



COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE YSTRAD MYNACH ON THURSDAY, 15TH MAY 2008

PRESENT:

Councillor A.S. Williams - Mayor

Councillors:

Miss. L. Ackerman, M. Adams, Mrs. E.M. Aldworth, H.A. Andrews, A.P. Angel, P.C.W. Bailie, Mrs. K.R. Baker, J. Bevan, P.J. Bevan, R. Bidgood, L. Binding, Mrs. A. Blackman, D. Bolter, D.G. Carter, Mrs. A. Collins, J.B. Criddle, D. Cullen, H.W. David, W. David, D.T. Davies, M. Davies, R. Davies, R.T. Davies, Mrs. M.A. Derrett, K. Etheridge, J.O. Evans, J.E. Fussell, R.W. Gough, D.M. Gray, D.T. Hardacre, G.G. Hibbert, A.G. Higgs, C. Hobbs, G.J. Hughes, Miss. L. Hughes, K. James, M.P. James, S. Jenkins, Mrs. V. Jenkins, G. Jones, Ms. J.G. Jones, S. Kent, K. Lloyd, C.P. Mann, M.H. Newman, Mrs. G. Oliver, M.G. Parker, Mrs. R. Passmore, D.V. Poole, Mrs. R. Potter, Mrs. K. Presley, M.J. Prew, Mrs. D. Price, A.J. Pritchard, Mrs. J.A. Pritchard, R.J. Pugh, D. Rees, L.R. Rees, K.V. Reynolds, J.E. Roberts, Mrs. M.E. Sargent, G.D. Simmonds, K. Smallman, J. Taylor, Mrs. B.M. Toomer, L.G. Whittle, A.S. Williams, Mrs. L. Williams, T.J. Williams, J.M. Wilson, R. Woodyatt

Together with:

S. Rosser (Chief Executive), D. Perkins (Head of Legal Services), H.C. Morgan (Senior Committee Services Officer)

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D.W.R. Preece.

1. BEREAVEMENT - COUNCILLOR KEITH GRIFFITHS

The Mayor referred to the recent death of Councillor E. K. Griffiths and all present stood for a minute's silence in respect for the bereaved family. Several Members referred to the late members long and distinguished career in local government with Caerphilly County Borough and its predecessor authorities and paid tribute to the manor in which he had carried out his duties during his years of office and to the high esteem in which he had been held by Members, Officers and the community he represented.

2. RETIRING MAYORS REMARKS

The retiring Mayor, Councillor A.S. Williams, thanked fellow members and spoke of his numerous and varied activities during his year of Office and referred particularly to his chosen charities, St. David's Foundation and Cancercareline, Blackwood, for which £17, 256.72 will have been raised. He expressed his appreciation at the assistance given to him by Members

and Officers, particularly those whose duties brought them into regular contact with him.

Members paid tribute to the way in which both he and his consort, Margaret Veater, have carried out their duties during the term of Office.

3. ELECTION OF MAYOR

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs. A. Collins be elected Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council until the appointment of a successor at the annual meeting in May 2009.

Councillor Mrs. A. Collins thanked her fellow members for the honour bestowed upon her and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Chief Executive.

4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

RESOLVED that Councillor J.O. Evans be elected Deputy Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council until the appointment of a successor at the annual meeting in May 2009.

Councillor J.O. Evans thanked his fellow members for the honour bestowed upon him and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Chief Executive.

5. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs A. Collins announced that her chosen charity for 2008/2009 would be Save the Children, Caerphilly Branch.

6. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF COUNCIL

There were two nominations for Leader of Caerphilly County Borough Council.

The first nomination was Councillor L.G. Whittle, this nomination was duly proposed and seconded. The second nomination was Councillor H.A. Andrews, this nomination was duly proposed and seconded.

In accordance with Rule of Procedure 15.4 (1) a request was made for a recorded vote.

