

# ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** hosted at Angus House, Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar and held remotely on Wednesday 12 August 2020 at 2.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillors JULIE BELL, BRIAN BOYD, KENNY BRAES, BRADEN DAVY, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, BRENDA DURNO, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, 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.

In the absence of both the Provost and Depute Provost, and in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 7(1), the Chief Executive called for nominations for Chair of the meeting.

Councillor MacMillan Douglas, seconded by Councillor Wann, moved the appointment of Councillor Fairweather as Chair of the meeting.

There being no further nominations, Councillor Fairweather took the Chair.

At this stage in the meeting, the Chair referred to the evolving train incident at Stonehaven, and intimated that his thoughts were with all those involved.

## 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Provost Ronnie Proctor MBE, Depute Provost Colin Brown BEM and Councillor David Cheape.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bell declared an interest in item 11, Report No 191/20, as she was a Council appointed Board member of Voluntary Action Angus. She indicated that she would participate in any discussion and voting on the item.

Councillors Duff and Boyd both declared an interest in item 12, Report No 192/20, as Council appointed Directors of Montrose Golf Links Ltd. Both indicated that they had been involved in discussions in relation to the new governance structure and that they would leave the meeting during consideration of the item.

Councillor Stewart also declared an interest in item 12, Report No 192/20, as he had had communication with members of Montrose Golf Links Ltd. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting on the item.

## 3. REQUEST FOR A DEPUTATION

The Council resolved to receive a deputation from Miss Daniella Dampsey, a member of the Scottish Youth Parliament representing South Angus in relation to the motion on racial equality which was to be considered by the Council.

*At this stage in the meeting, and in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order (11)(1), the Council resolved that Councillor Lawrie's motion be heard following the deputation and the order of business proceeded in the following order.*

Miss Daniella Dampsey addressed the Council recalling her experiences as a black woman and advising that over the past few months her community had been through experiences that were both painful and tragic. She referred to the recent death of George Floyd and the tragic deaths of a number of other black women, men and children in Scotland, and across the world, and her sadness for those people who were discriminated against as a result of their skin colour. She also referred to the death of Sheku Bayoh in Scotland and how his death was being brought back to light.

Daniella stated that the deaths had reignited the 'Black Lives Matter' campaign, a movement, not just a slogan or an idea. She continued that 'black lives' were people who lived in Scotland and who wanted to be accepted and to be normal, all while noting the discrimination that

existed. Daniella stressed that all lives matter, and that we should all be treated the same and respected individually.

Daniella spoke about racism and her own personal experiences, and those experiences of others within her constituency, and her hope that this Council would recognise that black lives were important and that it was time to call for diversity and inclusion as we moved forward. She challenged the Council to ensure that in schools black British history was not being erased and that the voices of black people in Scotland and across the world is known and taught and that all the issues raised today are brought to the forefront so that young people were actively involved in making sure that they are not contributing to a more toxic society.

Moving forward Daniella would like to see a society that is anti-racist, where everyone is treated equally and not judged on the basis of the colour of their skin.

Having heard a number of members welcome the passionate presentation, and following a number of questions, Miss Dampney was thanked for her deputation.

*At this stage in the meeting, the Convener intimated that Councillor Lawrie had submitted a further amended motion to that published with the papers. The Council resolved to hear the amended motion.*

