

# Minutes



## Council

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Date: 16 May 2017

Time: 5.00 pm

Present: The Mayor: Mr D Atwell (part 1) and Councillor D Fouweather (part 2) in the Chair.

Councillors M Al-Nuaimi, G Berry, J Clarke, J Cleverly, P Cockeram, M Cornelious, K Critchley, D Davies, V Dudley, C Evans, M Evans, C Ferris, Y Forsey, G Giles, J Guy, D Harvey, I Hayat, R Hayat, T Holyoake, P Hourahine, J Hughes, R Jeavons, C Jenkins, J Jordan, L Lacey, M Linton, S Marshall, D Mayer, R Mogford, A Morris, J Mudd, M Rahman, J Richards, W Routley, M Spencer, T Suller, H Thomas, K Thomas, C Townsend, H Townsend, R Truman, J Watkins, T Watkins, M Whitcutt, K Whitehead, R White, D Wilcox and D Williams.

Apologies: Councillor M Kellaway.

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### 1. Inauguration of the Mayor

It was proposed by Councillor Wilcox and seconded by Councillor M Evans and unanimously:

#### **Resolved**

That Councillor Fouweather is elected as the Mayor of the City of Newport for the next year. Councillor Fouweather, 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 Councillor Wilcox and unanimously:

#### **Resolved**

That the Council's thanks be given to Mr David Atwell and Mrs Carole Atwell for the manner in which they had discharged their duties as Mayor and Mayoress.

#### **Response**

The outgoing Mayoress responded on behalf of the outgoing Mayor, remembering the highlights of their Mayoral year together. While recognising the difficulties the Mayor had faced since being taken ill six months ago, the Mayoress noted the many happy events they had attended together, including some 100 events since his diagnosis. The Mayoress thanked the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress for their support, especially at events which the

Mayor was unable to attend. Thanks were expressed for all the people who had supported their nominated charities throughout the year – Ty Hafan, Pets as Therapy, and SSAFA. Special recognition was also given to the many volunteers they had met this year while attending events, for their hard work in the community.

The Mayoress thanked everyone who had supported them this year and helped them to continue their Mayoral year, especially the staff supporting the Mayoral Office. Finally the Mayoress gave thanks to the outgoing Mayor, for his courage and determination to complete his duties. The Chamber gave the Mayor a standing ovation.

## 2. **Inauguration of the Deputy Mayor**

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Matthew Evans and unanimously

### **Resolved**

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

## 3. **Appointment of the Chair of Council**

The Mayor, Councillor David Fouweather, was appointed as Chair of Council.

## 4. **Announcements**

### **New Members**

Councillor Wilcox introduced the following newly elected members in the Labour Group: Rehmaan Hayat, Phil Hourahine, Jason Hughes, James Clarke, Stephen Marshall, Herbie Thomas, Yvonne Forsey, Graham Berry, Tracey Holyoake and Laura Lacey

Councillor M Evans introduced the following newly elected members in the Conservative Group: William Routley, Joan Watkins and Val Dudley.

Councillor Whitehead introduced Jason Jordan, the newly elected member of the Newport Independents group.

Councillor C Townsend introduced Holly Townsend, the newly elected member of the Liberal Democrat group.

## 5. **Appointment of the Leader of the Council**

Councillor Deborah Wilcox was appointed as Leader of the Council.

The Leader of the Council announced her Cabinet as follows:

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Assets and Member Development:	Cllr Mark Whitcutt
Cabinet Member for Education and Skills:	Cllr Gail Giles
Cabinet Member for Social Services:	Cllr Paul Cockeram
Cabinet Member for Streetscene:	Cllr Roger Jeavons

Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing:	Cllr Jane Mudd
Cabinet Member for Licensing and Regulation:	Cllr Ray Truman
Cabinet Member for Community and Resources:	Cllr David Mayer
Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure, and Business Manager:	Cllr Debbie Harvey