For Councillor L.G. Whittle

Councillors Miss. L. Ackerman, A.P. Angel, Mrs. K.R. Baker, P.J. Bevan, R. Bidgood, L. Binding, D. Bolter, Mrs. A. Collins, J.B. Criddle, D. Cullen, M. Davies, R. Davies, Mrs. M.A. Derrett J.O. Evans, J.E. Fussell, R.W. Gough, G.G. Hibbert, C. Hobbs, Miss. L. Hughes, M.P. James, Mrs. V. Jenkins, S. Kent, K. Lloyd, C.P. Mann, M.H. Newman, M.G. Parker, Mrs. R. Potter, M.J. Prew, A.J. Pritchard, Mrs. J.A. Pritchard, J.E. Roberts, Mrs. M.E. Sargent, J. Taylor, L.G. Whittle, Mrs. L. Williams (35)

For Councillor H.A. Andrews

Councillors M. Adams, Mrs. E.M. Aldworth, H.A. Andrews, J. Bevan, Mrs. A. Blackman, D.G. Carter, H.W. David, W. David, D.T. Davies, R.T. Davies, D.M. Gray, D.T. Hardacre, A.G. Higgs, G.J. Hughes, K. James,, S. Jenkins, G. Jones, Ms. J.G. Jones, Mrs. G. Oliver, Mrs. R. Passmore, D.V. Poole, Mrs. D. Price, R.J. Pugh, D. Rees, L.R. Rees, K.V. Reynolds, Mrs. B.M. Toomer, A.S. Williams, T.J. Williams, J.M. Wilson, R. Woodyatt (31)

Abstentions

Councillors P.C.W. Bailie, K. Etheridge, Mrs. K. Presley, G.D. Simmonds, K. Smallman (5)

Following the declaration of the results, it was:-

RESOLVED that Councillor L.G. Whittle appointed Leader of Caerphilly County Borough Council.

7. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADERS

RESOLVED that the appointments of Councillors A.J. Pritchard and C.P. Mann as Deputy Leaders of Caerphilly County Borough Council until the Annual Meeting in May 2009 be noted.

8. MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET

RESOLVED that the appointments by the Leader of Council as to the membership of the Cabinet as follows be noted: -

Education and Leisure	Councillor P.J. Bevan
Environment and Housing Services	Councillor Miss. L. Ackerman
Human Resources and Constitutional Affairs	Councillor A.J. Pritchard
Performance Management	Councillor C. Hobbs
Policy and Resources	Councillor C.P. Mann
Transportation and Planning	Councillor R.W. Gough
Regeneration and Countryside	Councillor R. Davies
Social Services	Councillor J.A. Pritchard

9. LEADERS STATEMENT/ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2008/09

Councillor L.G. Whittle indicated that it was not possible at this stage to detail an annual work programme but took the opportunity to indicate that he would do his utmost to ensure that every community would receive fair and equal treatment and would work in partnership with any organisation to deliver this service.

He referred to the proposed programme of innovation and specifically to the healthy workforce challenge, the use of publically owned land for community gardens and allotment purposes, local renewable energy proposals and the problems of graffiti. He reiterated proposals to continue to oppose the transfer of large scale housing stock and referred to the major issues facing the Authority in relation to equal pay and job evaluation.

In concluding, he referred to the enormity of the task before Cabinet and the Authority and hoped that regardless of political differences all Members will work together for the good of all.

10. REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the report: -

- (i) the changes in political groups on the authority be noted and the political balance calculations as detailed in appendix 1 of the report be approved;
- (ii) subject to an increase of members on the Licensing and Appeals Committee to

15, the increase of members on the Appeals Committee to 8 and the decrease in the members Appointments Committee to 8, the allocation of seats to committees as detailed in appendix 2 of the report be approved;

- (iii) the arrangements for the Planning Committee as set out in appendix 3 of the report be approved.

11. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN TO SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEES**

The Labour Party were offered various Chairs and Vice Chairs but declined the offer. The Independent Party were also offered various Chairs and Vice Chairs but indicated that they had not had the opportunity to consider the proposal but would do so in due course.

