

Minutes



Council

Date: 11 May 2021

Time: 5.00 pm

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

Apologies: Councillors J Cleverly and J Clarke

1. Preliminaries

There were no declarations of interest at this stage but members declared personal interests at the appropriate times during the meeting when they were nominated for appointments.

2. Appointment of Mayor/Chair of Council

The Leader proposed that Councillor D Williams was elected Mayor of the City of Newport for the coming year and this was seconded by Councillor Matthew Evans.

Resolved:

It was unanimously resolved that Councillor David Williams be elected Mayor of the City of Newport and Chair of Council for the municipal year 2021/22.

The Leader congratulated Councillor Williams on his appointment and welcomed him as the Mayor of Newport for 2021/22.

Councillor Williams took over as Chair and thanked the Leader and Council. The Mayor said that it was a great honour to accept the nomination of Mayor and was looking forward to serving the City as its First Citizen.

The Mayor thanked the Outgoing Mayor, Councillor Suller and the Lady Mayoress for their sterling work during the past year.

The Mayor announced that his nominated charity would be Newport Mind and the Friends of Gwent Music. The Mayoral Chaplain was the Reverend Chris Stone.

The Mayor invited the outgoing Mayor to say a few words and proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Suller.

Councillor Suller congratulated the new Mayor and thanked everyone for their support during the past year, particularly his Deputy Mayor Councillor Dudley and his wife Pat. He mentioned a number of highlight events and the honour of raising awareness for his chosen charity Alzheimer's Wales.

3. **Appointment of the Deputy Mayor**

The Mayor was pleased to announce that Councillor Kellaway had kindly agreed to serve as his Deputy Mayor.

4. **Appointment of the Leader of the Council**

The Mayor invited someone to move the appointment of Leader of the Council.

Councillor Mudd declared an interest at this point.

It was moved and seconded that Councillor Mudd be appointed as leader of the Council.

Resolved:

That Councillor Mudd be appointed as Leader of the Council.

The Leader, as elected announced her appointment of Cabinet Members:

Post	Appointed
Leader, Chair of Cabinet and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing	Cllr Jane Mudd
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for City Services	Cllr Roger Jeavons
Cabinet Member for Education and Skills	Cllr Deb Davies
Cabinet Member for Social Services	Cllr Paul Cockeram
CM for Assets	Cllr Majid Rahman
Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development	Cllr Jason Hughes
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 Deb Harvey

Councillor Matthew Evans then announced the Shadow appointments.

Opposition Spokespersons:

Post	Appointed
Leader of the Opposition	Cllr Matthew Evans

Deputy Leader / Education and Skills	Cllr William J Routley
Business Manager / City Services	Cllr David Fouweather
Social Services	Cllr Joan Watkins
Licensing and Regulation	Cllr Tom Suller
Assets	Cllr M Kellaway
Sustainable Development	Cllr Richard White
Community and Resources / Member Development	Cllr Ray Mogford
Culture and Leisure	Cllr Charles Ferris

5. Appointments to Chairs of Committees

Following nominations by the Leaders of their respective parties, and the nominations having been duly seconded, it was **Resolved** that the following Committee Chair appointments be agreed by Council:

Planning Committee	Cllr John Richards
Licensing Committee	Cllr K Thomas
Democratic Services Committee	Cllr C Ferris
Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee	Cllr L Lacey
Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships	Cllr J Clarke
Performance Scrutiny Committee – People	Cllr W Routley
Performance Scrutiny Committee – Place and Corporate	Cllr C Evans

(The nominated persons listed above declared an interest in this item and did not vote on their specific appointments).

6. Appointments to Committees

The Council gave effect to appointments to Committees by the political groups.

Each Group Leader agreed to pass the appointments of members to the Committee to the Proper Officer for recording in the Minutes.

