

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 16 June 2016 at 2.00pm.

Present: Provost HELEN OSWALD, Depute Provost ALEX KING, Councillors BILL BOWLES, BRIAN BOYD, COLIN BROWN, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, IAIN GAUL, JEANETTE GAUL, MARTYN GEDDES, SHEILA HANDS, JIM HOUSTON, DAVID LUMGAIR, DAVID MAY, IAN McLAREN, GLENNIS MIDDLETON, DONALD MORRISON, ROB MURRAY, BOB MYLES, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, MARK SALMOND, EWAN SMITH, MARGARET THOMSON, PAUL VALENTINE and SHEENA WELSH.

PROVOST HELEN OSWALD, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Mairi Evans and Bob Spink.

2. REQUEST FOR A DEPUTATION

The Provost indicated that a request for a deputation had been received from Mr Geoff Hobson, Chair of Webster's High School Parent Council in relation to item 4(ii)(f).

The Council resolved to hear the deputation.

Mr Hobson urged the Council to consider other options in relation to the secondary school week that would not incur additional costs.

Following a number of questions, Mr Hobson withdrew to the public benches.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ronnie Proctor declared an interest in item 4(ii)(f) as he had attended a Parent Council meeting when this matter had been discussed. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

Councillor Brian Boyd declared an interest in item 4(ii)(f) as he had spoken about this matter with the Chair of Carnoustie High School Parent Council. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

4. MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

(i) Minutes of Previous Meetings

(a) Angus Council

The minute of meeting of Angus Council of 12 May 2016 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

(b) Angus Council (Special)

The minute of the special meeting of Angus Council of 7 June 2016 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

(ii) Minutes of Committees

(c) Development Standards Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 10 May 2016 was submitted and noted.

(d) Development Management Review Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Management Review Committee of 10 May 2016 was submitted and noted.

(e) Civic Licensing Committee

The minute of meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee of 12 May 2016 was submitted and noted.

(f) Children and Learning Committee

The minute of meeting of the Children and Learning Committee of 17 May 2016 was submitted, and except as hereunder, noted:-

Consultation on the Secondary School Week

COUNCILLOR WELSH, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DEVINE, MOVED THAT THIS COUNCIL APPROVES THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT NO 204/16 (THESE BEING):-

- (I) TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND ACCEPT THE FINDINGS OF THE DETAILED CONSULTATION ON THE SECONDARY SCHOOL WEEK;
- (II) THAT ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS MOVE TO A CONSISTENT AND COORDINATED THIRTY-THREE PERIOD WEEK TIMETABLE STRUCTURE FROM AUGUST 2017;
- (III) THAT THE MODEL OF FOUR SEVEN PERIOD DAYS AND ONE FOUR PERIOD DAY WHICH INCLUDED A DAILY TEN MINUTE CHECK-IN PERIOD WOULD OPERATE CONSISTENTLY IN ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS FROM AUGUST 2017;
- (IV) THAT THE SHORTER FOUR DAY PERIOD WOULD OCCUR WEEKLY on a Friday from August 2017;
- (V) TO REQUEST STAFF IN THE CHILDREN AND LEARNING DIRECTORATE AND SCHOOLS TO ENGAGE WITH ANGUS ALIVE, COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT, DUNDEE AND ANGUS COLLEGE SPORTS ACADEMY AND LOCAL SPORTS CLUBS TO OFFER HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE SHORTER DAY (Friday afternoon opportunities throughout Angus);
- (VI) TO REQUEST STAFF IN THE CHILDREN AND LEARNING DIRECTORATE AND SCHOOLS TO ENGAGE WITH EMPLOYERS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO OFFER EMPLOYABILITY EXPERIENCES FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE SHORTER DAY (Friday afternoon opportunities throughout Angus);
- (VII) TO APPROVE THE INCREASED TRANSPORT COSTS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE CHANGE AND TO REQUEST THAT FURTHER DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS BE DEVELOPED BY THE DIRECTORATE IN CONJUNCTION WITH SCHOOL TRANSPORT;
- (VIII) THAT FURTHER WORK BE UNDERTAKEN IN SCHOOLS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES TO AGREE THE LENGTH OF THE LUNCH TIME PERIOD; AND
- (IX) THAT A FURTHER REPORT BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE OUTLINING THE PROGRESS WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION IN NOVEMBER 2016.

Councillor Fairweather, seconded by Councillor May, moved as an amendment, that this Council:-

- (i) rejects the recommendations contained within the Report;
- (ii) retains the status quo; and
- (iii) requests a further Report giving further options on secondary school week arrangements that supported the continuing work on Curriculum for Excellence and the Developing Young Workforce Initiative.

With the consent of Councillor Welsh, as mover of the motion, the terms of her motion were revised so that there could be flexibility with regard to what day the shorter four period day fell on (and as such, delegated to the Strategic Director – Children and Learning)

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For the (revised) motion:

Provost Helen Oswald, Depute Provost Alex King, Councillors Bowles, Boyd, Devine, Duff, Iain Gaul, Jeanette Gaul, Hands, Houston, Middleton, Morrison, Murray, Smith, Valentine and Welsh (16).

For the amendment:

Councillors Brown, Fairweather, Fotheringham, Geddes, Lumgair, May, McLaren, Myles, Proctor, Salmond and Thomson (11).

The (revised) motion was declared carried and the Council resolved accordingly.

(g) Communities Committee

The minute of meeting of the Communities Committee of 24 May 2016 was submitted and noted.

(h) Development Standards Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 31 May 2016 was submitted and noted.

(i) Development Management Review Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Management Review Committee of 31 May 2016 was submitted and noted.

