



## City and County of Swansea

### Minutes of the Council

Council Chamber, Guildhall, Swansea

Thursday, 26 April 2018 at 5.00 pm

**Present:** Councillor D W W Thomas (Chair) Presided

#### **Councillor(s)**

C Anderson  
M C Child  
N J Davies  
M Durke  
W Evans  
L S Gibbard  
J A Hale  
C A Holley  
O G James  
P K Jones  
J W Jones  
M A Langstone  
W G Lewis  
P Lloyd  
P N May  
C L Philpott  
J A Raynor  
B J Rowlands  
R V Smith  
D G Sullivan  
L G Thomas  
L J Tyler-Lloyd  
T M White

#### **Councillor(s)**

P M Black  
S E Crouch  
A M Day  
V M Evans  
E W Fitzgerald  
F M Gordon  
D W Helliwell  
B Hopkins  
Y V Jardine  
S M Jones  
E J King  
M B Lewis  
A S Lewis  
I E Mann  
H M Morris  
S Pritchard  
C Richards  
M Sherwood  
A H Stevens  
M Sykes  
W G Thomas  
G D Walker

#### **Councillor(s)**

J E Burtonshaw  
J P Curtice  
C R Doyle  
C R Evans  
S J Gallagher  
K M Griffiths  
T J Hennegan  
D H Hopkins  
M H Jones  
L R Jones  
E T Kirchner  
R D Lewis  
C E Lloyd  
P M Matthews  
D Phillips  
A Pugh  
K M Roberts  
P B Smith  
R C Stewart  
G J Tanner  
M Thomas  
L V Walton

#### **Apologies for Absence**

Councillor(s): P Downing, R Francis-Davies, P R Hood-Williams and L James

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#### **182. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services gave advice regarding the potential personal and prejudicial interests that Councillors and / Officers may have on the agenda.

The Head of Democratic Services 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 interest was declared:

- 1) Councillor M C Child declared a Personal Interest in Minute 190 "Local Democracy & Boundary Commission for Wales - Local Boundary Review".

**183. Minutes.**

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

- 1) Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 March 2018.

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

The Head of Legal, Democratic Services and Business Intelligence submitted an information report setting out the written responses to questions asked at the last Ordinary Meeting of Council.

**185. Announcements of the Presiding Member.**

**1) Condolences**

**a) Elsie May Thomas, Mother of Councillor Mark Thomas**

The Presiding Member referred with sadness to the recent death of Elsie May Thomas, mother of Councillor Mark Thomas. Elsie was 94 years of age.

**b) Doreen Thomas, Wife of Honorary Alderman Charles Thomas**

The Presiding Member referred with sadness to the recent death of Former Mayoress of Swansea, Doreen Thomas, wife of Honorary Alderman, former Councillor and former Mayor Charles Thomas (St. Thomas).

Please stand as a mark of sympathy and respect.

**2) Councillor Sybil E Crouch**

The Presiding Member welcomed Councillor S E Couch back following her illness.

**3) Gold Coast, Australia Commonwealth Games 2018**

The Presiding Member congratulated the Gold Coast, Australia for hosting a successful 2018 Commonwealth Games. Team Wales' Gold Coast efforts were rewarded with their most successful Commonwealth Games by equalling their medal tally from Glasgow 2014. Team Wales ended the games in 7<sup>th</sup> position with 36 medals (10 Gold, 12 Silver and 14 Bronze).

**4) Ceremonial Council - 18 May 2018**

The Presiding Member reminded Councillors that invitations to the Ceremonial Meeting of Council for the Lord Mayor's Inauguration had been sent. The Ceremonial Council is scheduled for 14.00 on Friday, 18 May 2018. A RVSP is required to the Civic Officer (Jo-anne Jones) no later than noon on 4 May 2018.

**5) 2018 MJ Awards**

The MJ Awards is one of the UK's leading Local Government honour schemes. The Presiding Member congratulated the Authority for being recognised three times in the 2018 MJ Awards.

The Waste Management Team was in the Best Council Services Team category. They will find out if they have won top prize on 27 June 2018.

The Agile Working Project is commended in the Innovation in Property and Asset Management category.

The Colliers Way Passivhaus Pilot Scheme is commended in the Best Social Housing Initiative category.

**6) Huw, Evans, Head of Democratic Services - Eastern European Cader Man Cycling Adventure**

The Presiding Member offered the Council's best wishes to Huw Evans, Head of Democratic Services for his forthcoming Eastern European Cycling Adventure. Huw and 10 others will be flying to Krakow, Poland on 20 May 2018 and cycling from there through Ukraine, Belarus and ending in Vilnius, Lithuania. They will be cycling just short of 700 miles over 6 days (more if they get lost). They will be unsupported and required to carry all of their gear for the duration.

The purpose of the trip is to raise money for Bloodwise, a UK Blood Cancer Charity. Please feel free to donate directly to Huw or via the Cader Man Just Giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/caderman2018>

**7) Amendments / Correction to the Council Summons**

**a) Item 14 "Councillors' Questions" - Question 9.**

The Presiding Member stated that additional information had been circulated in relation to Item 14 "Councillors' Questions" - Question 9. This information was not available at the time of printing the Council Summons.