The following allocation of Committee seats was confirmed:-

Planning Committee	
Labour (Chair)	Cllr John Richards
Labour (Deputy Chair)	Cllr John Guy
Labour	Cllr James Clarke
Labour	Cllr Tracey Holyoake
Labour	Cllr Mark Spencer
Labour	Cllr Trevor Watkins
Conservative	Cllr Richard White
Conservative	Cllr William Routley
Conservative	Cllr Charles Ferris

Newport Independents	Cllr Jason Jordan
Liberal Democrat	Vacancy

Licensing Committee	
Labour (Chair)	Cllr Kate Thomas
Labour (Deputy Chair)	Cllr Herbie Thomas
Labour	Cllr Ibrahim Hayat
Labour	Cllr Graham Berry
Labour	Cllr Miqdad Al-Nuaimi
Labour	Cllr Yvonne Forsey
Conservative	Cllr David Fouweather
Conservative	Cllr Tom Suller
Conservative	Cllr Joan Watkins
Newport Independents	Cllr Janet Cleverly
Liberal Democrat	Vacancy

Audit Committee	
Labour	Cllr Herbie Thomas
Labour	Cllr Mark Whitcutt
Labour	Cllr Gail Giles
Labour	Cllr Rehmaan Hayat
Labour	Cllr Phil Hourahine
Conservative	Cllr Richard White
Conservative	Cllr Ray Mogford
Newport Independents	Cllr Jason Jordan
Liberal Democrat	Cllr Holly Townsend
Lay Member *(Chair)	Mr John Baker

*** Chair appointed by the Committee**

Democratic Services Committee	
Conservative (Chair)	Cllr Charles Ferris
Labour	Cllr Mark Whitcutt
Labour	Cllr Phil Hourahine
Labour	Cllr Gail Giles
Labour	Cllr James Clarke
Labour	Cllr Trevor Watkins
Labour	Cllr Kate Thomas
Conservative	Cllr Matthew Evans
Newport Independents	Cllr Chris Evans
Liberal Democrat	Cllr Carmel Townsend

Scrutiny Committees:

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee	
Labour (Chair)	Cllr Laura Lacey
Labour	Cllr Graham Berry
Labour	Cllr Farzina Hussain
Labour	Cllr Phil Hourahine
Labour	Cllr Miqdad Al-Nuaimi
Labour	Cllr Yvonne Forsey
Conservative	Cllr Matthew Evans
Conservative	Cllr Charles Ferris
Newport Independents	Cllr Chris Evans
Liberal Democrat	Vacancy

Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships	
Labour (Chair)	Cllr James Clarke
Labour	Cllr Mark Spencer
Labour	Cllr Steve Marshall
Labour	Cllr Graham Berry
Labour	Cllr Malcolm Linton
Labour	Cllr Farzina Hussain
Conservative	Cllr Tom Suller
Conservative	Cllr Ray Mogford
Newport Independents	Cllr Kevin Whitehead
Liberal Democrat	Vacancy

Performance Scrutiny Committee - People	
Conservative (Chair)	Cllr William Routley
Labour	Cllr Herbie Thomas
Labour	Cllr John Richards
Labour	Cllr Laura Lacey
Labour	Cllr Yvonne Forsey
Labour	Cllr Steve Marshall
Labour	Cllr Trevor Watkins
Conservative	Cllr Tom Suller
Newport Independents	Cllr Janet Cleverly
Liberal Democrat	Cllr Carmel Townsend

Performance Scrutiny Committee – Place and Corporate	
Newport Independents (Chair)	Cllr Chris Evans
Labour	Cllr Graham Berry
Labour	Cllr Mark Whitcutt
Labour	Cllr Ibrahim Hayat
Labour	Cllr Malcolm Linton
Labour	Cllr John Richards
Labour	Cllr Miqdad Al-Nuaimi
Conservative	Cllr Martyn Kellaway
Conservative	Cllr Charles Ferris
Liberal Democrat	Vacancy

Standards Committee	
Baroness Wilcox of Newport	Labour appointment
Cllr Phil Hourahine	Labour appointment
Cllr David Fouweather	Conservative appointment

Co-opted Members: Andrew Mitchell (Chair), John Davies, Tracey Britton, Kerry Watkins.