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed as Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen on the following Scrutiny Committees for the ensuing year: -

Education for Life Scrutiny Committee

Chairman Councillor Miss L. Hughes Vice Chairman to be determined

Health Social Care and Well Being Scrutiny Committee

Chairman Councillor L. Binding Vice Chairman to be determined

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Chairman Councillor J. Taylor Vice Chairman Councillor Mrs. M.E. Sargent

Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

Chairman Councillor Mrs V. Jenkins Vice Chairman to be determined

The Living Environment Scrutiny Committee

Chairman to be determined Vice Chairman Councillor K. Lloyd

12. **MEMBERSHIP ON OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED that twenty members be appointed to serve on scrutiny committees in accordance with the names supplied to the Chief Executive by the respective groups.

13. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN TO COMMITTEES**

The Labour Party were offered various Chairs and Vice Chairs but declined the offer. The Independent Party were also offered various Chairs and Vice Chairs but indicated that they had not had the opportunity to consider the proposal but would do so in due course.

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed as Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen on the undermentioned committees for the ensuing year: -

Appeals Committee (Disciplinary/Grievance)

Chairman Councillor J.E. Roberts Vice Chairman to be determined

Appointments Committee

Chairman Councillor L.G. Whittle Vice Chairman to be determined

Audit Committee

Chairman and Vice Chairman to be determined

Licensing and Appeals Committee

Chairman Councillors M.H. Newman Vice Chairman Councillor J.O. Evans

Planning Committee

Chairman Councillor J.E. Fussell Vice Chairman to be determined

14. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN TO LICENSING AND APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEES

RESOLVED that subject to it being noted that in view of the workload the special responsibility allowances to these positions will be reviewed, the following members be appointed as Chairmen of the Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee for the ensuing year: -

Councillors J.O. Evans, D.M. Gray, M.H. Newman, D.W.R. Preece

15. MEMBERSHIP ON COMMITTEES

RESOLVED that members be appointed to serve on the committees in accordance with the names supplied to the Chief Executive by the respective groups.

16. CONSTITUTION OF SUB-COMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS AND BOARDS

RESOLVED that members be appointed to serve on the sub-committees/working parties/panels and boards in accordance with the names supplied to the Chief Executive by the respective groups.

17. REPRESENTATION ON ASSOCIATIONS/OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED that subject to it being noted that representation on the Police Liaison Committees is no longer required and that the nomination to the Wales Biodiversity Steering Group is a Welsh Local Assembly Government appointment, Council be represented on associations and outside bodies by the following members and/or officers: -

Age Concern Wales

Councillor Mrs. A. Collins

The Alliance (formerly Coalfield Communities Campaign)

Cabinet Members for Education and Leisure/Human Resources and Constitutional Affairs - Councillors P.J. Bevan and A.J. Pritchard

Animal Welfare Scheme (Gwent Police)

Councillor A.S. Williams

Army Benevolent Fund - Gwent

Councillor A.G. Higgs

Association of Public Services Excellence (formerly ADLO) - Welsh Regional Committee

Cabinet Members for Environment and Housing Services/Policy and Resources/Transportation and Planning - Councillors Miss. L. Ackerman, C.P. Mann and R.W. Gough

Bus Pass Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Member Forum

Cabinet Member for Transportation and Planning - Councillor R.W. Gough

Caerphilly Adoption Panel

Councillor M.J. Prew

Caerphilly Foster Panel

Councillor G.G. Hibbert

Caerphilly Groundwork Trust - Board of Directors

Councillors J.O. Evans, S. Jenkins and M.G. Parker

Caerphilly Local Health Board

Councillors J. Bevan and R. Woodyatt, Mr. D. Hopkins (Director of Education and Leisure) and

Mr. A. Brown (Environmental Service Manager) **(to 30th June 2008 - appointment by interview)**

Capital Regional Tourism Partnership

Councillor Mrs. R. Potter and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Countryside -
Councillor R. Davies