#### **4. MOTIONS IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 25(1) – RACIAL EQUALITY**

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

“This Council

- (i) notes the protests across the United Kingdom following the death of George Floyd in the United States of America;
- (ii) notes the case of Sheku Bayoh who died in Kirkcaldy in 2015 after being restrained by police officers and notes that a public inquiry into Mr Bayoh’s death is to be held to examine whether Mr Bayoh’s race played any part;
- (iii) notes activists in Tayside played their part in the campaign for racial equality, holding a non-violent, socially distanced demonstration in Dundee on Sunday 26th June, organised by Joy Deslyn;
- (iv) agrees Angus Council understands there is also a problem with racial inequality and prejudice within Scotland and the wider UK;
- (v) agrees black lives matter and requests the Chief Executive to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice at the Scottish Government, providing a copy of this motion and requesting details of any proposed legislation the Scottish Government intend to introduce as a result of the above events;
- (vi) requests that the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning brings forward a Report to Children and Learning Committee, in due course, explaining the ways in which young people will be taught to recognise the full legacy of our history in the context of all backgrounds. For true equality and fairness we must have full knowledge of the repercussions of the past including through colonisation and the slave trade;
- (vii) in preparation for Angus Council’s forthcoming Mainstreaming and Equality Outcome Report 2021-25 due in April 2021, requests that the Director of HR, Digital Enablement, IT and Business Support brings forward a report to Angus Council looking at the profile of BAME employees within Angus Council and how this reflects the wider BAME population in Angus. This report should consider any barriers that BAME employees/residents might experience gaining or progressing through employment and include potential positive action initiatives in the next set of Equality outcomes to be considered by Angus Council in April 2021;
- (viii) furthermore, potential positive action initiatives, in consultation with local BAME organisations, should be considered and fed into the next set of Equality outcomes to be determined by Angus Council in April 2021. Progress on these initiatives can then be monitored and reported on throughout the next four-year Equalities reporting cycle.”

The Council resolved to approve the motion.

## **5. MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES**

### **(i) Minutes of Council Meetings**

#### **(a) Angus Council**

The minute of meeting of Angus Council of 6 February 2020 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

#### **(b) Angus Council (Special)**

The minute of the special meeting of Angus Council of 27 February 2020 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

#### **(c) Angus Council (Special)**

The minute of the special meeting of Angus Council of 3 April 2020 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

#### **(d) Angus Council (Special)**

The minute of the special meeting of Angus Council of 16 July 2020 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

### **(ii) Minutes of Committees**

#### **(e) Development Standards Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 4 February 2020 was submitted and noted.

#### **(f) Communities Committee (Special)**

The minute of special meeting of the Communities Committee of 11 February 2020 was submitted and noted.

#### **(g) Children and Learning Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Children and Learning Committee of 18 February 2020 was submitted and noted.

#### **(h) Civic Licensing Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee of 20 February 2020 was submitted and noted.

#### **(i) Development Management Review Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Development Management Review Committee 20 February 2020 was submitted and noted.

#### **(j) Communities Committee**

The minute of special meeting of the Communities Committee of 25 February 2020 was submitted and noted.

#### **(k) Children and Learning Committee (Special)**

The minute of special meeting of the Children and Learning Committee of 27 February 2020 was submitted and noted.

#### **(l) Development Standards Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 3 March 2020 was submitted and noted.

**(m) Development Management Review Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Development Management Review Committee 3 March 2020 was submitted and noted.

**(n) Scrutiny and Audit Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee of 3 March 2020 was submitted and noted.

**(o) Policy and Resources Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 10 March 2020 was submitted and noted.

**(p) Special Education Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Special Education Committee of 23 April 2020 was submitted and noted.

**(q) Special Arrangements Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Special Arrangements Committee of 28 April 2020 was submitted and noted.

**(r) Development Standards Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 19 May 2020 was submitted and noted.

**(s) Special Arrangements Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Special Arrangements Committee of 26 May 2020 was submitted and noted.

**(t) Scrutiny and Audit Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee of 16 June 2020 was submitted and noted.

**(u) Development Standards Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 18 June 2020 was submitted and noted.

**(v) Development Management Review Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Development Management Review Committee 22 June 2020 was submitted and noted.

**(w) Special Arrangements Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Special Arrangements Committee of 23 June was submitted and approved as a correct record by the members of the Special Arrangements Committee, subject to the following amendment (shown in red):-

**'17. LAND ACQUISITION AT JUBILEE PARK, LETHAM**

There was submitted Report No 182/20 by the Director of Infrastructure, seeking approval to acquire land at Jubilee Park, Letham on behalf of the Housing Revenue Account.

Councillor Moore, as a local member, had no objections to the land acquisition, noting that the western part of the site was already under HRA ownership; and that access to the site was proposed to be taken from the existing development at Bractullo Gardens and / or Jubilee Park through the ground in the ownership of the Council. He suggested however that, as both proposed accesses were on the same corner of the site; would be via what he considered inadequate road networks, one running between sheltered housing; and would emerge on to virtually the same section of Dundee Road, consideration be given by officers to access being taken through a second access point, possibly on to Braehead Road by the school.