### **Opposition Spokespersons:**

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

Deputy Leader	Cllr Margaret Cornelious
Education and Skills	Cllr Joan Watkins
Community Services	Cllr Val Dudley
Regeneration and Housing	Cllr Martyn Kellaway
Licensing and Regulation	Cllr William Routley
Streetscene	Cllr Richard White
Social Services	Cllr David Williams
Culture and Leisure	Cllr Charles Ferris
Resources	Cllr Ray Mogford

## **6. Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 and the Size and Composition of Local Planning Authority Committees (Wales) Regulations 2017**

The Head of Law and Regulation presented a report outlining new regulations governing the composition of Planning Committee. It was unanimously

### **Resolved**

To amend the Council's Standing Orders and Constitution to comply with the regulatory changes as follows:

- a) The composition of Planning Committee remains at 11 members;
- b) The quorum for Planning Committee should be 6 members;
- c) No substitutes shall be allowed;
- d) In multiple wards, only one ward member shall be appointed to Planning Committee;
- e) Site inspections shall continue to be decision-making meetings rather than fact-finding, and should be carried out by full Committee, with a minimum quorum requirement of 6 members.

## **7. Scrutiny Committee Structure**

The Leader of the Council presented a report to implement a new structure for the Scrutiny Committees. It was unanimously

**Resolved**

That the Council:

1. Establish the following Scrutiny Committees:
  - a. Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee
  - b. Performance Scrutiny Committee – People
  - c. Performance Scrutiny Committee – Place and Corporate
  - d. Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships
  
2. Agree the terms of reference for these Scrutiny Committees, as outlined in the report.

**8. Appointment of Chairs of Committees**

Following nominations by the leaders of their respective parties, the following Committee Chair appointments were agreed by the Council:

Planning Committee	Cllr John Richards
Licensing Committee	Cllr Deb Davies
Democratic Services Committee	Cllr Charles Ferris
Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee	Cllr John Guy
Performance Scrutiny Committee – People	Cllr David Williams
Performance Scrutiny Committee – Place and Corporate	Cllr Chris Evans
Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships	Cllr Majid Rahman

*(The nominated persons declared an interest in this item and did not vote on the specific appointments.)*

**9. Appointment to Committees**

Each Group Leader agreed to pass the appointments of members to the committees to the proper officer for recording in the minutes. The following committee appointments were submitted.

**Planning Committee:**

(6 Labour, 3 Conservative, 1 NIP, 1 Lib Dem)

Labour (Chair)	Cllr John Richards	Llisbury
Labour (Deputy Chair)	John Guy	Alway
Labour	Cllr Malcolm Linton	Ringland
Labour	Cllr James Clarke	Malpas
Labour	Cllr Yvonne Forsey	Rogerstone

Labour	Cllr Miqdad Al-Nuaimi	Stow Hill
Conservative	Cllr Richard White	Marshfield
Conservative	Cllr Charles Ferris	Allt-yr-yn
Conservative	Cllr Ray Mogford	Langstone
Newport Independents	Cllr Jason Jordan	Bettws
Liberal Democrat	Cllr Carmel Townsend	St Julians

**Licensing Committee:**

(6 Labour, 3 Conservative, 1 NIP, 1 Lib Dem)

Labour (Chair)	Cllr Deb Davies
Labour (Deputy Chair)	Cllr Herbie Thomas
Labour	Cllr Chris Jenkins
Labour	Cllr Tracey Holyoake
Labour	Cllr Majid Rahman
Labour	Cllr Graham Berry
Conservative	Cllr Margaret Cornelious
Conservative	Cllr Val Dudley
Conservative	Cllr Joan Watkins
Newport Independents	Cllr Jan Cleverly
Liberal Democrat	Vacancy

**Audit Committee:**

(5 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 NIP, 1 Lib Dem)

LAY MEMBER CHAIR

Labour	Cllr Herbie Thomas
Labour	Cllr Deb Davies
Labour	Cllr Laura Lacey
Labour	Cllr John Guy
Labour	Cllr Kate Thomas
Conservative	Cllr Richard White
Conservative	Cllr William Routley

Newport Independents	Cllr Jason Jordan
Liberal Democrat	Cllr Holly Townsend
Lay Member (Chair)	Mr John Baker

