Watkins (sub:Cllr Debbie Wilcox)
Community Health Council, Newport Committee	3	Cllr John Guy Mrs Elaine Bryant

Committee (WJEC)		Member for Education and Young People
Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)	3	Leader of the Council Deputy Leader Cllr Paul Huntley
WLGA Coordinating Committee	1	Leader of the Council
Welsh Purchasing Consortium (Joint Arrangements)	1	Cllr Mark Whitcutt as Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources
Williams Trust	4	Cllr Cliff Suller Jason Hughes Caroline McLachlan Stephen Marshall

The meeting terminated at Time Not Specified