

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-Nuiami, 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 Councillor Fouweather 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 the Leader of the Opposition 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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)

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| 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)

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| 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**

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| 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)**

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| 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)

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| 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)

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| 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)

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| 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:

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| 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:

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

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| 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:

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| 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 |
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| 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 |

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| 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) |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 Gwyrd Joint Committee | 2 | Cabinet Member for Regulatory Functions Deputy Leader |
| Prosiect Gwyrd 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 |

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| 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