Care and Repair - Caerphilly

Councillor Miss. L. Ackerman and Mr. K. Williams (Private Sector Housing Manager)

Careers Wales - Gwent

Mr. P. Davy - Head of Economic Development and Tourism

Catalogue Supplies Joint Committee

Councillors G.G. Hibbert and C.P. Mann

Children and Young Peoples Partnership

Councillor Miss. L. Hughes

Citizens Advice Bureau Trustee Board

Councillor G.G. Hibbert

Coleg Gwent Further Education Corporation (2008)

Cabinet Member for Education and Leisure - Councillor P.J. Bevan

Coleg Harlech WEA North

Cabinet Member for Education and Leisure - Councillor P.J. Bevan and Mr. D. Hopkins
(Director of Education and Leisure)

Consortium of Local Authorities Wales (CLAW)

Councillors Miss. L. Ackerman and C.P. Mann

Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership

Councillor Miss. L. Hughes

Ebbw Valley Railway Joint Committee

Councillor M.G. Parker and Cabinet Member for Transportation and Planning -
Councillor
R.W. Gough

Education for Life Strategic Partnership

Cabinet Members for Education and Leisure/Regeneration and Countryside -
Councillors
P.J. Bevan and R. Davies

Education Support and Improvement Service (ESIS) Joint Committee

Councillors Miss. L. Hughes and M.P. James and Cabinet Member for Education and
Leisure - Councillor P. J. Bevan

Fifty Plus Forum

Councillor G.G. Hibbert

Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee

Councillors G.G. Hibbert and M.G. Parker

Greater Gwent (Torfaen) Pension Fund Management Group

Councillors J. Criddle and C.P. Mann and Cabinet Member for Human Resources and
Constitutional Affairs - Councillor A.J. Pritchard

Gwent Association for the Blind

Councillor Mrs. A. Blackman

Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations

Councillors Miss. L. Ackerman and Mrs. J.A. Pritchard

Gwent Caerphilly Community Health Council

Councillors Miss. L. Ackerman, G.G. Hibbert and A.G. Higgs

Gwent Consultancy Joint Committee

Councillors M.G. Parker and T.J. Williams and Cabinet Member for Transportation and
Planning - Councillor R.W. Gough

Gwent Cremation Joint Committee

Councillors M.G. Parker and Mrs B.M. Toomer

Gwent Joint Records Committee

Councillors G.G. Hibbert and M.G. Parker

Gwent Police Authority

Councillors H.A. Andrews and C.P. Mann

Homeless Person Champion

Councillor Miss. L. Ackerman

**Independent Review Panel for Challenges to the Application for the Continuous
Care Policy in Caerphilly**

Councillor L. Binding

Islwyn Borough Transport Limited - Board of Directors

Councillors J.B. Criddle, R.W. Gough, M.G. Parker, D.V. Poole and Cabinet Member
for Regeneration and Countryside - Councillor R. Davies and Mr. N. Barnett (Director
of Corporate Services)

Islwyn Borough Transport Limited - Annual General Meeting

Mayor, Deputy Mayor, 1 plaid member and 1 independent member

Joint Council For Wales

Councillors Miss. L. Ackerman and A.J. Pritchard

Learning Network Partnership Board

Cabinet Member and Education and Leisure - Councillor P.J. Bevan

Local Authority Action for Southern Africa (LAACTSA)

Councillor R.T. Davies

Local Government Association

Councillors P.J. Bevan, C.P. Mann, A.J. Pritchard, L.G. Whittle

Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal Regeneration Partnership

Councillor M. Davies and Cabinet Member for Transportation and Planning - Councillor R.W. Gough (substitute Councillor M.G. Parker)

Monmouthshire Farm School Trust

Councillor S. Kent

National Association of Councillors

Councillor - to be nominated if appropriate

National Association of Councillors (Welsh Regional Committee)

Councillor J. Taylor and Cabinet Member Human Resources and Constitutional Affairs
- Councillor A.J. Pritchard

National Playing Fields Association

Councillor R. Bidgood

National Society for Clean Air (Regional Committee)

