

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 6 February 2020 at 2.00pm.

Present: Provost RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, Depute Provost COLIN BROWN BEM, Councillors JULIE BELL, BRIAN BOYD, KENNY BRAES, DAVID CHEAPE, 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 Braden Davy and Ron Sturrock.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Salmond declared a non-financial interest in Item 7 in that he knew members of the Montrose Playhouse Project and the Chair of which was also involved in another community group in which Councillor Salmond was involved. He indicated that he would not participate in any discussion and voting and would leave the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Duff declared a non-financial interest in Item 9 in that he was a Council appointed Director of Montrose Golf Links Limited. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

3. MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

(i) Minutes of Council Meetings

(a) Angus Council

The minute of meeting of Angus Council of 5 December 2019 was submitted and approved as a correct record subject to the following amendment:- "Councillor Cheape left the meeting at the conclusion of Agenda Item No 6" and not as stated at Agenda Item No 13.

The Provost also highlighted that should any member require to leave any meeting prior to the conclusion of the business, they should intimate this to the Provost/Convener.

(b) Angus Council (Special)

The minute of the special meeting of Angus Council of 14 January 2020 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

(ii) Minutes of Committees

(c) Appointments Sub Committee

The minutes of meetings of the Appointments Sub Committee of 23 September, 13 November, 25 November and 4 December 2019 were submitted and noted.

(d) CAT Decision Review Committee

The minute of meeting of the CAT Decision Review Committee of 9 December 2019 was submitted and noted.

(e) Development Standards Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 10 December 2019 was submitted and noted.

(f) Civic Licensing Committee

The minute of meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee of 9 January 2020 was submitted and noted.

(g) Communities Committee

The minute of meeting of the Communities Committee of 14 January 2020 was submitted and noted.

(h) Scrutiny and Audit Committee

The minute of meeting of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee of 21 January 2020 was submitted and noted.

(i) Development Management Review Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Management Review Committee of 28 January 2020 was submitted and noted.

(j) Policy and Resources Committee

The minute of meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 28 January 2020 was submitted and noted.

4. MOTIONS IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 25(1)

(i) COSLA and the Armed Forces Covenant

Councillor Devine, seconded by the Provost, moved that:-

“The Council called on COSLA to set up a policy forum specifically related to developing policies and policy adjustments aimed at supporting serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families in accordance with the commitments made by all Local Authorities in support of the Armed Forces Covenant.”

The Council resolved to approve the motion.

(ii) Erasmus + Programme

Councillor Lawrie, seconded by Councillor Bell, moved that:-

“This Council request that the Chief Executive write to the UK Government to highlight the importance of the Erasmus+ Programme for Angus and asks the UK Government to continue participation in the programme after the UK had left the EU”.

The Council resolved to approve the motion.

5. ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2018/19

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee of 21 January 2020, there was submitted Report No 16/20 by the Chief Executive presenting the Angus Community Plan Annual Performance Report for 2018/19.

The Provost highlighted that following consideration of the Report at the Scrutiny and Audit Committee meeting of 21 January 2020, comments and feedback had been received.

The Council resolved to withdraw the Report meantime to allow officers the opportunity to further consider its contents.

6. ANGUS COUNCIL TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS AUGUST 2020 - JUNE 2021

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 7 February 2019, there was submitted Report No 39/20 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services setting out a timetable of meetings from August 2020 - June 2021.

The Council resolved to approve the timetable of meetings covering the period August 2020 – June 2021, attached as Appendix 1 to the Report.

Councillor Salmond, having declared a non financial interest at Article 2 above, left the meeting during consideration of the following item.

7. COMMON GOOD FUND – PROJECT APPROVAL

There was submitted Report No 40/20 by the Director of Infrastructure seeking approval for a Montrose Common Good fund loan to the Montrose Playhouse Project to assist the project with cashflow for VAT.

Having heard from Councillors Stewart, Duff and Cheape the Council resolved to approve a £40,000 loan from the Montrose Common Good Fund with standard interest to be applied and the loan to be repaid in full at the end of 12 months.

Councillor Salmond rejoined the meeting.

8. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Council resolved, in terms of Standing Order 28(2) that the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following item, so as to avoid the disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Part 1 of Schedule 7A, paragraph 6.

9. MONTROSE GOLF LINKS LIMITED

With reference to Article 16 of the minute of meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 26 November 2019, there was submitted Report No 41/20 by the Depute Chief Executive updating members on discussions with MGLL following the decisions of that Committee in relation to Report No 404/19.

The Council resolved to approve the recommendations as outlined in the Report.