SACRE: The Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education	
Cllr Laura Lacey	Chair
Baroness Wilcox of Newport	Labour appointment
Cllr Ibrahim Hayat	Labour appointment
Cllr Rehmaan Hayat	Labour appointment
Cllr Joan Watkins	Conservative appointment

Appointments Committee – Strategic Director	
Labour	Cllr Jane Mudd - Leader
Labour	Cllr Roger Jeavons – Deputy Leader

Labour	Cllr Debbie Harvey – Business Manager
Labour	Cllr James Clarke – Chief Whip
Conservative	Cllr Matthew Evans
Newport Independents	Cllr Janet Cleverly
Liberal Democrat	Cllr Carmel Townsend

Corporate Parenting Forum	
Chair (Labour)	Cllr Paul Cockeram
Labour	Cllr Laura Lacey
Labour	Cllr Herbie Thomas
Labour	Cllr Ibrahim Hayat
Labour	Cllr Farzina Hussain
Labour	Cllr Steve Marshall
Labour	Cllr Yvonne Forsey
Labour	Cllr Graham Berry
Labour	Cllr John Guy
Conservative	Cllr Tom Suller
Conservative	Cllr Joan Watkins

HR Appeals:

Members to be appointed to be used in rotation:

Cllrs Kate Thomas, Laura Lacey, Farzina Hussain, Mark Spencer, Ibrahim Hayat, Tracey Holyoake, David Fouweather, Val Dudley, Charles Ferris, William Routley and Tom Suller.

Employee Partnership Forum:

CM for Community and Resources Chairman – Cllr David Mayer
All other Members by invitation of Chair on an ad hoc basis

Champions:

1. **Older Persons Champion:** Cllr Trevor Watkins
2. **Disabled, Vulnerable Persons Champion:** Cllr Kate Thomas
3. **Mental Health Champion:** Cllr Kate Thomas
4. **Carers Champion:** Cllr Graham Berry
5. **Anti-Poverty Champion:** Cllr Phil Hourahine
6. **Armed Forces Champion:** Cllr Mark Spencer
7. **Homelessness:** Cllr Yvonne Forsey
8. **Biodiversity Champion:** Cllr Laura Lacey
9. **B.A.M.E Champion:** Cllr Majid Rahman
10. **L.G.B.T. Champion:** Cllr Laura Lacey
11. **Welsh Champion:** Cllr Jason Hughes
12. **Active Travel Champion:** Cllr Yvonne Forsey

7. Appointments to External Bodies

The Council gave effect to appointments of members to external bodies.

Each Group Leaders agreed to pass the appointments to Outside Bodies and members with Special Responsibilities to the Proper Officer for recording in the Minutes. See Appendix 1 below.

8. Appointments to Standards Committee

The Mayor moved the recommendation from the Standards Committee Appointments Panel that Richard Morgan be appointed with immediate effect as a new independent member of

Standards Committee and Gill Nurton be appointed as from October 2021, when a further vacancy arises.

The motion having been duly seconded.

Resolved:

That Richard Morgan be appointed as a new independent member of standards committee with immediate effect and that Gill Nurton be appointed as a new independent member when a further vacancy arises in October 2021

9. Formal commencement of the Newport Replacement Local Development Plan

The Mayor invited the Leader to introduce the report to Council.

The Leader advised councillors that Cabinet gave the green light to commence the Local Development Plan review process back in October last year. The first tasks in this process required the creation of a Review Report and a Delivery Agreement.

The Replacement LDP Review Report document set out the key legislation and policy changes, which have occurred since the adoption of the LDP back in 2015. The document also included an assessment of what LDP policies were working well and which need to be reviewed.

The Replacement LDP Delivery Agreement was a timetable setting out how the Council intended to manage and deliver the LDP. It also set out who, when and how the Council would consult and engage during the production of the Replacement LDP.

Both of these draft documents were subject to public consultation for 8 weeks' between January and March 2021.

