

- (ii) to approve the grant award of over £1,920.00 to Kirriemuir and Dean Area Partnership and approve the recommendation of the grant rejection in respect of Arbroath Musical Society.

Thereafter, Councillor Hands, seconded by Councillor Fairweather moved that a grant of £5,000 be awarded to Arbroath Ski Club, subject to the conditions detailed in the Report.

COUNCILLOR DUFF, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BOWLES, MOVED AS AN AMENDMENT, THAT A GRANT OF £2,500 BE AWARDED TO ARBROATH SKI CLUB, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS DETAILED IN THE REPORT.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For the motion:

Councillors Hands, Fairweather, Geddes, Myles, and Proctor (5).

For the amendment:

Councillors Bowles, Duff, Iain Gaul, Jeanette Gaul, King, McLaren, May, Murray, Spink and Houston (10).

The amendment therefore became the finding of the meeting and the Committee resolved accordingly.

## **6. EAST COAST MAINLINE AUTHORITIES CONSORTIUM**

There was submitted Report No 459/14 by the Chief Executive informing members of the work of the East Coast Mainline Authorities Consortium and of the Council's involvement of the group. The Report set out the findings of the Consortium's recently published prospectus and recommended the continuing involvement and support to the group's work.

The Report advised that the Consortium was now starting to make the case for further investment in the East Coast Mainline based on the evidence contained in the prospectus. This required to continue over the next few years to ensure that the investment required was made by both governments and the rail industry. The case required to be made for both immediate funding before 2019 in the current rail investment plan over and above the sums already allocated, and increased investment in the future so that the economies along the route including Angus could reach their full potential. The Consortium had agreed that lobbying the key decision makers to raise awareness of the economic case for investment in the line should be priority for the period ahead.

The recent Consortium meeting held in September 2014 had also agreed that each member organisation should be asked to endorse the prospectus, incorporate its finding and priorities into its own economic development strategy and support the planned lobbying activity designed to achieve the required investment.

The Committee then agreed to a request from Councillor Oswald to address the Committee on this item.

Councillor Oswald advised the Committee of her concerns regarding the omission of the Carnoustie Railway Station from the East Coast Mainline and called for officers to reinvigorate negotiations with Network Rail regarding the re-activation of the former Goods Yard at Carnoustie.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the background to the establishment of the East Coast Mainline Authorities (ECMA) Consortium and the involvement of Angus Council in the organisation to date.
- (ii) that continued involvement of the Council in the Consortium in partnership with TACTRAN, the regional transport partnership;