

# ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 15 May 2008 at 4.00 pm.

**Present:** Provost RUTH LESLIE MELVILLE MBE, Depute Provost PETER MURPHY, Councillors ALISON ANDREWS, COLIN BROWN, FRANK ELLIS, MAIRI EVANS, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, IAIN GAUL, ALEX KING, DAVID LUMGAIR, IAN MACKINTOSH, DAVID MAY, BILL MIDDLETON, GLENNIS MIDDLETON, JIM MILLAR, DONALD MORRISON, ROB MURRAY, ROBERT MYLES, PETER NIELD, HELEN OSWALD, RALPH PALMER, JOHN RYMER, MARK SALMOND, ROBERT SPINK, MARGARET THOMSON, PAUL VALENTINE, SHEENA WELSH, SANDY WEST and JOHN WHYTE.

Provost RUTH LESLIE MELVILLE, in the Chair.

## 1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies intimated.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were made by:-

- Provost Leslie Melville in item 6(a) as a Director of the Hospitalfield Trust. She indicated that she would take part in discussion and voting.
- Councillor May in item 10 as a Director of Montrose Day Care Centre; and item 11 because he had spoken to Montrose Skatepark Committee. He indicated that he would not participate in any discussion and voting on item 10 but would participate in discussion and voting on item 11.
- Councillor Nield in item 4(h) as an objector (Article 5 of the minute); item 4(i) as he was involved in a bid (Article 13 of the minute); and 6(a) as a Trustee of the Hospitalfield Trust. He indicated that he would not participate if there was any discussion and voting on items 4(h) and 4(i) but would participate in discussion and voting for item 6(a).
- Councillor Oswald in item 10 as she had been contacted by the Carnoustie Allotments Association on their grant application. She indicated that she would be taking part in discussion and voting.
- Councillor Palmer in item 10 as a local member who had received an objection and had liaised with the Council for Carnoustie Allotments Association. He indicated that he would not participate in discussion and voting.
- Councillor Salmond in item 10 as a Trustee and because his daughter regularly used the facilities at the Montrose YMCA. He indicated that he would not take part in any discussion and voting on their grant application. With regard to item 11 (Montrose Wheeled Sports Facility), he had spoken with members of the Skatepark Committee. He indicated that he would be taking part in discussion and voting.
- Councillor Valentine in item 11 (Montrose Wheeled Sports Facility) as he had spoken with members of the Skatepark Committee. He indicated that he would be taking part in discussion and voting.
- Councillor Welsh in item 7(2.5) as a member of the Management Committee of Angus Housing Association. She indicated that she would be taking part in any discussion and voting.
- Councillor West in item 11 (Montrose Wheeled Sports Facility) as he had spoken with members of the Skatepark Committee. He indicated that he would be taking part in discussion and voting.

### 3. DEPUTATIONS

The Council resolved, in accordance with Standing Order 12, to hear a deputation from Mr Howard Evans in connection with Carnoustie Level Crossing.

Mr Evans answered questions from members, following which he withdrew to the public benches.

### 4. MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

#### (a) Angus Council

The [minute of meeting of Angus Council of 27 March 2008](#) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and signed by the Provost.

With reference to Article 6 thereof (motion by Councillor Ellis regarding Ghurkha Servicemen), there was submitted letter dated 8 May 2008 from the Prime Minister's Direct Communications Unit seeking to explain the UK Government's position on the settlement and pension entitlements for retired Ghurkas.

After discussion, the Council noted with disappointment the terms of the response on behalf of the UK Prime Minister and noted that Councillor Murphy would pursue the issue further with his political colleagues.

#### (b) Development Standards Committee

The [minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 8 April 2008](#) was submitted and approved.

#### (c) Social Work and Health Committee

The [minute of meeting of the Social Work and Health Committee of 10 April 2008](#) was submitted and approved.

#### (d) Neighbourhood Services Committee

The [minute of meeting of the Neighbourhood Services Committee of 17 April 2008](#) was submitted and approved.

#### (e) Infrastructure Services Committee

The [minute of meeting of the infrastructure Services Committee of 22 April 2008](#) was submitted and, except as noted hereunder, approved.

