

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 5 September 2019 at 2.00pm.

Present: Provost RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, Depute Provost COLIN BROWN BEM, Councillors JULIE BELL, BRIAN BOYD, KENNY BRAES, DAVID CHEAPE, BRADEN DAVY, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, CRAIG FOTHERINGAM, SHEILA HANDS, ALEX KING, BEN LAWRIE, DAVID LUMGAIR, ANGUS MACMILLAN DOUGLAS OBE, MARK McDONALD, IAN McLAREN, RICHARD MOORE, BOB MYLES, GAVIN NICOL, MARK SALMOND, LOIS SPEED, TOMMY STEWART, RON STURROCK, DEREK WANN and BETH WHITESIDE.

PROVOST RONNIE PROCTOR, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Brenda Durno.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Salmond declared an interest in Item 10 in that he was on the working group of one of the recommended projects in Montrose. He indicated that, having applied the objectivity test, he would not take part in any discussion or voting on that part of the report which related to Montrose.

Councillor Whiteside declared an interest in Item 12 as a ward Councillor who had been involved in discussions with many residents. She indicated that she would participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

Councillor Hands declared an interest in item 12 as a ward Councillor who had been involved in discussions with residents and also attended meetings in relation to this matter. She indicated that she would participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

Councillor Cheape declared an interest in Item 10 as he had promoted a number of ideas for the Town Centre Fund for Carnoustie. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

Councillor McLaren declared a financial interest in Item 10 as he had a business on the High Street in Forfar. He indicated that he would not participate in any discussion and voting and would leave the meeting during consideration of this item.

Provost Ronnie Proctor, Councillors Bell, Braes and Boyd declared an interest in Item 10 as they each had had conversations with constituents regarding this matter. They indicated that they would participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

Councillor Devine declared an interest in Item 10 as she had been involved with the local group Forfar Action Network. She indicated that she would participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

3. REQUESTS FOR A DEPUTATION

The Provost intimated that deputation requests had been received from Margaret A Robertson, The Hardware Stores, Brechin and Montrose in relation to car parking charges; Mr Colin Hunter, Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff Community Council and Mr James Shaw, Chair of Liff Primary School Parent/Carer Council in relation to Item 11 and Mr Ian Whyte in relation to Item 4 (i).

The Committee resolved to receive all of the deputations.

Mrs Robertson addressed the meeting and referred to the reduced income figures as reported recently in relation to car parking charges and urged the Council to arrange a meeting with the public to discuss this matter.

Following a number of questions, Mrs Robertson withdrew to the public benches.

Mr Hunter then addressed the meeting with and urged the Council to continue dialogue with neighbouring authorities and the Scottish Futures Trust in relation to the joint 2-18 community learning campus.

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

Mr Shaw then addressed the meeting and urged the Council to continue with discussions with neighbouring authorities.

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

Mr Whyte then addressed the meeting in support of the motion on a climate emergency and urged the Council to plan for a sustainable future.

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

4. MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

(i) Minutes of Council Meetings

(a) Angus Council

The minute of meeting of Angus Council of 20 June 2019 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

(b) Angus Council (Special)

The minute of the special meeting of Angus Council of 13 August 2019 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

(ii) Minutes of Committees

(c) Development Management Review Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Management Review Committee of 18 June 2019 was submitted and noted.

(d) Development Standards Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 18 June 2019 was submitted and noted.

(e) Scrutiny and Audit Committee

The minute of meeting of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee of 18 June 2019 was submitted and noted.

(f) Civic Licensing Committee (Special)

The minute of the special meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee of 3 July 2019 was submitted and noted.

(g) Development Management Review Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Management Review Committee of 16 July 2019 was submitted and noted.

(h) Civic Licensing Committee (Special)

The minute of the special meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee of 22 July 2019 was submitted and noted.

(i) Development Standards Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 6 August 2019 was submitted and noted.

(j) Development Management Review Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Management Review Committee of 6 August 2019 was submitted and noted.

(k) Civic Licensing Committee

The minute of meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee of 8 August 2019 was submitted and noted.

(l) Communities Committee

The minute of meeting of the Communities Committee of 13 August 2019 was submitted and noted.