**186. Announcements of the Leader of the Council.**

**1) Swansea Bay Region City Deal - Update**

The Leader of the Council stated that the Swansea Bay Region City Deal had successfully negotiated to retain 50% of the National Non Domestic Rates (NNDR) in relation to specific projects.

He also stated that a capitalisation directive had also been secured allowing some monies to be moved into the revenue budget.

He concluded by announcing that Ed Tomp had been appointed as Chair of the Strategy Board.

**187. Public Questions.**

A question was asked by a member of the public in relation to Minute 191 "Swansea Public Service Board Local Well-being Plan – Working Together for a Better Future".

The relevant Cabinet Member responded accordingly. No questions required a written response.

**188. Public Presentation - None.**

No Public Presentations were received.

**189. Code of Practice - Ethical Employment in Supply Chains.**

The Commercial Opportunities & Innovation Cabinet Member and Service Transformation & Business Operations Cabinet Member jointly submitted a report, which sought endorsement to sign up to the Ethical Employment in Supply Chains Code of Practice.

**Resolved** that:

- 1) The Authority sign up to the Ethical Employment in Supply Chains Code of Practice;
- 2) The action plan be noted and delegated to the Director of Place to implement.

**190. Local Democracy & Boundary Commission for Wales - Local Boundary Review. (Presentation)**

Theo Joloza, Steve Halsall, Matt Redmond and Dan Mosely, of the Local Democracy & Boundary Commission for Wales gave a presentation on the forthcoming Local Boundary Review for the City and County of Swansea. They outlined the process for the review of the electoral arrangements for the City and County of Swansea.

They stated that the Commission would welcome any comments from the Authority. The consultation period begins on 4 May 2017 and closes on 26 July 2017.

The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

**Resolved** that:

- 1) The presentation be noted.

**191. Swansea Public Service Board Local Well-being Plan – Working Together for a Better Future.**

The Leader of the Council submitted a report, which sought approval for the Swansea Public Service Board's Local Well-being Plan which included the Local Well-being Objectives and the steps the Partnership will take to achieve them as set out within the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and statutory guidance.

**Resolved** that:

- 1) The Swansea Local Service Board Local Well-being Plan be approved.

**192. Membership of Committees.**

The Service Transformation & Business Operations Cabinet Member stated that an amended report had been circulated.

He stated that the Leader of the Council had not made changes to the Authority's Outside Bodies.

**Resolved** that:

- 1) The membership of the Council Bodies listed below be amended as follows:
  - i) **Economy & Infrastructure Policy Development and Delivery Committee**  
Remove Councillor L S Gibbard.  
Add Councillor P B Smith.
  - ii) **Poverty Reduction Policy Development and Delivery Committee**  
Remove Councillors P K Jones.  
Add Councillor G J Tanner.

**193. Scrutiny Dispatches – Quarterly Impact Report.**

The Chair of the Scrutiny Programme Committee submitted an information report setting out the Scrutiny Dispatches - Quarterly Impact Report.

**194. Councillors' Questions.**

**1) Part A 'Supplementary Questions'**

Eight (8) Part A 'Supplementary Questions' were submitted. The relevant Cabinet Member(s) responded by way of written answers contained in the Council Summons.

No supplementary question(s) required a written response.

**2) Part B 'Questions not requiring Supplementary Questions'**

Four (4) Part B 'Questions not requiring Supplementary Questions' were submitted.

**195. Notice of Motion - Councillors M C Child, R Francis-Davies, W Evans, C A Holley, D H Hopkins, P K Jones, A S Lewis, C E Lloyd, J A Raynor, M Sherwood, R C Stewart & M Thomas**

Proposed by Councillor P K Jones and Seconded by Councillor R C Stewart.

*"This Council believes that leaving the European Union, without reasonable arrangements having first been put in place, will cause serious long-term harm to the people of Swansea, Wales and the UK.*

*We note recent Government impact reports, which confirm that leaving the European Union will harm growth and prosperity, and reduce GDP by between 1.5% and 9.5%. These negative impacts will damage people's jobs, incomes, pensions and opportunities. In addition, leaving the EU will put at risk many environmental protections, which require close international cooperation in order to be effective.*

*The overall level of impact will, of course, depend upon the arrangements put in place for our future relationship with the EU. However, all scenarios make it clear that the UK, Wales and Swansea will be poorer outside the EU.*

*This Council, therefore, calls upon the UK Government to ensure that the most important decision faced by this country in generations is subject to a meaningful vote.*

*This vote should be in the form of a free Parliamentary vote on the post Brexit deal that has been negotiated.*

*We call upon the Leader to write on behalf of the Council, to the UK Government and Welsh Government, to relay our views on this matter."*

**Resolved** that:

The Notice of Motion be approved.

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The meeting ended at 8.55 pm

**Chair**