In respect of Consultation Feedback on the Review Report:

Appendix A of the Council Report set out all responses received. In general, comments were supportive of the Review Report and agreed that a review of the LDP should progress.

Some responses to note included:

- The Future Generations Commissioner for Wales noted that planning was a priority area in delivering the well-being goals.
- Requests to halt any development in the Gwent Levels. The impact of large renewable energy schemes was a particular concern.
- With the Welsh Government declaring a biodiversity and climate change emergency, the effectiveness of current policy to protect and enhance ecology was raised.
- The continuation of a brownfield strategy was supported along with the need to ensure the plan's strategy does not lead to social detriment.
- The role and importance of mineral planning for Newport and the region.
- The need for us to consider access to the river for recreation and lifeboat services.
- The need to review tourism policy and recognise important this is to Newport's economy.
- The impact from Covid 19 and using planning as a tool to aid recovery.
- The importance and opportunities that result from Heritage and its role in the Newport Offer.
- The need to focus on the regeneration of the City Centre, and
- The opportunities arising from national and regional public transport improvements.

In relation to the Delivery Agreement:

Appendix B of the Report sets out all responses received. Again, there was general support for the Delivery Agreement and some of the comments received included:

- Support for the proposed timetable.
- Helpful links to stakeholders who had not been identified in the draft.
- Questions on the impact on engagement with Covid-19, and
- The need for transparency of decision making throughout the Replacement LDP process.

As a result of the public consultation, a small number of minor changes were made to both documents. These changes were set out in the appendices and links to the new draft documents were also contained within the report.

Council were therefore asked to consider and approve these documents and agree for them to be submitted to Welsh Government. Approval by Welsh Government would then signal the formal commencement of the LDP review.

The Development and Regeneration Manager gave a presentation of the Replacement LDP to Councillors.

Councillor Al-Nuaimi enquired as to why the Replacement LDP was added to the Council AGM Agenda and if it would go out to consultation. The Development and Regeneration Manager confirmed that this document would go out to consultation. The Chief Executive also added that given the timescales it was imperative that the report was brought to council. This however was the very start of the process, councillor, community councillors and stakeholders would be able to influence the LDP. Once this had been concluded the LDP would be submitted to Welsh Government.

The Mayor referred to the empty homes strategy and whether it would form part of the contribution to houses required within Newport. The Development and Regeneration Manager advised that the empty homes strategy would be factored in to the mix as part of the equation.

The Leader moved the recommendation, which was duly seconded

Resolved:

That the Delivery Agreement and Review Report for the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) be approved for submission to Welsh Government.

10. **Appendix 1 - Outside Bodies**

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

Councillor Joan Watkins
Councillor Kate Thomas

Arts Council for Wales: SE Wales Region

Councillor Debbie Harvey

Caldicot and Wentlooge Internal Drainage Board

Councillor Graham Berry
Councillor John Richards
Councillor Phil Hourahine
Councillor Trevor Watkins
Councillor Richard White
Councillor Ray Mogford

Matthew Jones
Steve Davies

Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor James Clarke

Cardiff Capitol Region Transport Board

Councillor Roger Jeavons

Charitable Trusts Panel

Councillor Herbie Thomas
Councillor Kate Thomas
Councillor Mark Spencer
Councillor Paul Cockeram
Councillor William Routley

Citizens Advice Bureau

Cliff Suller

Coleg Gwent

Community Chest Local Panel

Councillor Charles Ferris
Councillor Deb Davies
Councillor Jason Hughes
Councillor Mark Spencer

