

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of REQUISITIONED MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 14 January 2020 at 3.00pm.

Present: Provost RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, Depute Provost COLIN BROWN BEM, Councillors JULIE BELL, KENNY BRAES, 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, DEREK WANN and BETH WHITESIDE.

PROVOST RONNIE PROCTOR, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Brian Boyd, David Cheape and Ron Sturrock.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated

3. REQUISITION AND NOTICE OF MOTION

The Council noted the terms of the requisition as detailed below:

“We, the undersigned Councillors of Angus Council, in accordance with the provisions of Angus Council’s Standing Order 8 (4), requisition a special meeting of Angus Council to consider the following motion:

“The Council agrees to amend Standing Order 8 to insert a new clause (8) (5) as follows:

“Should any group of elected members or an elected member wish to bring proposals regarding the Council’s revenue and capital budgets to the annual Special Council meeting to set the Council Tax those budget proposals must be agreed with and a final version submitted to the Director of Finance no later than 15 working days before the date set for the Council Tax setting meeting (or by such other shorter period as may be agreed with the Director of Finance) and such budget proposals, excluding the rate of council tax to be set and proposed contributions to or from the Council Reserves (which will be disclosed as part of the formal motion/amendments at the meeting), will be published together as part of the Council reports for that Council meeting. For the avoidance of doubt, this will not prevent an elected member bringing an amendment or amendments to any budget proposals during the Council meeting as provided for in Standing Orders.”

Signed

Councillor David Fairweather, Councillor Angus Macmillan Douglas, Councillor Colin Brown, Councillor Mark Salmond, Councillor Derek Wann, Councillor Craig Fotheringham, Councillor Ian McLaren”

COUNCILLOR MACMILLAN DOUGLAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FAIRWEATHER, MOVED THE MOTION.

Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Duff, moved as an amendment, that the Council does not support the motion.

Having heard from both the Director of Legal and Democratic Services and the Director of Finance on the practical implications of the Council approving the motion, and having also heard Councillor Hands receive an assurance from officers that all budget papers produced by Angus Council officers would be in an accessible format, the members voted:

For the motion:

Provost Ronnie Proctor, Depute Provost Colin Brown, Councillors Davy, Fairweather, Fotheringham, Lawrie, Lumgair, Macmillan Douglas, McLaren, Moore, Myles, Nicol, Salmond, Speed, Stewart and Wann (16)

For the amendment:

Councillors Bell, Braes, Devine, Duff, Durno, Hands, King, McDonald and Whiteside (9)

The motion was declared carried and the Council resolved accordingly.