

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of the Special MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 30 January 2018 at 3.02pm.

Present: Provost RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, Depute Provost COLIN BROWN, Councillors JULIE BELL, BRIAN BOYD, KENNY BRAES, DAVID CHEAPE, BRADEN DAVY, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, BRENDA DURNO, 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

There were no apologies intimated.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Braes declared an interest in item 4 as he had received a number of representations from local constituents and as he had met with parents of pupils who attended Stracathro Primary School. He indicated that he would take part in any discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Nicol declared an interest in item 4 as he had been contacted by parents of pupils who attended Stracathro Primary School and also members of the community. He indicated that he would take part in any discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Myles declared an interest in item 4 as he had been contacted by a number of parents in relation to the proposals and as he had relations that attended a number of Angus schools. He indicated that he would take part in any discussion and voting on the item.

Councillors Duff, Cheape, Davy and Brown each declared an interest in item 4 as they were Council appointed Directors of Angus Alive. All indicated that they would take part in any discussion and voting on the item.

3. RECEPTION OF A DEPUTATION

The Provost intimated that a request for a deputation had been received from Mrs Lee Ann Waddell, Vice Chairperson of Stracathro Parent Council in relation to the proposal to consult on the closure of Stracathro Primary School.

The Council resolved to receive the deputation following which Mrs Waddell urged the Committee to remove the closure of Stracathro Primary School from the consultation proposals.

Following questions, Mrs Waddell withdrew to the public benches.

3. SCHOOL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2017-2047

With reference to Article 3 of the minute of the special meeting of the Children and Learning Committee held earlier today, there was submitted Report No 36/18 by the Strategic Director - People providing feedback on the recent pre-consultation activities relating to the School Investment Strategy and presenting proposals for addressing the needs in Angus Schools over a 30 year period.

Following agreement, a pre-consultation exercise had been undertaken across Angus during November 2017 to inform the prioritisation of proposals for the School Investment Strategy for 2017-2047. The Report highlighted the output of the pre-consultation exercise and presented prioritised proposals for consideration. Throughout the pre-consultation process, it had been emphasised that the School Investment Strategy was not simply a programme for building

new schools but about making sure that learning environments were the best they could be to support our children, young people and communities in their learning. To do this, a systematic programme to address issues with the school estate over a 30 year period would be established.

To ensure that the greatest needs were addressed first and finite resources prioritised, all of the schools had been ranked. The criteria for ranking schools and the explanations, together with the ranking of schools were detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 to the Report. Having ranked the schools, the projects to be undertaken had been identified and were detailed in Section 6 of the report. Each school would be dealt with once and as many issues as possible addressed. The planned activities would be reviewed every 2 years to ensure that its prioritisation was based on the most up to date information.

The Strategic Director – People intimated that at the meeting of the Children and Learning Committee held earlier today, the Committee had approved the recommendations of the Report, subject to recommendation (iv) being amended so that the options appraisal for Monifieth High School should include all associated primary schools within the Monifieth cluster.

Having heard from several members, and having heard from Councillor Salmond who requested that the proposal for Monifieth High School also include the provision of leisure facilities, the Council resolved:

- (i) to approve the approach taken to ranking and prioritising the School Investment Strategy;
- (ii) To approve the consultation programme for 2018;
- (iii) to request that consultation proposals for Lethnot, Tarfside, Edzell and Stracathro primary schools be presented for consideration to a meeting of the Children and Learning Committee on 20 February 2018;
- (iv) to request that details of the options appraisal for Monifieth High School and all associated primary schools within the Monifieth cluster be presented to a meeting of the Children and Learning Committee on 19 April 2018;
- (v) to request that the 30 year programme be reviewed, updated and presented to a meeting of the Children and Learning Committee by September 2020; and
- (vi) to approve the updating of the Capital Plan in light of decisions taken.