

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF
ANNUAL MEETING

The County Council of the City & County of Cardiff met at City Hall, Cardiff on Thursday 17 May, 2012 to transact the business set out in the Council Summons dated 11 May 2012.

Present: Former County Councillor Bowen, Lord Mayor (in the Chair);
County Councillor Cowan, Deputy Lord Mayor County Councillor Cowan.

County Councillors Ali Ahmed, Manzoor Ahmed, Ali, Aubrey, Bale, Bowden, Boyle, Bradbury, Bridges, Burfoot, Carter, Chaundy, Clark, Ralph Cook, Richard Cook, Corria, Kirsty Davies, De' Ath, Derbyshire, Evans, Ford, Furlong, Goddard, Goodway, Gordon, Govier, Graham, Groves, Hawkins, Holden, Holland, Howells, Hudson, Hunt, Hyde, Javed, Keith Jones, Margaret Jones, Joyce, Kelloway, Knight, Lent, Lloyd, Lomax, Love, Magill, Marshall, McEvoy, McGarry, McKerlich, Merry, Michael, Mitchell, Morgan, Murphy, Parry, Patel, Phillips, David Rees, Dianne Rees, Robson, Sanders, Simmons, Benjamin Thomas, Graham Thomas, Huw Thomas, Thorne, Walker, Walsh, Weaver, Williams and Woodman

Apologies: County Councillors Chris Davis and Hinchey

(Council on 21 June 2012 amended these proceedings as indicated in bold italics Minute No: 6 Page 5.)

1 : ANOUNCEMENTS

(a) Webcasting and recording of Proceedings

Members were reminded of a decision of the Constitution Committee on 10 July, 2008 to webcast the Council meeting. Members were also reminded that the Constitution Committee had previously agreed that Council proceedings be recorded for administrative purposes.

Formal approval to record the proceedings was granted.

(b) Request for Photograph at June Council Meeting

A request had been received from the South Wales Echo to photograph during the June Council meeting. The Constitution under procedure Rule 22 states that recording either audio or visual can only be done with the express authorisation of the meeting. The Chair sought Council's approval.

Approval was granted

2 : ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF CARDIFF FOR 2012/2013

The Council received nominations for Chairman.

RESOLVED – That County Councillor Cerys Furlong be elected as Chairman of the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff for 2012/2013.

(The Chair, County Councillor Cerys Furlong, in the Chair)

The Chairman offered a vote of thanks to the outgoing Lord Mayor, County Councillor Delme Bowen and Members showed their appreciation in the appropriate way.

3 : APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF CARDIFF FOR 2012/2013

The Council received nominations for Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED – That County Councillor Keith Jones be appointed as the Vice Chairman of the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff for 2012/2013.

The Chairman offered a vote of thanks to the outgoing Deputy Lord Mayor, County Councillor Jayne Cowan and Members showed their appreciation in the appropriate way.

4 : MINUTES 22 MARCH 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following typographical errors.

Page 567 – Minute No: 187 - Question 1 from County Councillor *Wakefield*

Page 589 – Minute No: 191 - Question 1 in the reply to the Supplementary Question from County Councillor Woodman the deletion of the word ‘*use*’ in the first line and replace with us.

Page 591 – Minute No: 191 – Question 5 from County Councillor *Rogers*

5 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman reminded Members of their responsibility under Article 16 of the Members’ Code of Conduct to declare any interest, & to complete Personal Interest forms, at the commencement of the item of business.

6 : SEPARATION OF FUNCTIONS – THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL AND THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR

The report detailed proposals on the separation of the functions of the Chairman of the Council, and those of The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Cardiff.

Councillor Joyce, as Leader elect, advised that the administration believed that the recognised political governance and administrative functions of the Chairman the Council should be separated from the ceremonial and civic functions of the Lord Mayor as first citizen of Cardiff, and this would provide stronger focus and prominence to both roles.

The proposals sought to provide focus for the position of Chairman of Council, providing for the effective impartial chairing and conduct of the business at Council meetings. The ceremonial and civic functions of the Lord Mayor would continue to work to benefit local communities and the city’s wider commercial interests. It would also enable the Lord Mayor to concentrate on the historic and traditional civic role and continue to

provide the sense of tradition and representation at civic functions and events.