The Report noted that purchase by the HRA of the site proposed would facilitate delivery of a joined up development which met the planning brief and fitted the Letham village-scape with an appropriate mix of houses meeting the needs of local families and provided better connectivity between parts of the village and the school.

The Committee agreed to approve the acquisition of the land at Jubilee Park, Letham, as detailed on the plan, Appendix 1 to Report 182/20, on behalf of the HRA for the development of affordable housing at a purchase price of £240,000.'

## 6. MOTIONS IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 25(1)

### (i) Unadopted Roads

COUNCILLOR MOORE, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR LAWRIE, MOVED THAT:-

“THIS COUNCIL NOTES:

- HISTORICALLY MANY PROPERTIES WERE SOLD WITHOUT THE ROAD BEING ADOPTED. PRESENT COSTS TO BRING ROADS UP TO ADOPTABLE STANDARD ARE PROHIBITIVE FOR MOST HOUSEHOLDERS.
- ANGUS COUNCIL HAS NEITHER THE RESOURCES NOR THE RESPONSIBILITY TO REPAIR UNADOPTED ROADS.
- UNADOPTED ROADS WITHIN THE AUTHORITY'S AREA ARE DETERIORATING, SOME TO A STATE WHERE THE AUTHORITY IS HAVING TO CONSIDER CLOSURE.

THIS COUNCIL ASKS:

- (1) THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO WRITE TO THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT AND THE UK GOVERNMENT TO SEEK A GRANT SYSTEM TO ASSIST HOUSEHOLDERS TO MEET THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES;
- (2) THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO WRITE TO THE AUTHORITY'S MP AND MSP'S TO DISCUSS HOW THIS SCHEME COULD BE IMPLEMENTED; AND
- (3) THE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE TO PRODUCE A REPORT DETAILING ESTIMATED COST PER KILOMETRE/MILE TO BRING A ROAD TO AN ADOPTABLE STANDARD AND WHICH UNADOPTED ROADS ARE CURRENTLY A CONCERN FOR CONTINUED COUNCIL SERVICE DELIVERY.”

Councillor Duff, seconded by Councillor King, moved as an amendment, that the Council reject the motion.

On a vote being taken, members voted:

For the motion:-

Councillors Fairweather, Davy, Fotheringham, Lawrie, Lumgair, MacMillan Douglas, McLaren, Moore, Myles, Nicol, Salmond, Stewart, Sturrock and Wann (14).

For the amendment:-

Councillors Bell, Boyd, Braes, Devine, Duff, Durno, Hands, King, McDonald, Speed and Whiteside (11).

The motion was declared carried and the Council resolved accordingly.

**(ii) Removal of Gull Species from SNH General Licenses**

Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Salmond, moved that:-

“This Council notes the content of Report No 110/20 and in particular the decision by SNH to remove all gull species from the general licences and:

- (i) asks the Chief Executive to write to SNH and COSLA with regard to the recent changes to the licensing regime which removed all gull species from the general licence;
- (ii) highlights the menace that seagulls cause to residents & visitors throughout our coastal towns & villages in Angus (and indeed elsewhere) which is detrimental to health & safety and the wellbeing of all; and
- (iii) asks that an exemption to the legislation be considered for towns and villages identified as being at risk from stopping the removal of seagull nests and eggs.”

The Council resolved to approve the motion.

**(iii) COVID-19**

Councillor Whiteside, seconded by Councillor Braes, moved that:-

“Angus Council:

- thanks the residents of Angus for their response to the covid-19 pandemic, the resilience they have shown throughout and continue to do so.
- acknowledges the efforts of the following people, including (but not limited to), health and social care workers, other key workers, parents, unpaid carers, council staff, voluntary organisations and the countless individuals who stepped up to help when this was required – we thank you all.
- commends the response of Angus Health and Social Care Partnership and also NHS Tayside, whose preparation and swift actions in dealing with the crisis were applauded and held as an “exemplar” to health boards across the UK.
- welcomes the strong leadership and efforts of all throughout this pandemic and in line with the Council plan, this Council continues to promote an inclusive Angus that actively cares and reaches out to all; especially those in greatest need of support and that we strive to leave no one behind. Furthermore in line with the Council plan, the Council continues to work together for the greater good through recovery and beyond and utilises resources effectively to respond fairly to the areas of greatest need.