Community Health Council, Newport Committee

Councillor David Fouweather
Councilor Kate Thomas
Elaine Bryant

Consortium of Local Authorities in Wales

Councillor Jane Mudd

Credit Union

Councillor Stephen Marshall

EAS - Company Board

Councillor Roger Jeavons
Councillor Tracey Holyoake

EAS Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

Councillor Laura Lacey
Councillor Phil Hourahine

EAS Commissioning Group

Councillor Deb Davies

EAS Scrutiny Panel	Councillor Laura Lacey Councillor Phil Hourahine
East Newport Social Care Centre	Councillor John Guy
Fairness Commission	Councillor Kate Thomas Councillor Val Dudley
Food Waste Treatment Partnership	Councillor Ray Truman Councillor Roger Jeavons
Foster Panel	Councillor Graham Berry
Frailty Project Joint Committee	Councillor Paul Cockeram
Friends of Newport Transporter Bridge	Councillor Charles Ferris
Greater Gwent Archives Joint Committee	Councillor David Mayer Councillor John Guy
Greater Gwent Cremation Joint Committee	Councillor Jason Hughes Councillor Roger Jeavons
Growing Space	Councillor Tom Suller
Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations Local Committee	Councillor Phil Hourahine
Gwent Level Wetlands Reserve	Councillor Jason Hughes
Gwent Police and Crime Panel	Councillor Jason Jordan Councillor Mark Spencer Councillor David Fouweather
Indoor Bowling Association	Councillor Tom Suller
Jerome Gatehouse Collection Trust	Councillor Mark Spencer
Joint Council for Wales	Councillor Jane Mudd

	Councillor Roger Jeavons
Living Levels Board	Councillor Jason Hughes Councillor Roger Jeavons
Merchant Navy Welfare	Councillor John Guy
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal Joint Steering Group	Councillor David Mayer Councillor Jason Hughes Councillor Phil Hourahine
Newport Harbour Commission	Alan Speight Councillor John Guy
Newport Live Board	Councillor David Mayer Councillor Majid Rahman
Newport Now BID	Councillor Jane Mudd
Newport Transport Board	Councillor Debbie Harvey Councillor James Clarke Councillor Tracey Holyoake Councillor Mark Spencer Councillor Janet Cleverly
Newport Women's Aid	Councillor Tracey Holyoake
Norse Joint Partnership Board	Councillor Miqdad Al Nauimi
PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London)	Councillor Roger Jeavons
Pill Millennium Centre Trust	Councillor Ibrahim Hayat
Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee	Councillor Ray Truman Councillor Roger Jeavons
Public Services Board	Councillor Jane Mudd Beverly Owen

Raven House Trust	Councillor Jason Hughes
Reserve Forces and Cadet Association	Councillor Matthew Evans
Roger Williams and Queen Victoria Alms Houses	Councillor Miqdad Al-Nuaimi
Shared Resource Service Strategic Board	Councillor David Mayer
South East Wales Racial Equality Council	Councillor Abdul-Majid Rahman
South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority	Councillor Herbie Thomas Councillor Mark Spencer
Special Responsibility - Council Appointed Champions:	Councillor Kate Thomas
Mental Health Champion	Councillor Jason Hughes
Welsh Language Champion	Councillor Kate Thomas
Disabled and Vulnerable Persons Champion	Councillor Laura Lacey
Bio Diversity Champion	Councillor Mark Spencer
Armed Forces and Veterans Champion	Councillor Phil Hourahine
Poverty Champion	Councillor Trevor Watkins
Older Persons Champion	Councillor Yvonne Forsey
Homelessness and Supporting People Champion	Councillor Yvonne Forsey
Active Travel Champion	Councillor Abdul-Majid Rahman
BAME Champion	Councillor Graham Berry
Carers Champion	
Vale of usk Local Action Group	Councillor Jason Hughes
	Councillor Jason Hughes
	Councillor Mark Spencer
	Councillor Ray Truman
	Councillor Roger Jeavons
Welsh Books Council	Councillor Jason Hughes
Welsh Local Government Association	Councillor Jane Mudd Councillor Mark Spencer Councillor Roger Jeavons
Welsh Purchasing Consortium Joint Arrangements	Councillor Jane Mudd

Williams Trust

Caroline McLachlan
Cliff Suller
Councillor Jason Hughes
Roy McCabe

WLGA Co-ordinating Committee

Councillor Jane Mudd