(m) Civic Licensing Committee (Special)

The minute of the special meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee of 15 August 2019 was submitted and noted.

(n) Children and Learning Committee

The minute of meeting of the Children and Learning Committee of 15 August 2019 was submitted and noted.

(o) Scrutiny and Audit Committee

The minute of meeting of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee of 20 August 2019 was submitted and noted.

(p) Policy and Resources Committee

The minute of meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 27 August 2019 was submitted and noted.

5. MOTION IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 25(1)

(i) Climate Emergency

Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Duff, moved that:-

This Council hereby declares a climate emergency and recognises the impact this will have on our quality of life now and for future generations. We recognise the need to place climate change at the heart of everything we do. We fully commit to taking effective action to limit the impact on our Council area, our people and our quality of life. We therefore ask that the already established Climate Change Member Officer Group (MOG) meets within a month to consider actions to be taken in the short and medium term (at present the date for its next meeting is 10 October) and oversee implementation of the following 9-point plan.

1. We recognise the challenges ahead to tackle climate change, and whilst we have already made significant strides towards achievement of a regional net zero carbon status we will seek to achieve this outcome by the year 2045, aligned to the Angus SECAP, and subject to continuous review;
2. We recognise our critical strategic leadership role to tackle climate change and will strengthen the theme of climate change within community planning/council priorities from which our strategic objectives and outcomes will flow;
3. We will ensure that all future and ongoing policy and practice development across our council directorates and departments identify ways in which we can move further and faster on carbon reduction measures;

4. We recognise the existing impact of the changing climate on the lives of local populations and will work with them to adapt to the impacts of climate change; individuals, communities and businesses need a greater understanding of climate change and its impacts. We will therefore encourage more Resilience Groups to be established in towns as well as in rural areas;
5. We recognise the importance of biodiversity, land use and our natural environment in our drive to reduce the impact of climate change. We will encourage and support practices, such as carbon capture, to enhance and sustain the farmed and natural world, as contained within the Tayside Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2016-2026;
6. We will embrace innovative measures and respond as a priority to technological advances which can reduce our Council area's impact on climate change. This will enable opportunities to contribute to the economic development and diversity of our area by supporting businesses, communities and partnerships, such as the Tay Cities Deal, which can benefit from schemes and projects which support our priority to tackle climate change;
7. We recognise that our pursuit of net zero carbon emissions is a challenge which all people who live and work in our area will share. Accordingly we will work with others to establish a Climate Action Network in Angus, bringing together representative from across Tayside, including universities and colleges, harnessing the skills, experience and innovation our people possess to inform and influence the action we will take as a council, and sharing best practice. In doing so, we may be able to increase resources which at present are limited;
8. We will produce a Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan which will incorporate our obligations under the Climate Change (Emission Reduction Targets)(Scotland) Bill when enacted, encapsulate everything that we can do to reduce or eliminate carbon emission and will incorporate action on loss of biodiversity and our natural environment;
9. We will work with colleagues in Dundee City Council and the Tayside Pension Board to influence decision- takers to orientate our pension funds towards renewable energies and emerging technologies.

This motion builds on the good work that Angus Council has already undertaken. Early indication through the Council's statutory climate duties report shows that the Council has achieved 37 % reduction in carbon emissions against this year's baseline figures.

COUNCILLOR MCLAREN, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SPEED, MOVED AS AN AMENDMENT, THAT THIS COUNCIL:-

- (I) DECLARES A CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND RECOGNISES THE IMPACT ON LIFE FOR NOW AND FUTURE GENERATIONS. THIS COUNCIL RECOGNISES THE WORK OF OUR CLIMATE CHANGE MOG, ITS ONGOING WORK NOW AND FROM PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS;
- (II) RECOGNISES WORK ON CARBON REDUCTION INCLUDING STREET LIGHTING, IN-HOUSE HEATING AND IMPROVED RECYCLING AS AN AREA WE HAVE IMPROVED THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ANGUS RESIDENTS;
- (III) AGREES THAT THE MEMBER OFFICER GROUP RETAINS ITS CURRENT SUCCESSFUL FORMAT AND MEETS AT AGREED SCHEDULE TO DISCUSS EXTENDING THE CURRENT CALENDAR;
- (IV) NOTES THE NINE POINT PLAN AND THAT THE MOG WILL DECIDE WHAT WILL BE TAKEN FORWARD FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION; AND

- (V) THIS AMENDMENT BUILDS ON THE GOOD WORK OF ANGUS COUNCIL, THE CONTINUED MOG AND ITS CURRENT AMBITION TO REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

The Council resolved to adjourn for a 10 minute period to allow all members to read the detail of the circulated amendment.

