



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the Council

Remotely via Microsoft Teams

Thursday, 1 July 2021 at 5.00 pm

Present: Councillor D W W Thomas (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

C Anderson
P M Black
J E Burtonshaw
M C Child
J P Curtice
N J Davies
A M Day
P Downing
C R Doyle
M Durke
V M Evans
W Evans
E W Fitzgerald
R Francis-Davies
S J Gallagher
L S Gibbard
F M Gordon
K M Griffiths
J A Hale
D W Helliwell
T J Hennegan

Councillor(s)

C A Holley
P R Hood-Williams
B Hopkins
D H Hopkins
L James
O G James
Y V Jardine
J W Jones
L R Jones
M H Jones
M Jones
P K Jones
S M Jones
E J King
E T Kirchner
M A Langstone
H Lawson
A S Lewis
M B Lewis
W G Lewis
C E Lloyd

Councillor(s)

P Lloyd
I E Mann
P M Matthews
P N May
H M Morris
C L Philpott
S Pritchard
A Pugh
J A Raynor
K M Roberts
B J Rowlands
R V Smith
D G Sullivan
G J Tanner
M Thomas
L G Thomas
W G Thomas
L J Tyler-Lloyd
G D Walker
L V Walton
T M White

Officer(s)

Gareth Borsden	Democratic Services Officer
Adam Hill	Deputy Chief Executive / Director of Resources
Allison Lowe	Democratic Services Officer
Tracey Meredith	Chief Legal Officer / Monitoring Officer
Phil Roberts	Chief Executive
Ben Smith	Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): C R Evans, R D Lewis, D Phillips, C Richards, M Sherwood, P B Smith, A H Stevens and R C Stewart

10. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

The Chief Legal Officer gave advice regarding the potential personal and prejudicial interests that Councillors and / Officers may have on the agenda.

The Chief Legal Officer reminded Councillors and Officers that the "Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests" sheet should only be completed if the Councillor / Officer actually had an interest to declare. Nil returns were not required. Councillors and Officers were also informed that any declarable interest must be made orally and in writing on the sheet.

In accordance with the provisions of the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea the following interests were declared:

- 1) Councillors J W Jones and M H Jones declared a Personal Interest in Minute 19 "Amendment to Appointment of Lord Mayor's Cadets".

11. Minutes.

Resolved that the following Minutes be approved and signed as a correct record:

- 1) Annual Meeting of Council held on 20 May 2021.

12. Written Responses to Questions asked at the Last Ordinary Meeting of Council.

The Chief Legal Officer submitted an information report setting out the written responses to questions asked at the last Ordinary Meeting of Council.

13. Announcements of the Presiding Member.

1) Condolences

Former Councillor T P C (Patrick) Morgan

The Presiding Member referred with sadness to the recent death of former Swansea City Councillor T P C Morgan (Patrick) who represented the Sketty Ward between 1984–1988.

He also referred with sadness to the recent death of Bethan Caton the wife of Martin, the former MP for Gower and City Councillor who had recently passed away.

All present sat silently as a mark as sympathy and respect.

2) Queen's Birthday Honours

The presiding Member referred to the Citizens of Swansea who received awards in the recent Queens Birthday honours list.

Ryan Jones MBE – for services to rugby union and charitable fundraising services in Wales.

Isobel Marie-Ann Everett MBE – for public service and for Future Leader's development (lately Chair of Wales Audit Office)

Mark Andrew Jones MBE – services to Science, Technology and Maths (Ethical Hacking Services DVLA)

Dr. Elizabeth Alexandra Davies BEM – services to NHS and Older Patients during COVID 19 pandemic (Consultant Geriatrician Morriston Hospital)

David Jones Lloyd BEM – voluntary services (Founder Second Chance)

14. Announcements of the Leader of the Council.

There were no announcements.

15. Public Questions.

Two Public Questions were received.

The first was from Jason Williams in relation to Minute 21 "Councillors' Questions – Question 6 (Skate Park).

The second question was a written one from Andrew Crowley who was unable to be present in relation to Minute 21 "Councillors' Questions - Question 9 (Pentre Road Bridge).

Both questions were responded to by the relevant Cabinet Members.

16. Governance & Audit Committee Annual Report 2020/21.

Paula O'Connor, Chair of the Governance & Audit Committee presented the report provided Council with the Governance and Audit Committee's Annual Report for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

Resolved that the Governance and Audit Committee's Annual Report for 2020/21 be noted.

17. Asset Management Plan 2021-25.

The Cabinet Member for Delivery and Operations presented a report which sought approval of the Corporate Asset Management Plan for the period 2021-2025.