#### **North Sea Commission – 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly – Herning, Demark, 11-13 June 2008**

With reference to Article 21, Councillors Palmer and Gaul had referred the Committee's decision for determination by the Council in accordance with Standing Order 39(3).

COUNCILLOR MAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FAIRWEATHER, MOVED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE AS RECORDED IN THE MINUTE OF THE MEETING.

Councillor Palmer, seconded by Councillor Murray, moved as an amendment that a Report be issued before 11 June on what Angus Council's policy on European issues is.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:

For the motion:

Provost Leslie Melville, Depute Provost Murphy, Councillors Andrews, Brown, Fairweather, Lumgair, Mackintosh, May, Millar, Myles, Nield, Rymer, Salmond, Thomson and Whyte (15).

For the amendment:

Councillors Ellis, Evans, Gaul, King, Bill Middleton, Glennis Middleton, Morrison, Murray, Oswald, Palmer, Valentine, Welsh and West (13).

No vote:

Councillor Spink (1).

The motion was declared carried and the Council resolved accordingly.

**(f) Education Committee**

The [minute of meeting of the Education Committee of 24 April 2008](#) was submitted and approved.

**(g) Angus Council (Special)**

The [minute of special meeting of Angus Council of 24 April 2008](#) was submitted and approved.

**(h) Development Standards Committee**

The [minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 29 April 2008](#) was submitted and approved.

**(i) Corporate Services Committee**

The [minute of meeting of the Corporate Services Committee of 1 May 2008](#) was submitted and approved.

**(j) Strategic Policy Committee**

The [minute of meeting of the Strategic Policy Committee of 6 May 2008](#) was submitted and approved.

**5. MINUTES OF BOARDS AND PARTNERSHIPS**

**(a) Tayside Joint Police Board**

The minute of meeting of the Tayside Joint Police Board of 28 January 2008 was submitted and noted.

**(b) Tayside Fire and Rescue Board**

The minute of meeting of the Tayside Fire and Rescue Board of 28 January 2008 was submitted and noted.

**(c) Tayside Fire and Rescue Board (Special)**

The minute of special meeting of the Tayside Fire and Rescue Board of 17 March 2008 was submitted and noted.

**(d) Tayside Valuation Joint Board**

The minute of meeting of the Tayside Valuation Joint Board of 28 January 2008 was submitted and noted.

**(e) Tayside Contracts Joint Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Tayside Contracts Joint Committee of 28 January 2008 was submitted and noted.

**(f) Tayside Contracts Joint Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Tayside Contracts Joint Committee of 3 March 2008 was submitted and noted.

**(g) Tay Road Bridge Joint Board**

The minute of meeting of the Tay Road Bridge Joint Board of 25 January 2008 was submitted and noted.

**(h) Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership**

The minute of meeting of the Tayside Central Scotland Transport Partnership of 30 January 2008 was submitted and noted.

**(i) Tayside Community Justice Authority**

The minute of meeting of the Tayside Community Justice Authority of 19 December 2008 was submitted and noted.

**(j) Angus Licensing Board**

The minute of meeting of the Angus Licensing Board of 25 March 2008 was submitted and noted.

**6. MOTIONS IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 24(1)****(a) Mortuary Chapel, Arbroath**

Councillor Spink had given notice of the following motion:-

“That the Council:

- (i) notes that the Mortuary Chapel in the Western Cemetery, Arbroath is a Category ‘A’ Listed Building, built by Patrick Allan Fraser in 1886 and gifted to the people of Arbroath, thus now owned by Angus Council;
- (ii) notes that as such, Angus Council has both a legal and a moral duty to ensure that the structure of this iconic building is maintained to the standard required by its Category ‘A’ listed status;
- (iii) notes that for some years it has been known that there is considerable evidence of structural deterioration and water penetration which are now threatening the future integrity and long term conservation of this nationally important building; and
- (iv) instructs the Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the Angus Council Conservation Officer to commission a detailed report which will identify all areas of damage or other concern, and to propose appropriate measures, and costings, aimed at achieving prompt repairs or rectification of current faults and to preserve both the external and internal structure of the building for future generations, along with fully detailed suggestions as to how these works should be funded.