The meeting reconvened at 3.46pm.

Having heard from a number of members, the members voted:-

For the motion:-

Councillors Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Devine, Duff, Hands, King, McDonald, Moore, Whiteside (11).

For the amendment:-

Provost Ronnie Proctor, Depute Provost Colin Brown, Councillors Davy, Fairweather, Fortheringham, Lawrie, Lumgair, MacMillan Douglas, McLaren, Myles, Nicol, Salmond, Speed, Stewart and Wann (15).

No vote:-

Councillor Sturrock.

The amendment was declared carried and the Council resolved accordingly.

6. APPOINTMENTS

(i) Tayside Pension Board

The Council resolved to approve the appointment of Councillor Davy to replace Councillor MacMillan Douglas on the Tayside Pension Board.

7. ANGUS COUNCIL PLAN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2018/2019

Having heard from the Chief Executive, who indicated that the info graphics in the Report had not been produced accurately in the electronic version, the Council resolved to note that the Report would be considered at the next meeting of Angus Council.

8 SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE 2018/2019 ANNUAL REPORT

There was submitted Report No 287/19 by the Chief Executive presenting the Scrutiny and Audit Committee 2018/19 Annual Report for comment and approval.

The Annual Report had been prepared to inform Angus Council of the work undertaken by the Committee and included an action plan for 2019/20 and an update on the actions identified in last year's Annual Report.

The Report concluded that the Convenor of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee was satisfied that the work undertaken by the Committee during 2018/19 provided reasonable assurance that the Council's control environment and governance framework operated effectively and efficiently during 2018/19 and that actions had been put in place to address any weaknesses identified, which the Committee would continue to monitor completion of these actions.

The Council resolved to approve the Scrutiny and Audit Committee 2018/19 Annual Report, attached as Appendix 1 to the Report.

9. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2020/21 – 2022/2023

With reference to Article 11 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 6 September 2018, there was submitted Report No 288/19 by the Director of Finance setting out an updated Medium Term Budget Strategy (MTBS) for Angus Council's General Fund Services incorporating the projected funding shortfall over the period 2020/21 to 2022/23, the strategy

being critical to the Council's medium term financial planning arrangements and in view of the ongoing constraints on public spending.

Approving the strategy did not commit the Council to specific actions or introduce new policies over the period of the strategy, rather it was intended to provide a context in which to develop and trigger early consideration of future actions and strategies which, if they were to be taken forward, would require specific approval by Council or the relevant committees.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report and in particular the need to continue to plan and deliver sustainable savings over the medium to long term to meet the significant financial challenges which the Council faced in the next few years;
- (ii) to note the severity of the challenge the Council faced to remain financially sustainable and the significant and unavoidable impact this would have on services to the public;
- (iii) to approve the updated medium term budget strategy for the period 2020/21 to 2022/23, attached as Appendix A to the Report;
- (iv) to note the central role of the Council's Change Programme in addressing the projected funding gap outlined in the Report and the need for significant new projects and options to be developed;
- (v) to note that there was further development of the Change Programme taking place to identify new projects and options to close the projected funding gaps and that this would be reported separately to members in the next few months;
- (vi) to note that it was essential the Council planned its budget strategy over a rolling 3 year period and made decisions to ensure savings were planned and made across that rolling 3 year period;
- (vii) to note the intention to update the strategy annually to ensure the Council had a rolling 3 year strategy for the revenue budget and a rolling 4 year strategy for the capital budget; and
- (viii) to note that subject to some caveats the Scottish Government had indicated their intention to provide a 3 year local government settlement for 2020/21 – 2022/23 later this calendar year and if this happened the assumed figures set out in this strategy would be reviewed and updated to reflect the figures contained in the Government's published finance settlement.

