

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **JOINT WORKING GROUP ON THE REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME** held in Training Rooms A and B, Angus House, Forfar on Tuesday 6 October 2009 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Representing Angus Council
Councillors PETER MURPHY, MARK SALMOND and PAUL VALENTINE.

Representing Community Councils
SHAUN TOPEN-COOPER, VERONIKA KRAJEWSKA, RONNIE YOUNG, GRAEME REOCH, MIKE WOOD, JOHN SUTCLIFFE, MIKE BELL, CHARLIE SIMPSON and DAVID MILNE.

Also in

Attendance: BILL STRACHAN, Senior Service Manager (Local Community Planning), RACHEL GREEN, Senior Community Planning Officer (Corporate Planning), SHEONA HUNTER, Head of Law and Administration, SHEONA CAMERON, Projects and Elections Officer and ALAN DOIG, Committee Services Officer.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors COLIN BROWN and HELEN OSWALD and DOUGLAS MURRAY, LOUISE NICOLL, JIM MOIR and ROGER CLEGG.

Councillor MURPHY in the Chair.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Councillor Murphy welcomed all those present and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to consider all the comments received on the draft Revised Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils with a view to submitting these to the meeting of Angus Council on 5 November 2009, following which there would be a final four week consultation period.

2. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Group of 19 January 2009 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

3. RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION ON DRAFT SCHEME OF ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

(a) Comments

There were submitted details of the comments received as follows:-

- Scheme (Pages 1-14)
- Maps (Pages 15-19)
- Elections (Page 20)
- Model Constitution (Pages 21-25)
- Model Standing Orders (Pages 26 & 27)
- Model Code of Conduct (Page 28)

The Senior Service Manager (Local Community Planning) explained that officers had given careful consideration to all the comments received and, following discussion, and having regard to the need to have cohesive communities, the Working Group agreed to recommend as follows:-

- (i) that the undernoted amendments be made:

Scheme

4(c) - Remove the word "objectives".

4(e) - Agreed that the word "model" be inserted.

4(f)(ii) - Agreed that minutes along with the agenda for the meeting the minutes referred to, should be submitted to Angus Council within 21 days of the Community Council meeting.

6(a) - Minimum membership should be half of the maximum.

7(a)(ii) - Age should be 16 and 17.

7(a)(iv) - The word "Act" be inserted after 1973.

7(a)(v) - Date now to be 2010.

7(c)(i) - Individuals seeking election to a Community Council required to be nominated by a proposer and seconder, both of whom must be on the elector register for that Community Council area.

7(g)(ii) - Agreed that this should be one-third.

10(b) - Agreed that minimum number of meetings in any one year should be five plus one annual general meeting.

11(b) - Delete "local" and insert "public".

13 - Agreed that Angus Council did not arrange personal insurance cover for Community Councillors.

Elections

3 - The words "include the period 5pm to 8pm" did not prescribe only 5pm to 8pm.

Model Constitution

7(b) - Agreed that it be one-third.

11(h)(ii) - The word "only" be deleted.

The remaining comments detailed in the foregoing documents were noted but the Working Group agreed that no further action be taken on them at this stage.

(b) Boundaries

The Senior Service Manager (Local Community Planning) displayed maps showing proposed revised boundaries of some areas and the Working Group agreed:-

Aberlemno

Further discussions to take place with representatives of Aberlemno Community Council; the boundaries had been drawn up having regard to the school catchment areas but the representative from Aberlemno indicated that he was unhappy with the current proposals.

Hillside, Dun and Logie Pert

It was proposed that several areas should go back to this Community Council area which included that part which bounded the City of Brechin; it was agreed that further discussions be held on the proposed boundary of this area.

Kirriemuir Landward

Agreed that part of Northmuir be reinstated into the Kirriemuir Landward area.

Lundie, Muirhead and Birkhill and Fowlis, Liff and Balruddery

It was agreed that the area covered by Fowlis, Liff and Balruddery Community Council be amalgamated into Lundie, Muirhead and Birkhill.

Tealing, Strathmartine and Auchterhouse

It was agreed that the Tealing area be amended to have the area reinstated which had been previously lost.

Brechin City

It was noted that the Little Brechin Association had requested that it be aligned with Inveresk Community Council and that the areas of Careston and Stracathro should also be included.

In this connection the Senior Service Manager (Local Community Planning) advised that he would incorporate into his report for the Council the fact that no conclusion had been reached on this issue, which would enable all parties to submit further representations.

Ferryden and Craig

Agreed that no change be made.

Inverarity

Agreed that no change be made.

4. ISSUE OF NOTICE FOR MEETINGS

The Working Group agreed that for any future meetings details of the date and venue of the meeting be issued several weeks in advance of the agenda.

5. CLOSE

Councillor Murphy thanked all who had attended and for the useful and constructive contributions made.

He was satisfied with the progress to date although a few matters would require to be clarified prior to the meeting of Angus Council in November 2009.