Councillor Spink, seconded by Councillor King, moved approval of the motion.

The Head of Law and Administration commented on parts (i) and (ii) of the motion in regard to the legal ownership, confirming that in terms of the Trust Deed the Council owned the Mortuary Chapel but responsibility for maintenance remained with the Trust.

Councillor Millar, seconded by Councillor Fairweather, moved as an amendment that, given the legal view of the Head of Law and Administration, this Council instructs the Director of Neighbourhood Services in conjunction with other appropriate officers, to enter into discussions with the Hospitalfield House Trust on the commissioning of an independent structural report to identify the extent of any damage, how best to effect

any necessary repairs and what funding package is available for the Trust and to report back to the Neighbourhood Services Committee as soon as possible.

After discussion, Councillor Spink agreed, with the consent of his seconder, to delete the words "both a legal and" from section (ii) of his motion and replace (iv) of the motion with Councillor Millar's amendment.

The Council unanimously resolved to approve the amended motion.

**(b) Carnoustie Level Crossing**

Councillor Oswald had given notice of the following motion:

"That this Council:

- (i) notes that the Rail Crossing in Station Road, Carnoustie is the only route accessible to all vehicular traffic travelling to Links Parade and to properties and business south of the railway line;
- (ii) notes with concern Network Rail's assertion that Carnoustie Rail Crossing is the third most abused in Scotland;
- (iii) instructs the Director of Infrastructure Services to instigate high-level discussions with Network Rail and Transport Police to examine options at this location which would improve the safety of the travelling public, both road and rail; and
- (iv) further instructs the Director of Infrastructure Services to bring a report forward detailing these options and making recommendations for the implementation of measures to address the safety issues at this crossing."

Councillor Oswald, seconded by Councillor Palmer, moved approval of the motion.

COUNCILLOR MAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FAIRWEATHER, MOVED AS AN AMENDMENT THAT THE COUNCIL ACCEPTS (I) OF THE MOTION AND OTHERWISE TAKES NO FURTHER ACTION AT THIS MOMENT AS THE HEAD OF ROADS HAS BEEN HAVING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE RAIL AUTHORITY, AS REPORTED TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE ON 4 MARCH, AND A REPORT ON THE ISSUES AND OPTIONS IS CURRENTLY BEING DRAFTED WITH THE INTENT OF PRESENTING IT TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON 3 JUNE 2008.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For the motion:

Councillors Ellis, Evans, Gaul, King, Bill Middleton, Glennis Middleton, Morrison, Murray, Oswald, Palmer, Valentine, Welsh and West (13).

For the amendment:

Provost Leslie Melville, Depute Provost Murphy, Councillors Andrews, Brown, Fairweather, Lumbgair, Mackintosh, May, Millar, Myles, Nield, Rymer, Salmond, Spink, Thomson and Whyte (16).

The amendment was declared carried and became the substantive motion.

As a further amendment, Councillor Palmer, seconded by Councillor Oswald, moved that there be added to the substantive motion:-

- "(iii) instruct the Head of Roads to take account of the outcome of the recent court case and Mr Evans' report regarding his various serious concerns about the Carnoustie Rail Crossing which Network Rail has publicly identified as "the third most abused crossing in Scotland."

With the consent of his seconder, Councillor May accepted the further amendment as an addendum to the substantive motion and the Council resolved accordingly.

**(c) Sale of Alcohol to Under 21s**

Councillor Morrison had given notice of the following motion:

“That this Council:

- (i) congratulates the success of the six week pilot scheme in the West Lothian town of Armadale which banned the sale of alcohol to anyone under the age of 21 years of age at weekends; and
- (ii) examines ways of introducing a similar pilot scheme, in the first instance, within a burgh in the county.”

Councillor Fairweather proposed that (ii) be amended to read “examines the feasibility of introducing a similar pilot scheme in the first instance, but continues to work with Police, Focus on Alcohol Team, Councillors and retailers throughout Angus”. Councillor Morrison accepted Councillor Fairweather’s amendment to his motion and the Council resolved accordingly.

**(d) Review of Recycling Policy**

Councillor Evans had given notice of the following motion:

“That this Council reviews its recycling policy in relation to:

- (i) its outreach services in rural locations with a view to extending provision in communities currently without recycling facilities; and
- (ii) the main burgh recycling centres’ opening times specifically at weekends.”