The Leader elect advised that until such time as the formal separation has been achieved, the Chairman of Council would undertake both the administrative and the civic functions that are currently associated with the title of Lord Mayor without exercising the entitlement to use the title of Lord Mayor, and would be referred to as Chair of Council. In addition the Chair would take on additional responsibilities for chairing other Council Committees.

The proposals as set would implement a clear more effective separation of the business and civic functions of the Chair of Council and the Lord Mayor respectively.

The Chair invited debate on the proposals. During the debate a number of matters were raised relating to the mechanism for implementing the proposals and the timeframes for such an amendment to receive Royal approval. There were strong views that the Lord Mayor as the first citizen of Cardiff and the civic role were very important for Cardiff as the Capital City, and that the proposals would be detrimental to Cardiff's reputation.

Under Council Procedural 13 (e) Councillor Woodman proposed and this was seconded by Councillor **Bridges** that the motion be moved without notice, and the recommendations of the report be disapproved.

Following a request for a recorded vote, voting was as follows

For (41)

County Councillors Ali Ahmed, Manzoor Ahmed, Ali, Bale, Bradbury, Ralph Cook, Richard Cook, Corria, De' Ath, Derbyshire, Evans, Goddard, Goodway, Gordon, Govier, Groves, Hawkins, Holland, Hunt, Javed, Joyce, Knight, Lent, Lomax, Love, Magill, Marshall, McGarry, Merry, Michael, Mitchell, Morgan, Murphy, Patel, Phillips, Simmons, Benjamin Thomas, Huw Thomas, Thorne, Walsh and Weaver.

Against (29)

County Councillors Aubrey, Bowden, Boyle, Bridges, Burfoot, Carter, Chaundy, Clark, Cowan, Kirsty Davies, Ford, Graham, Holden, Howells, Hudson, Hyde, Margaret Jones, Kelloway, Lloyd, McEvoy, McKerlich, David Rees, Dianne Rees, Robson, Sanders, Graham Thomas, Walker, , Williams and Woodman

Abstain (2)

County Councillors Furlong and Keith Jones

RESOLVED – That

1. the proposals to pursue the separation of the functions of the Chairman into two distinct functions: a “Chair of Council” (with a political governance and administrative remit) and a “Lord Mayor” (with ceremonial and civic functions) as set out in the report be approved;
2. delegated authority be granted to the Chief Officer Legal & Democratic Services to pursue such separation of functions.

7 : CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) London2012 - Olympic Torch Relay

On 25 and 26 May 2012 Cardiff will welcome the prestigious flame to the city as it makes its journey to London for the opening of the Olympic Games. Residents and local communities are invited to join in the festivities and share in the excitement of the relay as well as celebrating the achievements of the chosen torchbearers.

The Flame will arrive on the outskirts of the city at 5.25pm on Friday 25 May and details of the route of its journey and the events associated with the relay are available on the Councils website.

8 : RETURNING OFFICER REPORT

Details of Members elected to Cardiff County Council on 3 May 2012, were submitted for information.

The Chairman congratulated those who were successful during the recent elections and expressed the Council's appreciation of the work carried out by those Members who were not successful in gaining re-election to the Council and to those Members who did not seek re-election.

9 : ELECTION OF THE LEADER

The Chair invited nominations for Leader.

It was proposed by Councillor Richard Cook and seconded by Councillor Magill that Councillor Joyce be elected as Leader of the County Council.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Joyce be elected Leader of the County Council.

10 : ELECTION OF CABINET MEMBERS

The Chair invited nominations for the Cabinet.

RESOLVED – That the nominations of County Councillors Ralph Cook, Richard Cook, Goodway, Govier, Holland, Joyce, Magill, Huw Thomas and Thorne be approved as Members of the Cabinet.

11 : LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader took the opportunity on behalf of all the candidates who contested the Election on 3 May 2012 to thank the Returning Officer and his staff for their efficiency and hard work in ensuring that the Election ran smoothly. The Leader thanked every candidate who stood for Election for the interest that they had shown in Cardiff and its Council, and for the valuable contribution they made to the democratic process.

