

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 21 June 2022 at 7.00 pm

Present:-

Cllr N Hedges – Chairman

Cllr T O'Neill – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr H Allen, Cllr L Allison, Cllr M Anderson, Cllr S C Anderson, Cllr M Andrews, Cllr J Bagwell, Cllr S Baron, Cllr S Bartlett, Cllr J Beesley, Cllr D Borthwick, Cllr P Broadhead, Cllr M F Brooke, Cllr D Brown, Cllr S Bull, Cllr R Burton, Cllr D Butler, Cllr D Butt, Cllr J J Butt, Cllr E Coope, Cllr M Davies, Cllr L Dedman, Cllr B Dove, Cllr B Dunlop, Cllr M Earl, Cllr J Edwards, Cllr D Farr, Cllr L Fear, Cllr A Filer, Cllr D A Flagg, Cllr M Haines, Cllr P R A Hall, Cllr P Hilliard, Cllr M Howell, Cllr M Iyengar, Cllr C Johnson, Cllr T Johnson, Cllr A Jones, Cllr J Kelly, Cllr D Kelsey, Cllr R Lawton, Cllr M Le Poidevin, Cllr L Lewis, Cllr R Maidment, Cllr S McCormack, Cllr D Mellor, Cllr P Miles, Cllr S Moore, Cllr L Northover, Cllr S Phillips, Cllr M Phipps, Cllr K Rampton, Cllr V Ricketts, Cllr C Rigby, Cllr R Rocca, Cllr M Robson, Cllr V Slade, Cllr A M Stribley, Cllr T Trent, Cllr M White, Cllr L Williams and Cllr K Wilson

9. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors N Brooks, M Cox, N Decent, B Dion, L-J Evans, G Farquhar, S Gabriel, N Geary, M Greene, N Greene, A Hadley, C Matthews and Dr F Rice.

10. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

11. Review of the political balance of the Council, the allocation of seats on Committees to each Political Group, appointment of Councillors to Committees and appointments to Outside bodies

The Monitoring Officer presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Council was asked to consider and approve the review of the political balance of the Council, the allocation of seats on Committees to each Political Group, appointment of Councillors to Committees and appointments to Outside bodies following Councillors Steve Baron, Daniel Butt, Judes Butt and Mohan Iyengar leaving the Conservative Group and subsequently establishing a new Political Group including Councillor Julie Bagwell.

Councillor Hilliard proposed an amendment to the recommendations, proposing that the allocations be awarded in accordance with what was discussed at the recent group leaders meeting.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor L Dedman.

The Monitoring Officer advised Council that the proposed amendment had a -1 allocation next to one of the parties meant that a unanimous vote would be required.

The Leader advised that as this amendment required unanimous support, he would ask that the vote be now put without further debate on the basis that the amendment would fall as he was not prepared to support it.

The Chairman requested that the vote be put. A recorded vote was taken on whether the vote be now put and was carried with voting as follows:

For – 35

Cllr Mark Anderson	Cllr Beverly Dunlop	Cllr David Kelsey
Cllr Sarah Anderson	Cllr Jackie Edwards	Cllr Bob Lawton
Cllr Julie Bagwell	Cllr Duane Farr	Cllr Drew Mellor
Cllr Steve Baron	Cllr Laurence Fear	Cllr Susan Phillips
Cllr John Beesley	Cllr Anne Filer	Cllr Karen Rampton
Cllr Derek Borthwick	Cllr May Haines	Cllr Roberto Rocco
Cllr Philip Broadhead	Cllr Peter Hall	Cllr Ann Stribley
Cllr Daniel Butt	Cllr Mohan Iyengar	Cllr Mike White
Cllr Judy Butt	Cllr Cheryl Johnson	Cllr Lawrence Williams
Cllr Eddie Coope	Cllr Toby Johnson	Cllr Tony O'Neill
Cllr Malcolm Davies	Cllr Andy Jones	Cllr Nigel Hedges
Cllr Bobbie Dove	Cllr Jane Kelly	

Against – 26

Cllr Lewis Allison	Cllr Millie Earl	Cllr Lisa Northover
Cllr Marcus Andrews	Cllr David Flagg	Cllr Margaret Phipps
Cllr Stephen Bartlett	Cllr Paul Hilliard	Cllr Vanessa Ricketts
Cllr Mike Brooke	Cllr Mark Howell	Cllr Chris Rigby
Cllr David Brown	Cllr Marion LePoidevin	Cllr Mark Robson
Cllr Simon Bull	Cllr Rachel Maidment	Cllr Vikki Slade
Cllr Richard Burton	Cllr Simon McCormack	Cllr Tony Trent
Cllr Diana Butler	Cllr Pete Miles	Cllr Keiron Wilson
Cllr Lesley Dedman	Cllr Sandra Moore	

Abstentions - 0

Following the vote Councillor Hilliard summed up the amendment expressing his disappointed.

The amendment did not receive unanimous support and therefore fell.

Following further debate on the substantive motion Councillor Hilliard proposed a further amendment that Christchurch Independents give up their seat on Licensing in exchange for one of the Conservative seats out of their six seats on Corporate and Community.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Dedman.

The proposed amended allocation was circulated to Council electronically.