Having heard the Convener of the Infrastructure Services Committee (Councillor May), Councillor Evans agreed to withdraw her motion until the Best Value Review on Waste Management, which would include a review of recycling, was completed and presented to members in September of this year.

**7. APPOINTMENTS**

There was submitted [Report No 474/08](#) by the Director of Corporate Services which dealt with a number of appointments which either required to be made or amended existing appointments.

**(a) Social Work and Health Committee, Strategic Policy Committee and Angus Children’s Panel Advisory Committee**

Reference was made to Article 9 of the minute of the statutory meeting of the Council of 22 May 2007, when the Council had appointed Councillor Leslie Melville and Councillor Andrews as Convener and Vice Convener respectively of the Social Work and Health Committee. The Angus Alliance Group had intimated that they wished to reverse these roles and appoint Councillor Andrews as Convener and Councillor Leslie Melville as Vice Convener of that Committee and to make two consequential appointments. If the Council approved this, then it would be appropriate for Councillor Andrews to receive the Convener’s remuneration of £21,301. This involved a small increase from her current Vice Convener’s remuneration of £17,000 and this amount could be contained in the current budget provision for the remuneration of Councillors.

The Council resolved:

- (i) to confirm the appointment of Councillor Andrews as Convener and Councillor Leslie Melville as Vice Convener of the Social Work and Health Committee;
- (ii) to approve the increase in remuneration to Councillor Andrews;
- (iii) to appoint Councillor Andrews as a member of the Strategic Policy Committee in place of Councillor Leslie Melville;

- (iv) to appoint Councillor Andrews as a member of the Angus Children's Panel Advisory Committee in place of Councillor Leslie Melville; and
- (vi) with regard to Councillor Leslie Melville's membership of Tayside Health Board, to defer consideration until a further Report was submitted to the next Council meeting on the Scottish Government's guidance on such appointments.

**(b) Tayside Fire and Rescue Board**

Reference was made to Article 10(a)(ii) of the statutory meeting of the Council of 22 May 2007, when the Council had appointed Councillor Ellis as one of its five members on the Tayside Fire and Rescue Board. The SNP Group had intimated that they wished to nominate Councillor Oswald to replace him.

The Council resolved to appoint Councillor Oswald in place of Councillor Ellis as one of its members on the Tayside Fire and Rescue Board.

**(c) HMP Open Estate Prison Visiting Committee**

Reference was made to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 14 February 2008, when it had been agreed that the Head of Law and Administration should undertake an open recruitment exercise for a vacancy on the HMP Open Estate Prison Visiting Committee.

Following public notice, two expressions of interest had been lodged with the Clerk to the Visiting Committee. Both applicants had been interviewed on 1 May 2008 by a three member interview panel made up of Councillors Andrews and Brown and Mr Ivan Laird (one of the non-elected members of the Visiting Committee).

The Panel had unanimously agreed that Mr Gavin Dobson of Logie House, Kirriemuir, Angus be recommended to the Council for appointment to the Open Estate Prison Visiting Committee, subject to a satisfactory disclosure check.

The Council resolved to approve Mr Dobson's appointment.

**(d) COSLA Executive Groups**

Reference was made to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 20 September 2007, when the Council had appointed Councillor Murphy to represent it on the Education, Children and Young People Executive Group of COSLA. Councillor Murphy had now intimated that he wished to resign from this Group.

The Council resolved to appoint Councillor Nield to replace Councillor Murphy on the COSLA Education, Children and Young People Executive Group.

**(e) Angus Housing Association**

Reference was made to Article 10(b)(i) of the minute of the statutory meeting of the Council of 22 May 2007, when Councillor Millar had been appointed as the Council's representative on the Committee of Management of Angus Housing Association. Councillor Millar had indicated that he wished to resign from this appointment.

The Council resolved to appoint Councillor Rymer to replace Councillor Millar as its representative on the Committee of Management of Angus Housing Association.

**(f) Montrose Golf Links Trust**

Reference was made to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of the Council of 20 September 2007, when the Council had appointed Councillor's May and Valentine, and the Heads of Economic Development and Community Services as the Council appointed Directors of Montrose Golf Links Limited.