This Council recognises, however, the people behind the statistics and offers our deepest condolences to those who have suffered bereavement as a result of Covid-19.”

The Council resolved to approve the motion.

**(iv) Support for the Local Electricity Bill**

Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Duff, moved that:-

“Angus Council

- (i) acknowledges the efforts that this council has made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;
- (ii) further recognises
  - that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
  - that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would enable and empower new local businesses, or councils, to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local customers, and
  - that revenues received by new local renewable electricity providers could be used to help improve the local economy, local services and facilities and to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions;
- (iii) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, support by 187 MPs which, if made law, would re-establish a Right to Local Supply which would promote local renewable electricity supply companies and co-operatives by making the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply operation; and
- (iv) asks the Chief Executive to:
  - inform the local media of this decision;
  - write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and
  - write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or [info@powerforpeople.org.uk](mailto:info@powerforpeople.org.uk)) expressing Support."

The Council resolved to approve the motion.

**(v) "Free Port" Status**

Councillor Davy, seconded by Councillor Sturrock, moved that:-

"This motion notes the work of Montrose Port in attempting to secure 'Free Port' status, believes this would create huge opportunities for Angus and the wider area in delivering growth and providing investment and new jobs in an area out with the central belt of Scotland.

Believes a Free Port status for Montrose would build on work being done to build a world- class economic hub in Montrose.

This motion also notes that some of the criteria required for securing Free Port status are strong local leadership, and collaborative work between public and private partnerships, therefore this motion shows Angus Council's commitment to delivering this, and asks Council Officials to continue to work to support plans to secure Free Port status for the port of Montrose."

The Council resolved to approve the motion.

**7. APPOINTMENTS**

**(i) Angus Citizen's Advice Bureau Management Committee**

The Council resolved to approve the appointment of Councillor Speed to replace Councillor Lumgair on the Angus Citizens' Advice Bureau Management Committee.

**(ii) Arbroath Golf Links Ltd**

The Council resolved to approve the appointment of Councillor Wann to replace Councillor Fairweather as a Director of Arbroath Golf Links Ltd and to note that, as a consequence, Councillor Wann would replace Councillor Fairweather on the Golf Governance Member/Officer Group.

**8. 2019/20 FINANCIAL OUTTURN AND DRAFT ACCOUNTS UPDATE**

There was submitted Report No 188/20 by the Director of Finance providing details of the unaudited financial outturn position on both a revenue and capital basis for 2019/20 for Angus Council and an update with regard to the preparation of the 2019/20 Annual Accounts.

Having heard from a number of members, the Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the update with regard to the preparation of the 2019/20 Annual Accounts and that, in accordance with statutory requirements, they had been submitted to Audit Scotland by the 30 June 2020 deadline;
- (ii) to note that the Council's Annual Accounts had been published on the Council's website;
- (iii) to note the revenue budget performance and associated commentary as set out in Section 4 and Appendices A, B and D of this Report;
- (iv) to note the capital budget performance and associated commentary as set out in Section 4 and Appendix C of this Report; and
- (v) to approve four of the 32, 100% budget carry forwards received totalling £0.150 million, due to them being deemed urgent requests as set out in Section 4 and Appendix E of the Report, in accordance with the Council's budget carry forward scheme, subject to none of these being affected by changes arising from the audit process.

**9. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS IN RELATION TO DECISION MAKING POWERS: UPDATE**

With reference to Article 10 of the minute of meeting of the Special Arrangements Committee of 23 June 2020, there was submitted Report No 189/20 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services detailing the changes to be put into effect following the decision of the Special Arrangements Committee that meetings of all service committees would resume in August 2020 in accordance with the previously agreed timetable of meetings, with the consequential ceasing of meetings of the Special Arrangements Committee and the Special Education Committee.