\* Chair appointed by the Committee

**Democratic Services Committee:**

(6 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 NIP, 1 Lib Dem)

Conservative (Chair)	Cllr Charles Ferris
Labour	Cllr Jane Mudd
Labour	Cllr Trevor Watkins
Labour	Cllr Herbie Thomas
Labour	Cllr Yvonne Forsey
Labour	Cllr Ibrahim Hayat
Labour	Cllr Rehmann Hayat
Conservative	Cllr Matthew Evans
Newport Independents	Cllr Chris Evans
Liberal Democrat	Vacancy

**Scrutiny Committees:**

**Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee**

(6 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 NIP, 1 Lib Dem)

Labour (Chair)	Cllr John Guy
Labour	Cllr Miqdad Al-Nuaimi
Labour	Cllr Ibrahim Hayat
Labour	Cllr Phil Hourahine
Labour	Cllr Jason Hughes
Labour	Cllr Mark Spencer
Conservative	Cllr Charles Ferris
Conservative	Cllr Matthew Evans
Newport Independents	Cllr Chris Evans

Liberal Democrat	Vacancy

**Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships**  
(6 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 NIP, 1 Lib Dem)

Labour (Chair)	Cllr Majid Rahman
Labour	Cllr Deb Davies
Labour	Cllr Steve Marshall
Labour	Cllr James Clarke
Labour	Cllr Rehmaan Hayat
Labour	Cllr Malcolm Linton
Conservative	Cllr Tom Suller
Conservative	Cllr Ray Mogford
Newport Independents	Cllr Jan Cleverly
Liberal Democrat	Vacancy

**Performance Scrutiny Committee - People**  
(6 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 NIP, 1 Lib Dem)

Conservative (Chair)	Cllr David Williams
Labour	Cllr Kate Thomas
Labour	Cllr Tracey Holyoake
Labour	Cllr John Guy
Labour	Cllr Herbie Thomas
Labour	Cllr Trevor Watkins
Labour	Cllr Laura Lacey
Conservative	Cllr Joan Watkins
Newport Independents	Cllr Kevin Whitehead
Liberal Democrat	Cllr Carmel Townsend

**Performance Scrutiny Committee – Place and Corporate**

(6 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 NIP, 1 Lib Dem)

Newport Independents (Chair)	Cllr Chris Evans
Labour	Cllr John Richards
Labour	Cllr Yvonne Forsey
Labour	Cllr Ken Critchley
Labour	Cllr Majid Rahman
Labour	Cllr Miqdad Al-Nuaimi
Labour	Cllr Laura Lacey
Conservative	Cllr Margaret Cornelious
Conservative	Cllr William Routley
Liberal Democrat	Vacancy

**Standards Committee:**

Cllr Herbie Thomas	Labour appointment
Cllr Phil Hourahine	Labour appointment
Cllr David Fouweather	Conservative appointment

Also: Phil Westwood (Chair), Gerard Hancock, Bernard John, Tracey Britton, Andrew Mitchell, Kerry Watkins.

**SACRE: The Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education:**

Cllr Gail Giles - Cabinet Member for Education and Skills	Chair
Cllr Laura Lacey	Labour appointment
Cllr Ibrahim Hayat	Labour appointment
Cllr Rehmaan Hayat	Labour appointment
Cllr Joan Watkins	Conservative appointment

**Appointments Committee – Strategic Director**

Labour	Cllr Debbie Wilcox
Labour	Cllr Gail Giles
Labour	Cllr Laura Lacey
Labour	Cllr Herbie Thomas
Conservative	Cllr Matthew Evans



Newport Independents	Cllr Jan Cleverly
Liberal Democrat	Cllr Carmel Townsend

### **Corporate Parenting Forum:**

Chair (Labour)	Cllr Gail Giles - Cabinet Member for Education and Skills
Labour	Cllr Deb Davies
Labour	Cllr Graham Berry
Labour	Cllr Ibrahim Hayat
Labour	Cllr Steve Marshall
Labour	Cllr Jason Hughes
Labour	Cllr Yvonne Forsey
Labour	Cllr John Guy
Labour	Cllr Chris Jenkins
Conservative	Cllr Joan Watkins
Conservative	Cllr Tom Suller

### **HR Appeals:**

Members to be appointed to be used in rotation:

Cllrs Kate Thomas, James Clarke, Mark Spencer, Ibrahim Hayat, Jane Mudd, Debbie Harvey, Tracey Holyoake, Chris Jenkins, David Williams, Charles Ferris, William Routley and Tom Suller.

