

## ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 27 May 2014 at 2.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillors MAIRI EVANS, SHEILA HANDS, BILL BOWLES, BILL DUFF, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, IAIN GAUL, JEANETTE GAUL, MARTYN GEDDES, ALEX KING, IAN McLAREN, DAVID MAY, HELEN OSWALD, MARK SALMOND, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE and BOB SPINK.

Councillor EVANS, Convener, in the Chair.

### 1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors David Fairweather, Rob Murray and Bob Myles, with Councillors Craig Fotheringham, Helen Oswald and Mark Salmond substituting, respectively.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mairi Evans declared a non-financial interest in [Report No 238/14](#) (Article 6) in that she was a member of the fundraising group for BRAVO, Brechin. She indicated that she would not participate in any discussion and voting and would leave the meeting for the consideration of this item.

Councillor Helen Oswald declared a non-financial interest in [Report No 238/14](#) (Article 6) in that her spouse was a member of Carnoustie Community Council. She indicated that she would participate in any discussion and voting.

### 3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The [minute of meeting of this Committee of 15 April 2014](#) was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

### 4. INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 15 APRIL 2014 TO 27 MAY 2014

There was submitted and noted [Report No 236/14](#) by the Chief Executive, providing information to members with regard to services delivered by the Chief Executive's Unit for the period 15 April 2014 to 27 May 2014.

### 5. VISITSCOTLAND - PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR 2014-2015

With reference to Article 6 of the [minute of meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 19 November 2013](#), there was submitted [Report No 237/14](#) by the Chief Executive, seeking approval of a funding package for VisitScotland services to Angus Council for 2014-2015. The Agreement covered such issues as the continued operation of the Visitor Information Centres at Arbroath Harbour Visitor Centre for a further one year and at Pictavia, Brechin until 31 October 2014; and arrangements for marketing activities to the benefit of tourism development in Angus.

The agreement would be subject to a year end Report provided by VisitScotland to the Council to enable the Council to monitor return on investment and success against performance indicators.

The Committee agreed to authorise the Service Manager, Economic Development, to:

- (i) conclude a Minute of Agreement between Angus Council and VisitScotland for a period of one year from 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 inclusive, for the management of key visitor information facilities in Arbroath and Brechin by VisitScotland on a shared basis, at a cost to Angus Council of £39,000; and

- (ii) to make a contribution for seasonal national marketing activity for Angus of £15,000.

*Councillor Evans, having declared an interest in the following item, left the meeting for the consideration of the item. Councillor Hands, Vice-Convenor, took the Chair for the item.*

## **6. ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME – NEW APPLICATIONS**

With reference to Article 4 of the [minute of meeting of this Committee of 15 April 2014](#), there was submitted [Report No 238/14](#) by the Chief Executive, advising members as to applications to Angus Council in 2014/2015 of £1,000 or less, submitted, and/or approved since 15 April 2014, and recommending approval of grant awards of over £1,000 which had been recommended for approval since 15 April 2014.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the grant awards for 2014/2015 of £1,000 or less, made since 15 April 2014; and
- (ii) to approve grant awards of over £1,000 recommended for approval since 15 April 2014.

*At the conclusion of this item, Councillor Evans re-entered the meeting and resumed the Chair.*

## **7. ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME – PROPOSED CHANGES TO CRITERIA**

With reference to Article 7 of the [minute of meeting of this Committee of 4 March 2014](#), there was submitted [Report No 249/14](#) by the Chief Executive, making a recommendation for the introduction of amended criteria, following review by the Member/Officer Group (Community Grant Scheme).

Having heard from Councillor Iain Gaul who expressed concern that the new criteria set out in paragraph 4.1 did not provide sufficient protection to youth groups or groups for individuals with special needs, Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Hands, moved the proposals as set out in the Report, subject to an amendment to the wording of proposal 4.1 to safeguard such groups and a minor amendment in the wording in 4.2.

COUNCILLOR IAIN GAUL, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR OSWALD, MOVED AS AN AMENDMENT, THE TERMS OF REPORT NO 249/14, INCLUDING THE REVISED WORDING TO PARAGRAPH 4.1 AND 4.2 BUT FURTHER AMENDING PARAGRAPH 4.2 TO ENSURE THAT AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME BY THE PROPRIETOR OF A LICENSED PREMISES (IE WHO HELD A LICENCE AND AN OPERATING PLAN), WITHIN WHICH A COMMUNITY GROUP MIGHT STILL LEGITIMATELY HOLD A FUND RAISING FUNCTION, BE NOT ELIGIBLE.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For the motion:

Councillors Evans, Hands, Geddes and McLaren (4).

For the amendment:

Councillors Bowles, Duff, Fotheringham, Iain Gaul, Jeanette Gaul, King, May, Oswald, Salmond, Proctor and Spink (11).

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

**8. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The Committee agreed, in terms of Standing Order 27(2), that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, so as to avoid the possible disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of Part 1 of Schedule 7(a) to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, paragraphs 6 and 9.

**9. LAND SALE AT BRECHIN BUSINESS PARK**

There was submitted [Report No 239/14](#) by the Chief Executive, seeking approval for the freehold disposal of a development site at Brechin Business Park.

The Committee agreed to approve the recommendations as set out in the Report.