The Leader was honoured to have been elected as Leader of the Council and to be given the opportunity to take Cardiff forward and ensure that the Cabinet delivers on the pledges made to the people of Cardiff. She

looked forward to working with communities across the city, seeking genuine improvements for all the people of Cardiff and the Capital City.

The Leader recognised that these were tough economic times, with difficult decisions and challenges to delivering more services for less money, and to support working families and protect the most vulnerable people in society who rely on Council services to achieve a reasonable quality of life.

The Leader detailed the key themes going forward for the future in particular the development of business links, including international links to develop investment opportunities and potential connections, and building on highly respected science and technology sectors to attract major investment into the city to boost the local economy.

The Leader underlined the importance for every young person in any part of the city to have the opportunity to reach their full potential and for the city to be NEET free (Not in Education Employment and Training). This would involve working creatively to get to the root of the issues.

Work would continue to support proposals to improve the city's transport links, including the electrification of the main Cardiff to London railway line, as well as Valley Lines, and to improve the roads, transport services and infrastructure in the city.

The Council will work to deliver a Local Development Plan to improve the quality of life for the residents of Cardiff and support its position as the Capital City and driving force in the city region.

The Council's transformation agenda remains extensive and far reaching and the money saved through proposed improvements would be reinvested directly into services.

The Leader concluded that she was ambitious for Cardiff and the Council and eager to start working with Cabinet to deliver a thriving, prosperous leading European Capital City.

12 : THE CARDIFF UNDERTAKING FOR COUNCILLORS

On 1 July 2004, Council approved the Cardiff Undertaking to provide an opportunity for Members to publicly commit to using their term of office

to work for the Council, the City and its citizens, and to commit to the standards of conduct expected by the Council.

All newly Elected Members have signed up to the Cardiff Undertaking as part of the Induction process, and Members were asked to endorse their commitment to the Cardiff Undertaking at the meeting.

RESOLVED – That the Cardiff Undertaking be endorsed.

13 : MEMBERS' REMUNERATION & ALLOWANCES 2012/13

The report detailed for consideration by Council the prescribed levels of Members' remuneration and allowances that are payable in 2012/13, as determined by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

The Independent Panel published its Annual Report in December 2011, which set out the actual levels of Basic, Senior and Civic Salaries and the maximum allowances which are payable to all Members across Wales in 2012/13 as part of a consistent national framework.

Paragraph 7 referred to the Council's ability to determine the allocation of up to 19 Senior Salaries in 2012/13, and details of the proposed allocation of 18 Senior Salaried positions within Bands 1-3 had been circulated. Council was requested to agree the allocation as proposed. The Chair invited debate on the item

Following a request for a recorded vote on the report, voting was as follows

For (42)

County Councillors Ali Ahmed, Manzoor Ahmed, Ali, Bale, Bradbury, Ralph Cook, Richard Cook, Corria, De' Ath, Derbyshire, Evans, Goddard, Goodway, Govier, Groves, Hawkins, Holland, Hunt, Javed, Keith Jones, Joyce, Knight, Lent, Lomax, Love, Magill, Marshall, McGarry, Merry, Michael, Mitchell, Morgan, Murphy, Parry, Patel, Phillips, Simmons, Benjamin Thomas, Huw Thomas, Thorne, Walsh and Weaver, Williams

Against (9)

County Councillors Ford, Graham, Hudson, McEvoy, McKerlich, Dianne Rees, Graham Thomas, Walker, Williams

Abstain (20)

County Councillors Aubrey, Bowden, Boyle, Bridges, Burfoot, Carter, Clark, Cowan, Kirsty Davies, Gordon, Holden, Howells, Hyde, Margaret Jones, Kelloway, Lloyd, David Rees, Robson, Sanders and Woodman

No Vote (1)

County Councillor Chaundy

RESOLVED – That

1. the allocation of 18 Senior Salary positions for 2012/13 be approved;
2. delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to approve and publish the Council's Schedule of Member Remuneration in accordance with the requirements of the IRPW Regulations.