(Councillor Cheape left the meeting at this point)

10. TOWN CENTRE FUND 2019/20 – PROPOSED PROJECTS

With reference to Article 11 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 20 June 2019, there was submitted joint Report No 289/19 by the Director of Communities and the Director of Finance advising members of the results from the recent consultation on options for using the additional funding of £1.080m provided by the Scottish Government under the heading of the Town Centre Fund and making recommendations on a shortlist of projects to be taken forward, albeit these would require to be subject to further assessment of costs and timescales in some cases.

At this stage, the Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report and in particular the aims of the Town Centre Fund and the four significant factors which needed to be taken into account in determining the Council's approach to use of the Fund as set out in paragraph 2.3 of the Report;
- (ii) to note the assessment process used by officers to identify a project shortlist and those projects recommended to be pursued as outlined in Section 3 and Appendix 2 of the Report;

- (iii) to note that those projects recommended to be pursued would require further investigation to establish detailed costs, firm timescales and procurement options and in some cases would require detailed discussion with businesses, community groups and other partners;
- (iv) to note that in light of (iii) above, it may not be possible to deliver all of the recommended projects and some flexibility on the final projects delivered was likely to be required to ensure the available funds in each burgh were utilised in full and to best effect;
- (v) to note the summary outputs from the consultation process in Appendix 1;
- (vi) to note the shortlisted and not shortlisted projects for each burgh set out in Appendices 3a to 3g; and
- (vii) to approve the following, in respect of:-

Arbroath Projects

- G1 Tourist app create/develop an app to help tourists and visitors and (R2) contribute to renovation works of Arbroath Court House with officers to come back with revenue and capital implications of the project.

Brechin Projects

- G1 Create more tourist information points focusing on history of Brechin/touchscreen tourist facility promoting history and trails. Develop an app promoting tourist trails and breaching history.
- G2 Clean gutters, minor repairs, painting of identified buildings. Pot per town - transferable to other projects.
- G3 Refurbish cemetery den to include play area, picnic benches and movable bandstand.

Carnoustie Projects

- G1 Combined Project - a) Carnoustie heritage trail, inc high street, seating and information points at each stage. Incorporates Golfer walk of fame; b) new signage for tourist points; c) create golfer walk of fame linking high street, linking into tourist trail/app.
- G2 Tourist app create/develop an app to help tourists and visitors.
- G3 Improvements to the underpass leading to the golf course/beach (Council). Locally inspired art works on underpass to golf course – variation on existing proposal.
- G4 Combined Project - a) Beachfront Improvements. Improve playpark and seated alcoves along beach. Low level lighting on the sea-wall path; b) interpretation boards highlighting flora & fauna, publicly accessible telescopes, and an outdoor fitness trail; c) Low level lighting on the sea-wall path from the station to the hotel.
- G5 Clean gutters, minor repairs, painting of identified buildings. Pot per town transferrable to other projects.

Councillor McLaren having declared a financial interest at Item 2 above, left the meeting during consideration of that part of the Report which related to Forfar.

Forfar Projects

- G1 Clean gutters, minor repairs, painting of identified buildings. Pot per town - transferrable to other projects.
- G3 Lighting project – Prominent buildings.

- G4 Create new park facility for kids or make improvements to existing ones to expand facilities.
- N1 Improve pedestrian route from town centre to loch/country park.
- N4 Swift project. Installation of nesting boxes for swifts in town centre areas, plus lampposts on North Street.

Kirriemuir Projects

- G2 Rock and Roll Memorabilia Museum.

Monifieth Projects

To delegate authority to the Director of Communities, following discussions with local members and the Director of Finance, to agree the projects to be taken forward.

Councillor Salmond having declared an interest at Item 2 above, left the meeting during consideration of that part of the Report that related to Montrose.

Montrose Projects

- G3 Clean gutters, minor repairs, painting of identified buildings. Pot per town – transferable to other projects. With consideration to be given to look at widening this to the whole of the High Street.