Having heard Councillor Fairweather thank the members of the Special Arrangements Committee, the Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the decision of the Special Arrangements Committee of 24 June 2020, as outlined in Section 3 of the Report, and consequently:-
- (ii) to agree to dis-establish the Special Arrangements Committee;
- (iii) to agree to dis-establish the Special Education Committee;
- (iv) to agree to remove the suspension of the delegations to the Policy and Resources Committee, the Children and Learning Committee and the Communities Committee;
- (v) to agree that the Policy and Resources Committee, the Communities Committee and the Children and Learning Committee will each re-assume as the parent committee of their respective sub-committees as was the position before the establishment of the Special Arrangements Committee and the Special Education Committee;
- (vi) to note that meetings of all Committees and Sub-Committees will continue to be undertaken on a remote basis as permitted under Section 43 of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003, subject to the appropriate direction of the Chair of the meeting;



- (vii) to note that meetings of Committees will take place in accordance with the previously agreed timetable of meetings;
- (viii) to agree that meetings of Committees or Sub-Committees will now be able to consider matters delegated to that Committee or Sub Committee which need not be time critical or necessary;
- (ix) to agree that the Standing Orders which were in place prior to 3 April 2020, as amended to include provision for meetings to take place on a remote basis (as detailed in paragraph 4 of the Report) as permitted under Section 43 of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003, will now apply to all Council, Committee and Sub Committee meetings which take place;
- (x) to agree that the extension to officer delegation, including any interim emergency powers (as detailed in Appendix 1) will cease with immediate effect; and
- (xi) to agree that the original version of the Order of Reference of Committees and the Scheme of Delegation to Officers and not the interim arrangements version, will now apply and be effective from 13 August 2020.

#### **10. EMERGENCY DELEGATED POWERS – ACTIONS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

With reference to Article 11 of the minute of meeting of the Special Arrangements Committee of 23 June 2020, there was submitted Report No 190/20 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services informing members of the further actions taken by the Chief Executive and Directors in response to the COVID-19 pandemic using their delegated powers.

Having heard Councillor Fairweather thank the officers involved, the Council resolved to note the actions taken by the Chief Executive and Directors in response to the COVID-19 pandemic using their delegated powers, as detailed in the Appendices to the Report.

#### **11. HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE ANGUS RESPONSE TEAM (HAART): UPDATE**

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of the Special Arrangements Committee of 28 April 2020, there was submitted Report No 191/20 by the Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation and Public Sector Reform providing an update in relation to the Humanitarian Assistance Angus Response Team (HAART), which was established by the Council in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Report also highlighted transition arrangements after 31 July when Scottish Government had confirmed its intention to pause 'Shielding', along with future proposals emerging from the lessons learnt.

Having heard a number of members praise the work of the HAART team and the excellent partnership working, the Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the progress update in relation to the Humanitarian Assistance Angus Response Team (HAART), including standing down of the HAART food hubs on 31 July;
- (ii) to note the key lessons learnt from delivering the HAART service as part of the Council's emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic, with a key part of the operational success of HAART being due to the holistic partnership approach that was adopted to support service delivery;
- (iii) to note the current position that the HAART service was now being delivered through business as usual activity from 31 July;
- (iv) to note the future proposals for potentially adopting new ways of working with partner organisations in the Community Planning Partnership to establish a sustainable and improved 'person-centred' approach to managing demand in our communities;
- (v) to note the use by the Chief Executive of the delegated emergency powers as detailed in Paragraph 7.6 of the Report; and
- (vi) to delegate authority to:

- (a) the Director of Education & Lifelong Learning, following consultation with the Director of Communities and the Chief Executive, to use the relevant part of the Council's share of the Scottish Government's latest funding to provide support for a 'whole family' approach;
- (b) the Director of Communities, following consultation with the Director of Education & Lifelong Learning and the Chief Executive, to use the relevant part of the Council's share of the Scottish Government's latest funding to provide support for Test & Protect and other community-based support initiatives,

with each Director using the relevant part of the £349,000 in relation to their respective delegations (all as described in section 6.1 of the Report) for the remainder of the period to which the funding applies (i.e. up to 30 September 2020), and the Director of Communities being the lead officer for making the necessary returns to Scottish Government in relation to this funding.