A recorded vote was taken on the amendment which fell with voting as follows:

For – 25

Cllr Lewis Allison	Cllr David Flagg	Cllr Margaret Phipps
Cllr Marcus Andrews	Cllr Paul Hilliard	Cllr Vanessa Ricketts
Cllr Mike Brooke	Cllr Mark Howell	Cllr Chris Rigby
Cllr David Brown	Cllr Marion LePoidevin	Cllr Mark Robson
Cllr Simon Bull	Cllr Rachel Maidment	Cllr Vikki Slade
Cllr Richard Burton	Cllr Simon McCormack	Cllr Tony Trent
Cllr Diana Butler	Cllr Pete Miles	Cllr Keiron Wilson
Cllr Lesley Dedman	Cllr Sandra Moore	
Cllr Millie Earl	Cllr Lisa Northover	

Against – 34

Cllr Mark Anderson	Cllr Beverly Dunlop	Cllr Bob Lawton
Cllr Sarah Anderson	Cllr Jackie Edwards	Cllr Drew Mellor
Cllr Julie Bagwell	Cllr Duane Farr	Cllr Susan Phillips
Cllr Steve Baron	Cllr Laurence Fear	Cllr Karen Rampton
Cllr John Beesley	Cllr Anne Filer	Cllr Roberto Rocco
Cllr Derek Borthwick	Cllr May Haines	Cllr Ann Stribley
Cllr Philip Broadhead	Cllr Peter Hall	Cllr Mike White
Cllr Daniel Butt	Cllr Cheryl Johnson	Cllr Lawrence Williams
Cllr Judy Butt	Cllr Toby Johnson	Cllr Tony O'Neill
Cllr Eddie Coope	Cllr Andy Jones	Cllr Nigel Hedges
Cllr Malcolm Davies	Cllr Jane Kelly	
Cllr Bobbie Dove	Cllr David Kelsey	

Abstentions – 2

Cllr Stephen Bartlett	Cllr Mohan Iyengar	
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Following the above vote Councillor Allison proposed an amendment which he advised was politically balanced and provided seats to every single group on each of the O&S Committees by increasing in size of the O&S Committees from 11 to 15 seats each.

The proposed amended allocation was circulated to Council electronically.

Council comprehensively debated the amendment during which a point of order was raised by the Leader requesting that a member of the Council in accordance with Section 24:2 of the Council Procedural Rules be requested to leave the meeting.

The Chairman of the Council advised that the member of the Council could remain in the meeting providing that he returned to his seat.

Councillor Stribley left the meeting at 20:12.

Further debate took place on the proposed amendment following which Cllr Allison summed up the amendment.

A recorded vote was taken on the amendment which fell with voting as follows:

For – 26

Cllr Lewis Allison	Cllr Millie Earl	Cllr Lisa Northover
Cllr Marcus Andrews	Cllr David Flagg	Cllr Margaret Phipps
Cllr Stephen Bartlett	Cllr Paul Hilliard	Cllr Vanessa Ricketts
Cllr Mike Brooke	Cllr Mark Howell	Cllr Chris Rigby
Cllr David Brown	Cllr Marion LePoidevin	Cllr Mark Robson
Cllr Simon Bull	Cllr Rachel Maidment	Cllr Vikki Slade
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Cllr Philip Broadhead	Cllr Peter Hall	Cllr Mike White
Cllr Daniel Butt	Cllr Mohan Iyengar	Cllr Lawrence Williams
Cllr Judy Butt	Cllr Cheryl Johnson	Cllr Tony O'Neill
Cllr Eddie Coope	Cllr Toby Johnson	Cllr Nigel Hedges
Cllr Malcolm Davies	Cllr Andy Jones	
Cllr Bobbie Dove	Cllr Jane Kelly	

Debate moved back to the substantive motion whereby a question was raised by Councillor Brown with regards to the membership of outside bodies and whether the proposed membership of the Stour Valley and Poole Partnership was in line with the requirements within the Constitution and whether it needed to be politically balanced.

In relation to this the Chairman advised that the understanding was that membership on the Stour Valley and Poole Partnership was not required to be politically balanced but that this would be investigated to ensure that was correct.

Councillor Allison proposed a point of order that the question now be put.

The Leader then summed up in relation to the original and substantive motion, during which Councillor Slade addressed to advise that the Unity Alliance was not a group.

RESOLVED that: -

- (a) the revised political balance of the Council, as set out in Table 1 of this report be approved;**
- (b) the allocation of seats to each political group, as set out in Table 2 marked to follow in the report and circulated as a supplement, be approved;**

- (c) the appointment of Councillors to Committees and Boards, taking account of the membership as detailed in Table 3 marked to follow in the report and circulated as a supplement, be approved;**
- (d) the allocation of seats to each political group on the outside bodies as detailed in Table 4 marked to follow in the report and circulated as a supplement be approved;**
- (e) the appointment of Councillors to the outside bodies, as detailed in Table 5 marked to follow in the report and circulated as a supplement be approved; and**
- (f) Subject to (b) and (e) above the Council is requested to approve the appointment of unaligned Members to any Committees, Boards and Outside bodies.**

Voting: 34:24 (2 abstentions)

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm

CHAIRMAN