### **Employee Partnership Forum**

- Deputy Leader – Cllr Mark Whitcutt
- CM for Community and Resources – Cllr David Mayer
- CM for Education and Skills – Cllr Gail Giles

### **Champions:**

**Older Persons Champion:** Cllr Trevor Watkins

**Disabled and Vulnerable Persons Champion:** Cllr Kate Thomas

**Carers Champion:** Cllr Ibrahim Hayat

**Poverty Champion:** Cllr Phil Hourahine

**Armed Forces Champion:** Cllr Mark Spencer

**Homelessness Champion:** Cllr Yvonne Forsey

**Biodiversity Champion:** Cllr Roger Jeavons

## 10. **Appointments to External bodies**

Each Group Leader agreed to pass the appointments of members to external bodies to the proper officer for recording in the minutes. The following appointments were submitted.

**Governors:**

**Re-Appointments**

Maindee Primary School: Richard Morgan  
 Milton Infant School: Helen Truman  
 Pillgwenlly Primary School: Ruqia Hayat  
 Somerton Primary School: Alan Speight

**New Appointments**

Bassaleg School: Cllr Yvonne Forsey  
 Fair oak Nursery: Cllr Christine Jenkins  
 Glan Usk Primary School: Cllr Phil Hourahine  
 Kimberly Nursery: Cllr James Clarke  
 Maindee Primary School: Cllr Christine Jenkins  
 Malpas Church in Wales Junior School: Cllr Laura Lacey  
 Mount Pleasant Primary School: Cllr Yvonne Forsey  
 St Julians School: Cllr Graham Berry  
 Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Teyrnon: Cllr Herbie Thomas

<b>Outside Body</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Appointments 2017</b>
Adoption Panel	1	Cllr Graham Berry
Aneurin Bevan Health Board (Stakeholder Reference Group)	2	Cllr Laura Lacey Cllr Val Dudley
Arts Council for Wales: SE Wales Regional Committee	1	Cllr Debbie Harvey as CM for Culture and Leisure
Caldicot & Wentlooge Internal Drainage Board	4(+4)	<b>4 Members</b> Cllr Trevor Watkins Cllr Phil Hourahine Cllr David Williams Mr William Langsford  <b>4 Substitutes</b> Cllr Graham Berry Cllr John Richards Cllr Ray Mogford Cllr Martyn Kellaway
Careers Wales (Gwent) Ltd	1	Cllr Gail Giles as Cabinet Member for Education and Skills
Citizens Advice Bureau	1	Mr Cliff Suller
Coleg Gwent	1	Cllr David Mayer
Community Chest Local Panel	3	Cllr Jason Hughes Cllr Debbie Davies Cllr Ray Mogford

<b>Outside Body</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Appointments 2017</b>
Communities First Partnership	1	Cllr David Mayer as CM for Community and Resources
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 Laura Lacey) <b>North:</b> Cllr James Clarke (sub:Cllr Jane Mudd) <b>West:</b> Cllr Trevor Watkins (sub:Cllr Debbie Wilcox)
Community Health Council, Newport Committee	3	Cllr John Guy Cllr David Williams Mrs Elaine Bryant
Consortium of Local Authorities in Wales (CLAW)	1	Leader: Cllr Debbie Wilcox
Credit Union	1	Cllr Stephen Marshall
Education Achievement Service board member (Company Board)	1	Cllr Roger Jeavons (sub: Cllr Debbie Harvey)
Education Achievement Service Commissioning Group (Education) (JEG)	1	Cllr Gail Giles (sub: Cllr Debbie Davies)
EAS Scrutiny Panel	2	Cllr David Mayer Cllr Laura Lacey
EAS Audit & Risk Assurance Committee	2	Cllr David Mayer Cllr Laura Lacey
East Newport Social Care Centre	1	Cllr John Guy
Fairness Commission	2	Cllr Kate Thomas Cllr Tom Suller
Friends of Newport Transporter Bridge	1	Cllr Charles Ferris
Food Waste Treatment Partnership	2	Cllr Ray Truman Cllr Roger Jeavons
Foster Panel	1	Cllr Graham Berry
Frailty Project Joint Committee	1	Cllr Paul Cockeram
Greater Gwent Archives Joint Committee	2	Cllr John Guy Cllr David Mayer