14 : ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES, THEIR SIZE, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS

The Constitution provided that the Council would, at its Annual Meeting, decide which committees to establish for the municipal year, the size and terms of reference of those committees, and the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the political balance rules.

RESOLVED – That

- (1) the Committee structure, size and terms of reference of each committee be agreed as detailed in the appendix to the report;
- (2) the allocation of seats on each Committee based on political balance be agreed as detailed in the appendix to the report.

**15 : NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON EACH
COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED AND ELECTION OF CHAIR AND
DEPUTY CHAIR**

Following the establishment of Committees and the allocation of seats on each Committee, in accordance with the requirement to achieve political balance, Council was required to give effect to the wishes of those Groups with regard to the identities of the persons who were to represent that Group on each Committee.

The Council received nominations for Committee Chairs. The election of Deputy Chairs (where appropriate) was deferred to the next meeting of Council.

RESOLVED – That

- (1) the nominations received from the political groups to the seats allocated to each group be noted;
- (2) the Chief Executive report to the next Council meeting the details of all nominations received from political groups for information, taking into account any further nominations or changes notified as part of and following this meeting;
- (3) the following Chairs be elected:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>
Planning Committee	Councillor Michael
Licensing Committee	Councillor Morgan
Public Protection Committee	Councillor Morgan
Constitution Committee	Councillor Furlong
Employment Conditions Committee	Councillor Furlong
Council Appeals Committee	Councillor Ralph Cook

Democratic Services Committee	Councillor Cowan
Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Corria
Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Patel
Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Williams
Environmental Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Derbyshire
Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Clark

The Chairs of the Audit Committee and the Standards & Ethics Committee are appointed by their respective Committees.

The Corporate Parenting Panel appoints its own Chair.

The Chairs of the Appointments Committees and Disciplinary & Appeals Committees are elected when required.

16 : NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Constitution provided that the Council would, at its Annual Meeting, receive nominations and make Member appointments as necessary to serve as representatives of the Council on outside bodies. Nominations were invited.

A full list of the nominations to other Outside Bodies will be considered at the June Council.

RESOLVED – That

- (i) the following nominations to outside bodies be approved:
 - (a) WLGA Council – Councillors Ralph Cook, Richard Cook, Goodway, Govier, Holland, Joyce and Thorne
 - (b) WLGA Co-ordinating Committee – Councillor Joyce;
 - (c) LGA General Assembly – Councillors Bridges, Furlong, Joyce and Williams;
 - (d) LGA Urban Commission – Councillor Ralph Cook;
 - (e) LGA Rural Commission – Councillor Govier;
 - (f) South Wales Joint Committee (South Wales Police Authority) – Councillors Joyce, Lloyd and Walker;
 - (g) Welsh Purchasing Consortium – Councillor Goodway
 - (h) Prosiect Gwyrdd Committee – Councillors Goodway and Govier
 - (i) Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Scrutiny Panel - Councillors Derbyshire and McKerlich

- (ii) the following 3 nominations for the South Wales Fire Authority be approved - Councillors Hyde, McKerlich and Patel and further nominations to the 2 vacancies be considered at the next meeting of Council.

17 : CALENDAR OF COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE MEETINGS
2011/12 AND 2012/13

Council was asked to approve an interim the calendar of Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings for June to August 2012. A full Calendar of Meetings for 2012/13 would be submitted to the June Council.

RESOLVED – That

- (1) the interim calendar of Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings for June to August 2012 approved;
- (2) a composite calendar of all meetings be reported to the June meeting of Council.

18 : URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS: APPOINTMENT OF LEA SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The Chair notified Council that an urgent item of business had been received in relation to appointments of LEA Governors. The report had been circulated.

The Council was advised that currently LEA school governor appointments (which are a local choice function) are appointed by the Council, and that there were three nominations that require urgent consideration by the Council.

RESOLVED - That the following appointment of School Governors be approved:

<u>School</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Start of Vacancy</u>	<u>Applications Received</u>
Grangetown Nursery	Grangetown	16/05/2012	Cllr L Thorne
Pentyrch Primary	Pentyrch	08/05/2012	Cllr C Williams
Rumney High	Rumney	16/05/2012	Cllr R Derbyshire

(Meeting closed at 6.25pm)