(j) Policy and Resources Committee

The minute of meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 7 June 2016 was submitted and noted.

5. APPOINTMENTS

(i) Angus Alive Trust

The Council noted that Councillor Fairweather had resigned as a Director of the Angus Alive Trust and accordingly the Council was asked to fill the vacancy.

The Council resolved to appoint Councillor Valentine to the Angus Alive Trust.

(ii) Development Standards and Policy and Resources Committees

The Council noted that Councillor Evans had resigned as a member of the Development Standards Committee and the Policy and Resources Committee.

Having also noted that the appointments would require to be made in accordance with the principles of maintaining political balance, the Council resolved to appoint Councillor Houston to the Development Standards Committee and Councillor Devine to the Policy and Resources Committee.

Spokesperson for Development and Enterprise

The Council resolved to appoint Councillor Devine as Spokesperson for Development and Enterprise, having noted the resignation of Councillor Evans.

(iii) Resignation of Councillor Evans from Various Outside Bodies

The Council resolved to appoint Councillor Devine (as Spokesperson for Development and Enterprise) to the undernoted outside bodies, having noted the resignation of Councillor Evans.

- TAYPlan Joint Committee (The Strategic Development Planning Authority for Dundee, Angus, Perth and North Fife)
- TACTRAN (Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership)
- ESEC (East of Scotland European Consortium)

Dalhousie Day Care Centre

The Council resolved to appoint Councillor Houston to the Dalhousie Day Care Centre, having noted the resignation of Councillor Evans.

(iv) Resignation of Provost Helen Oswald from Various Outside Bodies

The Council resolved to appoint Councillor Jeanette Gaul to the Tayside Contracts Joint Committee and Councillor May to the Angus Community Care Charitable Trust, having noted the resignation of Provost Helen Oswald.

6. FIFTH STATUTORY REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS – FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

With reference to Article 3 of the minute of meeting of the Special Sub Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee of 2 April 2015, there was submitted Report No 246/16 by the Chief Executive/Returning Officer providing details in relation to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland who had published their final report to Scottish Ministers containing final recommendations in respect of the Fifth Review of Electoral Arrangements for all 32 local government areas.

The Commission had now considered responses received during the consultation period and had made the final recommendations for the Angus Local Government Area.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the final recommendations in the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland report – Fifth Statutory Review of Electoral Arrangements – Final Recommendations; and
- (ii) to request the Returning Officer undertake the necessary review of current polling arrangements in Wards 5, 6 and 7 once the final recommendations had been approved by Scottish Ministers.

7. TAY CITIES DEAL – PROPOSED GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 10 December 2015, there was submitted Report No 247/16 by the Chief Executive updating members on the progress made in the development of a Tay Cities City Deal proposal and in particular seeking commitment to continue to participate in the development and to establish a joint committee with Dundee, Fife and Perth & Kinross Councils to oversee the development and negotiation and be the governance body in the implementation of any agreed deal package for the region.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the progress made to date with the development of a Tay Cities City Deal proposal;
- (ii) to agree the establishment of a joint committee to oversee the development and negotiation of the Deal package and to be the governance body for any Deal agreed with the Scottish and UK governments, with a further Report to be brought forward in relation to the constitution and membership of that committee; and
- (iii) to agree to give consideration to any further resources required to deliver a City Deal package in the preparation of the 2017/18 Council budget.

8. 2015/16 FINANCIAL OUTTURN AND DRAFT ACCOUNTS UPDATE

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 2 February 2016, there was submitted Report No 248/16 by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance providing details of the unaudited financial outturn position on both a revenue and capital basis for 2015/16 for Angus Council and an update with regard to the preparation of the 2015/16 Annual Accounts.

The Report indicated that the Annual Accounts for 2015/16 had been concluded to a stage sufficient to allow revenue outturn information to be prepared and commented upon. In summary the Council had delivered a revenue underspend on General Fund Services of £15.180 million and £2.244 million on Housing Revenue Account Services, net capital expenditure of £44.270 million (General Fund) and £7.540 million (Housing) had been incurred in 2015/16. This was some £3.496 million below and £0.324 million above the respective net budgeted positions of £47.766 million and £7.216 million. The draft Annual Accounts would be submitted to Audit Scotland for 30 June 2016 and thereafter considered by the Scrutiny and Audit Committee at their first meeting after the summer recess.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the update with regard to the preparation of the 2015/16 Annual Accounts and that, in accordance with statutory requirements, they would be submitted to Audit Scotland by the 30 June 2016 deadline;
- (ii) to note that the Council's Annual Accounts would be published on-line at or around 30 June 2016 for members wishing to look at these and that copies of the draft accounts would also be placed in the Member's Information Hub;
- (iii) to note the revenue budget performance and associated commentary as set out in Section 4 and Appendix B of the Report;
- (iv) to note the capital budget performance and associated commentary as set out in Section 4 and Appendix D of the Report; and
- (v) to approve the end of year 100% budget carry forwards as set out in Section 4 (and Appendix C) of the Report in accordance with the Council's budget carry forward scheme, subject to none of these being affected by changes arising from the audit process.

REQUISITIONED MEETING OF ANGUS COUNCIL

At this stage in the meeting, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, in response to a question from Councillor Rob Murray, advised the Council that in relation to the requisitioned meeting of Angus Council which was due to take place immediately after this meeting, Landlord's consent had been issued and acknowledged by Carnoustie Golf Links Management Committee. Consequently, it was not legally possible to withdraw the consent.

Thereafter, Councillor Bowles intimated that in light of this advice he would withdraw his requisition for a special meeting of Angus Council.