The Council resolved to note that, in terms of the Articles of Association of this company, Councillors May and Valentine had appointed Councillors Salmond and West as alternate Directors respectively.

## **8. MEMBERS' REMUNERATION, ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES 2007/2008**

There was submitted [Report No 492/08](#) by the Director of Corporate Services bringing to the Council's attention the amount of remuneration, allowances and expenses paid to Councillors for the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008. The Report also provided an update on members' training.

The Council was required by legislation to publish, in a standard format, details of the amount of remuneration (salaries), allowances and expenses paid to Councillors in respect of the previous financial year, by 1 June each year. The Council was also required to make information on Councillors' remuneration and expenses available for inspection at Council offices when requested to do so in writing by a member of the public. For the financial year 2007/08, the remuneration etc was split into two categories, each covering only a part of the financial year, as follows:-

- payments made between 1 April 2007 and the elections on 3 May 2007 under the Local Authorities, etc (Allowances) (Scotland) Regulations 1995 (Appendix 1);
- payments made between 3 May 2007 and 31 March 2008 under the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007 and the Local Government (Allowances and Expenses) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (Appendix 2).

The information in Appendix 2 would be published on the Council's website in accordance with legislative requirements.

In addition to publishing information on remuneration and expenses, the relevant regulations also required the Council to provide information on members' training arrangements. The Report indicated that, during the course of the year, all 29 Councillors had attended training courses/seminars provided in the main by the Council in-house and by other agencies when necessary. These had included a number of induction training sessions which covered topics such as data protection, Council services and procedures, planning issues, corporate planning and government, community planning, emergency planning, licensing law and procedures and other specialist topics. This represented an accumulative total of 541 hours training. A number of key members had also attended conferences in support of their roles. All Councillors had attended, or had scheduled, a training needs assessment interview and had personal development plans in place.

The Council resolved to note the contents of Report No 492/08 and that the information in Appendix 2 would be published on the Council's website in accordance with legislative requirements.

## **9. CONSULTATION ON NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REMOVE PUBLIC PHONE BOXES BY PAYPHONES**

There was submitted [Report No 475/08](#) by the Chief Executive outlining the responses received to the consultation on BT Payphones' proposal to remove public phone boxes and recommending that the Council make a draft decision, pending a further report to the Council meeting on 26 June 2008.

BT Payphones had carried out a review of its payphone provision and the Council had received notification on 8 April 2008 of their intention to remove a number of payphones across Angus. In accordance with the consultation process, the Chief Executive had written to the relevant Community Councils, elected members, Angus Community Health Partnership, Tayside Fire and Rescue Service and Tayside Police. Also, the consultation had been published on the Council's "Have Your Say" website, and a press release had been issued to raise awareness of the proposals. Following consideration of the views received, evaluated against the predetermined set of grounds for objection, the Council had to publish a "draft decision" stating whether it agreed or objected to the plans to remove particular phone boxes and the reasons why.

For the second stage of the consultation process, the Council had to allow at least one month to receive comments back on its draft decision and to consider any such comments, following which a second notice had to be published setting out the Council's final decision and the

reasons behind it. In this regard, the same consultation arrangements would be followed as for the first stage and a report submitted to the Council meeting on 26 June 2008. These arrangements would ensure that the Council's response to BT Payphones would be submitted in time for the closing date of 2 July 2008.

In accordance with the required consultation process, and in light of the comments received, it was proposed that Appendix B to the Report be submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs as the "draft decision", setting out the Council's draft decision.

After discussion, and having heard Councillors Whyte, Morrison, Nield and Mackintosh, the Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the first tranche of responses received to the consultation on BT Payphones proposal to remove a number of public phone boxes in Angus;
- (ii) to approve the "draft decision" as outlined in section 5 of the Report (to be amended by the Chief Executive in light of the points made at this meeting); and
- (iii) to note that a further Report would be submitted to the Council meeting on 26 June 2008 to approve the final decision of the Council.