Resolved that the Asset Management Plan for the period 2021-2025 be approved.

18. Membership of Committees.

The Cabinet Member for Delivery & Operations presented a report which sought Council approval for the nominations/amendments to various Council Bodies.

He stated that the Leader had made the following amendment to the Outside Body:
Swansea Public Services Board – Partnership Forum

Removed Councillors Jen A Raynor, Clive E Lloyd and Sam Prichard
Added Councillor Robert V Smith, Louise S Gibbard and Alyson Pugh

Resolved that the membership of the Council Bodies listed below be amended as follows:

Governance & Audit Committee

Remove Councillor Hannah Lawson
Add Councillor Oliver G James

Scrutiny Programme Committee

Remove Councillor Jen A Raynor
Add Councillor Hannah Lawson

Economy & Infrastructure PDC

Remove Councillor Matthew Jones
Add Councillor Peter K Jones

People PDC

Remove Councillor T Mike White
Add Councillor Matthew Jones

Poverty Reduction PDC

Remove Conservative vacancies
Add Councillors David W Helliwell and Lyndon R Jones

Recovery & Future Generations PDC

Remove Councillor Hannah Lawson
Add Councillor T Mike White

Chief Officers Disciplinary Appeals Committee

Remove Councillor Will G Thomas
Add Conservative vacancy

19. Amendment to Appointment of Lord Mayor's Cadets.

The Delivery & Performance Cabinet Member submitted an information report which outlined and advised Council of the revised procedure which will mean that three Lord Mayor's cadets will be appointed to represent each of the Armed Forces Cadet Services for each municipal year.

20. Scrutiny Dispatches – Impact Report.

The Chair of the Scrutiny Programme Committee submitted an information report which provided Council with a progress report on various scrutiny activities.

21. Councillors' Questions.

1) Part A 'Supplementary Questions'

10 Part A 'Supplementary Questions' were submitted.

The relevant Cabinet Member(s) responded by way of written answers contained in the Council Summons.

A supplementary question requiring a written response is listed below:

Question 8

Wendy Fitzgerald asked for further details of the likely level of amounts of financial support that could be provided to groups.

The Cabinet Member for Environment Enhancement & Infrastructure Management stated that a written response would be provided.

2) Part B 'Questions not requiring Supplementary Questions'

7 Part B 'Questions not requiring Supplementary Questions' were submitted.

22. Notice of Motion - Voter ID Cards for General Elections.

Proposed by Councillor C A Holley and seconded by Councillor P M Black.

Councillor Holley indicated that he was happy to accept names from the ruling group onto the Notice of motion when it is sent to Downing Street.

Council notes proposals in the Queen's speech to crack down on people's ability to protest, to restrict judicial review and to insist on the production of ID cards to vote in General Elections.

Council believes that these proposals undermine legal and constitutional freedoms and seek to silence opposition to this UK Government.

Council believes that the insistence on ID cards for voting will add to the cost of administering elections by this council, increase bureaucracy and place our polling clerks and presiding officers at polling stations in potentially difficult confrontational positions.

Council notes that there is little or no evidence of electoral fraud to justify introducing voter ID and believes that the introduction of this measure will disproportionately

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impact on ethnic minorities, older people and those on lower incomes, and will lead to lower turnouts at elections.

Council resolves to write to the UK Prime Minister to express its concern and opposition to all these proposals.

Following debate, and in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 30 "Voting" a recorded vote was requested. The voting on the motion was recorded as follows:

For (52 Councillors)		
Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)
C Anderson	B Hopkins	P M Matthews
P M Black	D H Hopkins	P N May
J E Burtonshaw	O G James	H M Morris
M C Child	Y V Jardine	C L Philpott
J P Curtice	J W Jones	S Pritchard
N J Davies	M H Jones	A Pugh
A M Day	M Jones	J A Raynor
P Downing	P Jones	K M Roberts
C R Doyle	S M Jones	R V Smith
M Durke	E J King	D G Sullivan
V M Evans	E T Kirchner	G J Tanner
W Evans	H Lawson	D W W Thomas
R Francis-Davies	A S Lewis	L G Thomas
L S Gibbard	M B Lewis	M Thomas
F M Gordon	W G Lewis	G D Walker
K M Griffiths	C E Lloyd	L V Walton
T J Hennegan	P Lloyd	T M White
C A Holley		

Against (8 Councillors)		
Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)
S J Gallagher	L R Jones	W G Thomas
D W Helliwell	M A Langstone	L J Tyler-Lloyd
P R Hood-Williams	B R Rowlands	

Abstain (0 Councillors)		
Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)
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Resolved that the Notice of Motion outlined above be approved.

The meeting ended at 6.32 pm

Chair