<b>Outside Body</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Appointments 2017</b>
Greater Gwent Cremation Joint Committee	2	Cllr Roger Jeavons Cllr Debbie Davies
Greater Gwent Pension Fund Joint Committee	3	Cllr Mark Whitcutt Cllr Herbie Thomas Mr J Baker
Growing Space	1	Cllr Margaret Cornelious
Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations Local Committee	1	Cllr Christine Jenkins
Gwent Police & Crime Panel	3	Cllr John Guy Cllr William Routley Cllr Kevin Whitehead
Gwent Level Wetlands Reserve	1	Cllr Jason Hughes
Indoor Bowling Association	1	Cllr Tom Suller
Jerome Gatehouse Collection Trust	1	Cllr Mark Spencer
Joint Council for Wales	2	Leader: Cllr Debbie Wilcox Cllr Ray Truman
Public Services Board	2	Leader Chief Executive
Merchant Navy Welfare	1	Cllr John Guy
Mon Brecon Canal Joint Steering Group	3	Cllr Roger Jeavons Cllr Jane Mudd Cllr David Mayer
Newport City Homes	3	Cllr Jane Mudd Mrs Val Delahaye Cllr Tracey Holyoake
Newport Harbour Commission	2	Cllr John Guy Mr Alan Speight
Newport Now BID	1	Cllr Jane Mudd
Newport Transport Board	6	Cllr Herbie Thomas Cllr Mark Spencer Cllr Graham Berry Cllr Phil Hourahine Mr Cliff Suller Cllr Charles Ferris
Newport Women's Aid	1	Cllr Tracey Holyoake

<b>Outside Body</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Appointments 2017</b>
Norse Joint Partnership Board (Norse Newport and NPS Newport)	2	Cllr Roger Jeavons Cllr Miqdad Al-Nuaimi
Pill Millennium Centre Trust	2	Cllr Tracey Holyoake Cllr Ibrahim Hayat
Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee	2	Cllr Ray Truman Cllr Roger Jeavons
Raven House Trust	1	Cllr David Fouweather
Reserve Forces & Cadet Association	1	Cllr Matthew Evans
River Usk Management Group	1	Cllr Jason Hughes
Roger Williams & Queen Victoria Alms Houses (Stow Hill)	1	Cllr Miqdad Al-Nuaimi
Shared Resource Service (SRS) Strategic Board	1	Cllr David Mayer as CM for Community and Resources
South East Wales Racial Equality Council (SEWREC)	1	Cllr Majid Rahman
South East Wales Strategic Planning Group	1	Cllr Jane Mudd
South Wales Fire Authority	2	Cllr Herbie Thomas Cllr Ken Critchley
Wastesavers Limited	4	Cllr Mark Spencer Cllr Ray Truman Cllr Debbie Davies Cllr Roger Jeavons
Welsh Books Council	1	Cllr David Williams
Welsh Church Fund	2	Cllr Graham Berry Cllr Laura Lacey
Welsh Joint Education Committee (WJEC)	1	Cllr Gail Giles (to be confirmed by WLGA)
Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)	3	Leader of the Council Deputy Leader Cllr Mark Spencer
WLGA Coordinating Committee	1	Leader of the Council
Welsh Purchasing Consortium (Joint Arrangements)	1	Leader: Cllr Debbie Wilcox

<b>Outside Body</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Appointments 2017</b>
Williams Trust	4	Mr Cliff Suller Cllr Jason Hughes Caroline McLachlan Cllr Stephen Marshall

The meeting terminated at 5.50 pm