#### **10. ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME (UNSUCCESSFUL BIDS TO THE COMMUNITY PRIORITIES FUND)**

With reference to Article 17 of the minute of meeting of the Strategic Policy Committee of 18 March 2008, there was submitted [Joint Report No 476/08](#) by the Chief Executive and the Director of Infrastructure Services making recommendations in relation to applications to the Community Grant Scheme of over £500, and informing members of applications of £500 or less. These bids had previously been submitted to the Community Priorities Fund but had been unsuccessful, and all grants awarded would be on a one off basis only.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to approve the grant award recommendations made in Report No 476/08 in respect of applications for over £500, and to note the applications approved for £500 or less;
- (ii) to agree the additional £3,715 of the 2007/2008 carry forward provision to 2008/2009 in respect of underspends identified in the 2007/2008 Miscellaneous Services revenue budget to meet the full cost of the grant award recommendations; and
- (iii) to note that the decisions at (i) and (ii) above would result in an increase to the Community Priorities Fund carry forward to 2008/2009 by £8,715 to £99,366.

*At this point (6.53 pm) the Council agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 20(8), that the meeting proceed beyond the three hour limit to the conclusion of the business on the agenda.*

#### **11. MONTROSE WHEELED SPORTS FACILITY**

With reference to Article 4(m) of the minute of meeting of the Council of 27 March 2008, there was submitted [Report No 477/08](#) by the Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Director of Corporate Services seeking the Council's approval to authorise officers to investigate the suitability of Ashie Car Park, Traill Drive, Montrose, as a site for a wheeled sports facility in Montrose as part of the Council's capital investment programme.

The Report detailed the background and current position since the last meeting of the Council, and the financial implications. Clearly, the commitment of the Council to this project would have additional financial implications, although the extent of these could not be determined until the costs of providing the skatepark on an alternative site had been explored and the potential implications for the Youth Lottery Grant confirmed. The full cost implications associated with the project would therefore require to be the subject of a further report in due course at which time the means of funding these additional costs would also be identified. However, at this stage, it was recommended that the Council should agree the fundamental principles incorporated in the Report regarding the delivery of this project and how it would be funded.

COUNCILLOR SALMOND, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MAY, MOVED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN REPORT NO 477/08 AND ACCORDINGLY RESOLVE:

- (I) TO AGREE THAT ASHIE CAR PARK, TRAIL DRIVE, MONTROSE BE FURTHER INVESTIGATED AS THE PREFERRED SITE FOR A WHEELED SPORTS FACILITY IN MONTROSE AS PART OF THE COUNCIL'S CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME AND THAT FURTHER CONSULTATION BE UNDERTAKEN WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY; AND
- (II) TO AGREE THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE COSTS, TOGETHER WITH THE FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY TO DELIVER THIS PROJECT, AS SET OUT IN THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS SECTION OF REPORT NO 477/08.

Councillor Valentine, seconded by Councillor Murray, moved as an amendment, that the Council agree to continue discussions with the Montrose Skatepark Committee regarding the funding arrangements necessary to deliver this project.

On a vote being taken, the members voted (Councillor Gaul having left the meeting):-

For the motion:

Provost Leslie Melville, Depute Provost Murphy, Councillors Andrews, Brown, Fairweather, Lumgair, Mackintosh, May, Millar, Myles, Nield, Rymer, Salmond, Thomson and Whyte (15).

For the amendment:

Councillors Ellis, Evans, King, Bill Middleton, Glennis Middleton, Morrison, Murray, Oswald, Palmer, Spink, Valentine, Welsh and West (13).

The motion was declared carried and the Council resolved accordingly.

## **12. EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION FOR A RURAL TOURISM PROJECT**

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of the Strategic Policy Committee of 5 February 2008, there was submitted [Report No 478/08](#) by the Director of Infrastructure Services seeking approval for Angus Council's participation in a European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) application for a rural tourism project.

Participation in this joint ERDF project would complement Angus Council's plans to develop tourism and encourage growth in green jobs and support the economic development strategy "towards sustainable prosperity".

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to contribute £150,000 over three financial years to the ERDF application as outlined in section 5 of Report No 478/08; and
- (ii) to establish a further full-time Business Advisor post for a three year fixed term period and to increase the Clerical Assistant post to full-time.