

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 30 September 2014 at 2.00 pm.

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

Councillor EVANS, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

There were no apologies intimated.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee agreed to note that there were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The [minute of meeting of this Committee of 19 August 2014](#) was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 19 AUGUST 2014 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

There was submitted and noted [Report No 400/14](#) by the Chief Executive, providing information to members with regard to services delivered by the Chief Executive's Unit for the period 19 August 2014 to 30 September 2014.

5. ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 19 August 2014, there was submitted [Report No 401/14](#) 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 19 August 2014, and recommending approval of grant awards of over £1,000 which had been recommended for approval since 19 August 2014. The final awards made from the Commonwealth Games fund prior to 22 July were also detailed in the Report.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the grant awards for 2014/2015 of £1,000 or less, made since 19 August 2014;
- (ii) to approve grant awards of over £1,000 recommended for approval since 19 August 2014; and
- (iii) to note the last Commonwealth Games grant awards made prior to the 22 July deadline.

6. EAST OF SCOTLAND EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM (ESEC) PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSION TO PERIOD AS HOST AUTHORITY

With reference to Article 10 of the minute of meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 28 February 2012, there was submitted [Report No 402/14](#) by the Chief Executive, proposing that Angus Council extended its role as host authority by a further two years to 31 March 2017.

The Committee agreed to approve an extension of two years for the hosting of the ESEC Secretariat until 31 March 2017.

7. PICTAVIA UPDATE

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 19 November 2013, there was submitted [Report No 403/14](#) by the Chief Executive, seeking approval of the future approach to be taken with regards to the Pictavia visitor attraction, Brechin, the building which currently housed Pictavia at Haughmuir, Brechin.

The Report proposed that Pictavia be closed as a visitor attraction at the conclusion of the current season on 31 October 2014. Current seasonal staff contracts would also terminate on 31 October 2014. It was also proposed that the building would then be offered for sale or lease to Brechin Castle Centre Limited in the first instance, as per the terms of the original Agreement.

COUNCILLOR EVANS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HANDS, MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE AGREES:-

- (I) TO NOTE THE OUTCOME OF THE RECENT INDEPENDENT REVIEW INTO PICTAVIA;
- (II) TO THE CLOSURE OF PICTAVIA AND REMIT THE SERVICE MANAGER – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HEADS OF TECHNICAL AND PROPERTY SERVICES, LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT AND FINANCE TO EXPLORE THE LEASE OR SALE OF THE BUILDING TO BRECHIN CASTLE CENTRE LIMITED;
- (III) TO NOTE THAT A SUITABLE FACILITY/FACILITIES WOULD BE FOUND TO HOUSE THE SEVEN PICTISH STONES AND TAKE ON THE EDUCATION OF PICTISH HERITAGE ROLE;
- (IV) TO NOTE THAT VISITOR INFORMATION PROVISION IN BRECHIN WOULD BE SERVICED FROM BRECHIN LIBRARY AS OF 1 NOVEMBER 2014 AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS WOULD BE REVIEWED AS PART OF THE OVERALL ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE MINUTE OF AGREEMENT WITH VISIT SCOTLAND; AND
- (V) TO NOTE THAT A FURTHER REPORT SETTING OUT DETAILS OF ANY SALE OR LEASE WOULD BE BROUGHT FORWARD TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE IN DUE COURSE.

Councillor Bowles, seconded by Councillor Fairweather, moved as an amendment, to defer consideration of the Report and that a further Report be submitted setting out a range of options which would include the involvement of the private sector in Pictavia.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For the motion:-

Councillors Evans, Hands, Duff, Iain Gaul, Jeanette Gaul, King, May, Murray, Myles, Proctor and Spink (11)

For the amendment:-

Councillors Bowles, Fairweather, Geddes and McLaren (4).

The motion was declared carried and became the finding of the meeting.