Thereafter, the Council further resolved:-

- (viii) to delegate authority to the Director of Communities, following consultation with local ward members, to determine (i) when any projects recommended under paragraph (viii) prove undeliverable and (ii) where any projects from the reserve list for each burgh can be implemented either because funds allow or because any project(s) recommended under paragraph (viii) prove undeliverable;
- (ix) to delegate authority to the Director of Communities, following consultation with the Directors of Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Infrastructure to take the necessary steps to deliver the projects approved by the Council and to establish suitable governance arrangements in doing so; and
- (x) to note that a progress update report on delivery of the projects using the Town Centre Fund would be provided to the Policy & Resources Committee in January 2020.

11. ANGUS INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SERVICES CORPORATE PARENTING REPORT 2019

There was submitted Report No 290/19 by the Depute Chief Executive presenting an overview of the partnership work by corporate parents from April 2017 to March 2019 to deliver improvements for the Council's looked after children and young people in line with the vision for our young people as laid out in the Council's corporate parenting pledge and Corporate Parenting Plan 2017 – 2020.

Delivering on the corporate parenting pledge to children, young people and care experienced young people had required the Corporate Parenting Board to build strong and resilient partnerships which had enabled the Board to make some of the considerable developments detailed in the report.

Having heard from Councillor Wann, the Council resolved to note the contents of the Angus Corporate Parenting Report 2019 and the work taking place to improve opportunities and outcomes for looked after children and young people.

At this point in the meeting, (the time being 4.45pm) the Council resolved, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 21(8) that the meeting continue to the conclusion of the business.

12. UPDATE ON LEARNING ESTATE TRANSFORMATION ACROSS TAYSIDE AND MONIFIETH OPTIONS APPRAISAL

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of the special meeting of the Children and Learning Committee held earlier today, there was submitted Report No 285/19 by the Director of Schools and Learning providing an update on the potential opportunities identified for Angus, Dundee City and Perth & Kinross Councils to work in collaboration on the development of a combined learning estate. The Report also provided an update on collaborative opportunities for Angus and Dundee City Councils in the West Broughty Ferry/Monifieth area and an update on the Monifieth Options Appraisal for the wider learning estate.

The Council then heard from the Director of Schools and Learning in terms of the consideration of this Report by the Children and Learning Committee earlier today.

THEREAFTER, COUNCILLOR WANN, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SPEED, MOVED THAT THIS COUNCIL:-

- (I) NOTES THE CONSIDERATION OF CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2019;
- (II) NOTES THE OUTCOMES OF THE RECENT INFORMAL CONSULTATION IN RELATION TO A POTENTIAL JOINT 2-18 COMMUNITY LEARNING CAMPUS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DUNDEE CITY AND PERTH & KINROSS COUNCILS;
- (III) AGREES THAT OPTION 6 OF THE MONIFIETH OPTIONS APPRAISAL HAD BEEN FULLY EXPLORED;
- (IV) AGREES THAT ANGUS' INVOLVEMENT IN A POTENTIAL JOINT CAMPUS WOULD CEASE ON THE BASIS OF FEEDBACK AND ENGAGEMENT, INCLUDING OPINIONS ABOUT SCHOOL CLOSURES, AND FINANCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS;
- (V) AGREES THAT OPTIONS 3 AND 5 OF THE MONIFIETH OPTIONS APPRAISAL WOULD NOW BE THE FOCUS OF FUTURE WORK TO DELIVER ON OUR ASPIRATIONS TO IMPROVE THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE MONIFIETH CLUSTER SCHOOLS;
- (VI) NOTES THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE WIDER ANGUS SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE PROGRAMME AS OUTLINED BELOW;
- (VII) AGREES THE DRAFT TIMELINE OF ANGUS SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE ACTIVITY FOR THE COMING YEAR;
- (VIII) NOTES THAT A REVIEW OF THE ANGUS SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE STRATEGY WAS DUE IN SEPTEMBER 2020;
- (IX) NOTES THAT NO DECISION IN RELATION TO BARNHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL SECONDARY CATCHMENTS WOULD BE MADE UNTIL OPTIONS 3 AND 5 HAVE BEEN PROGRESSED;
- (X) NOTES THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THIS REPORT, IF AGREED, MAY BE THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION FOR ANGUS BUT MAY IMPACT ON THE DUNDEE CITY AND PERTH & KINROSS LEARNING ESTATES;
- (XI) NOTES THAT ANY POTENTIAL FUTURE COLLABORATIONS WITH NEIGHBOURING AUTHORITIES WOULD CONTINUE TO BE EXPLORED; AND
- (XII) NOTES THE POSITIVE COLLABORATIVE WORK WITH DUNDEE CITY AND PERTH & KINROSS COUNCILS THAT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN PROGRESSING THIS WORK.

