

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 15 April 2014 at 2.38 pm.

Present: Councillors MAIRI EVANS, SHEILA HANDS, BILL BOWLES, BILL DUFF, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, IAIN GAUL, JEANETTE GAUL, MARTYN GEDDES, DONALD MORRISON, IAN McLAREN, DAVID MAY, ROB MURRAY, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE and BOB SPINK.

Councillor EVANS, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Alex King, with Councillor Donald Morrison substituting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bill Duff declared a non-financial interest in Report No 185/14 (Article 4) in that he was a Trustee of the Ian McIntosh Memorial Trust. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting.

Councillor Jeanette Gaul declared a non-financial interest in Report No 185/14 (Article 4) in that she was Chairperson of the Commonwealth Games Project Board and had taken part in discussions about the proposal with the Service Manager, Economic Development. She indicated that she would participate in any discussion and voting.

Councillor David May declared non-financial interests in two applications for Community Grants in Report No 185/14 (Article 4) in that he was a committee member of Montrose Music Festival; and also that he was a committee member on the Montrose Playhouse Project. He indicated that he would not participate in discussion and voting, and would leave the meeting during consideration of these matters.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The [minute of meeting of this Committee of 4 March 2014](#) was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

Having declared an interest in aspects of the following item, Councillor David May left the meeting at this point.

4. ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 4 March 2014, there was submitted [Report No 185/14](#) by the Chief Executive, advising as to applications to Angus Council in 2014/2015 of £1,000 or less, and/or approved since 4 March 2014, and making recommendations on determination of grant awards of over £1,000 to the Council since 1 April 2014.

The Report also proposed the allocation of £50,000 from the 2014/2015 Grant Scheme budget to a bespoke Commonwealth Games Fund, and authorisation for the Commonwealth Games Project Board to approve applications on a monthly basis of up to £2,000 for this fund only.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the grant awards for 2013/2014 of £1,000 or less, made since 4 March 2014;
- (ii) to approve grant awards of over £1,000 recommended for approval since 1 April 2014;
- (iii) to note the summary information provided for applications submitted to the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme in 2013/2014, and the feedback from applicants; and

- (iv) to authorise up to £50,000 of the 2014/2015 Angus Council Community Grant Scheme budget to be used to create a time limited Commonwealth Games Fund, and to authorise the Commonwealth Games Project Board to approve applications for up to £2,000.

Councillor May returned to the meeting at this point.

The following item was, on the determination of the Convener, dealt with as a matter of urgency in view of the need to inform the Committee of the outcome of negotiations with Scottish Enterprise.

5. REGENERATION OF SOUTH MONTROSE

With reference to Article 6 of the [minute of meeting of this Committee of 21 January 2014](#), there was submitted [Report No 198/14](#) by the Chief Executive, seeking approval to accept an offer of a financial contribution of up to £1.5 million from Scottish Enterprise towards the delivery of the spine road project for South Montrose.

The draft offer from Scottish Enterprise had been received on 25 March 2014; however discussions had been necessary with representatives of Scottish Enterprise prior to officers being able to recommend to Committee acceptance of the offer, and associated key conditions. The Report indicated that there remained some legal wording within the offer to be finally agreed.

The offer from Scottish Enterprise was in two parts. Scottish Enterprise had offered a contribution of up to £900,000 for the works associated with the design and construction of the South Montrose spine road, Section 2. An additional offer of up to £600,000 had been made to fund any additional works that may be required, being new roads that may be required, associated with Section 2 of the spine road. This work however, was no longer required and therefore would not proceed.

Officers would continue to liaise with Scottish Enterprise in order to determine what was required to improve the local infrastructure and stimulate the private sector investment.

The Committee agreed to authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Convener, to finalise and accept the terms of an offer of a financial contribution from Scottish Enterprise as outlined in the Report, towards the delivery of the spine road for South Montrose.