Councillor K. Lloyd and Mr. A. Brown (Environmental Health Manager)

Older Persons Champion (two year period)

Councillor J.A. Pritchard

Penallta Community Park Forum

Councillors A. Angel, Mrs. A. Blackman, G.J. Hughes and J.A. Pritchard

Project Gwyrdd

Cabinet Members for Environment and Housing/Policy and Resources - Councillors Miss. L. Ackerman and C.P. Mann

Public Transportation Consortium of Non Metropolitan Authorities (Shires)

Cabinet Member for Transportation and Planning - Councillor R.W. Gough

Pupil Referral Unit Management Committee

Councillor M.P. James - Vice Chairman of Education for Life Scrutiny Committee

Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Wales

Councillor L. Binding

Rest Convalescent Home, Porthcawl

Councillor J.O. Evans

Schools Admission Forum

Cabinet Member for Education and Leisure - Councillor P.J. Bevan

Schools Budget Forum

Cabinet Members for Education and Leisure/Policy and Resources - Councillors
P.J. Bevan and C.P. Mann

South East Area Environment Group

Cabinet Member for Environment and Housing Services - Councillor Miss. L.
Ackerman

South East Wales Economic Forum

Cabinet Member for Regeneration - Councillor R. Davies

South East Wales Education Forum

Chairman and Vice Chairman of Education for Life Scrutiny Committee - Councillors
Miss. L. Hughes and M.P. James

South East Wales Regional Waste Group

Cabinet Member for Environment and Housing Services –
Councillor Miss. L. Ackerman

South East Wales Strategic Planning Group

Cabinet Member for Transportation and Planning - Councillor R.W. Gough

South East Wales Transport Alliance

Councillor M.G. Parker and Cabinet Member for Transportation and Planning –
Councillor R.W. Gough

South Wales Fire Authority

Councillors D. Bolter, D.T. Davies, C.P. Mann

South Wales Regional Aggregates Working Party

Cabinet Member for Transportation and Planning - Councillor R.W. Gough

Sportlot Community Chest Panel

Councillors R. Bidgood, J.O. Evans and J.A. Pritchard

St. Johns Council for Gwent

Councillor Mrs. A. Blackman

Tan 21 South East Wales Members Steering Group

Councillor M.G. Parker and Cabinet Member for Transportation and Planning -
Councillor
R.W. Gough

Valleys Race Equality Council

Councillor R.T. Davies

Wales and National Nuclear Free Zone Forum

Councillor R.T. Davies

**Wales Biodiversity Steering Group - Welsh Local Assembly Government
Appointment**

Councillor R. Woodyatt

Wales Council for the Blind

Councillor Mrs. A. Blackman

Wales Council for the Deaf

Councillor D.M. Gray
Substitute - Councillor Mrs. A. Blackman

Wales Home Safety Council

Councillors D. Bolter and J.O. Evans

Welsh Book Council

Councillor J.B. Criddle

Welsh Centre for International Affairs

Councillor R. Davies

Welsh Church Fund

Cabinet Member for Policy and Resources - Councillor C.P. Mann
Substitute - Councillor J. Taylor

Welsh Joint Education Committee

Cabinet Member for Education and Leisure - Councillor P.J. Bevan

Welsh Local Government Association

Councillors P.J. Bevan, C.P. Mann, A.J. Pritchard and L.G. Whittle

Welsh Purchasing Consortium

Cabinet Member for Policy and Resources - Councillor C.P. Mann

Workers Education Association - South Wales District Committee

Councillor R.T. Davies

Young Peoples Framework and Partnership

Councillor P.J. Bevan

Young Persons Forum

Councillors Miss. L. Ackerman, R. Bidgood and Cabinet Member for Education and Leisure - Councillor P.J. Bevan

Ystrad Mynach College Board of Governors (May 2010)

Councillors D.T. Hardacre and R.W. Gough

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Approved as a correct record and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting on 24th June 2008 they were signed by the Mayor.

Mayor