Councillor Whiteside, seconded by Councillor Hands, moved as an amendment, that this Council:-

- (i) acknowledges the strength of feeling in the affected communities and agrees that it was premature to make a decision on the Tri School Project on the basis of this informal consultation;
- (ii) recognises the ambition and scale of the Tri School proposals and appreciates the support afforded in principle by the Scottish Futures Trust;
- (iii) agrees to proceed with informal consultation, in-line with local opinion, on the basis of the three councils sharing the secondary element – allowing however, for flexibility depending on the agreed location of the campus; and
- (iv) requests the Council continue discussions with Dundee City Council regarding developing the learning estate in Monifieth/Broughty Ferry.

The Council resolved to adjourn for a ten minute period to allow all members to read the detail of the circulated amendment.

The meeting re-convened at 5.03pm.

Having heard from a number of members, the members voted:-

For the motion:-

Provost Ronnie Proctor, Depute Provost Colin Brown, Councillors Davy, Fairweather, Fotheringham, Lawrie, Lumgair, MacMillan Douglas, McLaren, Moore, Myles, Nicol, Salmond, Speed, Stewart, Sturrock and Wann (17).

For the amendment:-

Councillors Bell, Boyd, Braes, Devine, Duff, Hands, King, McDonald and Whiteside (9).

The motion was declared carried and the Council resolved accordingly.

13. PROPOSAL TO DESIGNATE CENTENERY FIELDS COMMEMORATING WORLD WAR ONE

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of the Communities Committee of 8 August 2019, there was submitted Report No 291/19 by the Director of Communities seeking members approval to support and commit to a nationwide initiative led by Fields in Trust in conjunction with the British Legion and Poppy Scotland to provide legal protection to specific parks in commemoration of the sacrifice made by all those who lost their lives in World War One. The initiative had been endorsed by Fields in Trust patron HM The Queen and their president HRH the Duke of Cambridge, with the protected sites to be designated Centenary Fields.

Councillor Salmond, seconded by Councillor Moore, moved that the Council resolves that Dempster Park be included in the Fields in Trust Scotland Centenary Fields initiative and to authorise the Director of Communities, following consultation with the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, to enter into a Minute of Agreement with Fields in Trust Scotland on the future protection of the site nominated, provided the agreement did not conflict with the Council's title obligations.

COUNCILLOR DUFF, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRAES, MOVED AS AN AMENDMENT, THAT GIVEN THE RISKS OUTLINED BY OFFICERS AT POINT 5 IN REPORT NO 219/19, THE COUNCIL RESOLVES TO TAKE NO ACTION.

The Council resolved to adjourn for a ten minute period in order that the Provost could take advice from the relevant officers and consult with the local members.

The meeting reconvened at 5.54pm following which Councillor Salmond intimated that he was withdrawing his support for the motion.

Thereafter, Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor by Lawrie, moved (as the motion) that the Council approves the recommendations in the Report, on the basis that the site included the plan red and hatched.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For the motion:-

Depute Provost Colin Brown, Councillors Davy, Fotheringham, Lawrie, MacMillan Douglas, Moore and Myles (7).

For the amendment:-

Provost Ronnie Proctor, Councillors Bell, Boyd, Braes, Devine, Duff, Fairweather, Hands, King, Lumgair, McLaren, Nicol, Salmond, Speed, Sturrock, Wann and Whiteside (17).

No vote:-

Councillor Stewart.

The amendment was declared carried and the Council resolved accordingly.