*Having declared an interest at Article 2 above, Councillors Boyd and Duff left the meeting during consideration of the following item.*

**12. GOLF MEMBER/OFFICER GROUP – INTERIM PROGRESS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGE FROM MONTROSE GOLF LINKS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

With reference to Article 16(b) of the minute of meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 26 November 2019, there was submitted Report No 192/20 by the Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation and Public Sector Reform advising members that the Angus Council Golf Member/Officer Working Group established in November 2019 had, due to COVID-19, been unable to fulfil the full remit of the Group in the original proposed timescale but had now reconvened and agreed a course of action.

The Report also outlined a request for change to the Memorandum and Articles of Association for Montrose Golf Links Ltd (MGLL) which had been received and considered by the MOG and was now presented for members' consideration.

*At this point in the meeting, (the time being 4.52 pm) the Council resolved, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 21(8) that the meeting continue to the conclusion of the business.*

Having heard a number of members ask questions in relation to the proposed changes, the Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the work undertaken by the Golf Member/Officer Group (MOG) to date and to agree an extension to complete the overall review due to COVID-19;
- (ii) to approve the proposed interim changes to the Memorandum and Articles of Association as requested by Montrose Golf Links Ltd subject to Angus Council Legal and Democratic Services being satisfied that proposed changes to the Memorandum and Articles of Association covers only what had been proposed; and
- (iii) to approve the ongoing representation of two current Angus Council elected member representatives on the Board and note the resignation from the Board of the officer representative.

*Thereafter, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 16(11)(ii), Councillors Salmond, Stewart and Sturrock requested that their dissent be recorded from the foregoing decision.*

**13. RECOMMENDATION TO PASS RESOLUTION: SEX SHOP**

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee of 31 October 2019, there was submitted Report No 114/20 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services advising that the Civic Licensing Committee had determined, subject to a period of time for representations from the public, to recommend to Angus Council that a

Resolution be passed with the effect of commencing a licensing regime in relation to premises operating as sex shops.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to note Item 9 of the minute of the Civic Licensing Committee meeting which took place on 31 October 2019 contained within Appendix 1;
- (ii) to note that a draft Resolution and Notice was placed in the Courier inviting representations from the public between 31 January 2020 and 28 February 2020;
- (iii) to note that no representations were received in relation to the draft Resolution and Notice; and
- (iv) to pass the Resolution, as contained within Appendix 2 to the Report, which will come into effect one year from today's date.

#### **14. RECOMMENDATION TO PASS RESOLUTION: SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE LICENCES**

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee of 9 January 2020, there was submitted Report No 115/20 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services advising that the Civic Licensing Committee had determined to recommend to Angus Council that a Resolution be passed with the effect of commencing a licensing regime in relation to Sexual Entertainment Venues.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to note Item 9 of the minute of the Civic Licensing Committee meeting which took place on 9 January 2020, contained at Appendix 1;
- (ii) to pass the Resolution, as contained within Appendix 2 to the Report, which will come into effect one year from today's date.

#### **15. INDEPENDENT CARE REVIEW FOR SCOTLAND**

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of the Children and Learning Committee of 18 February 2020, there was submitted Report No 46/20 by the Chief Social Work Officer advising members of the publication of the Independent Care Review for Scotland, together with five reports which proposed the foundation for a new approach.

The Review aimed to identify and deliver lasting change in the care system in Scotland and transform the wellbeing of children and young people. The outputs from the Review had been published on 5 February 2020 and followed two years of work and engagement with over 5,500 care experienced children, young people and adults, and people working and caring within the system directly involved.

Following conclusion of the Review, five Reports had been published which together proposed the foundation for a new approach. The emphasis was on a system that delivered care to children and young people, including the prevention of family separation, and one that built on relationships, rights, care and respect rather than processes, and one that puts children's experience at the centre of all activity.

Having heard from Councillor Speed, and having considered the Report in their role as corporate parents, the Council resolved to note the contents of the Report.

#### **16. STATUTORY REVIEW OF POLLING PLACES AND POLLING DISTRICTS**

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 8 December 2016, there was submitted Report No 116/20 by the Chief Executive and Returning Officer seeking approval for proposed changes to UK Parliamentary polling places within the Angus local government area following the completion of a statutory review as per Section 18(c) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Having heard from a number of members, the Council resolved:-

- (i) to approve the amendments to current polling arrangements as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Report;
- (ii) to note that there were no proposed changes to current polling district boundaries;
- (iii) to note that the Electoral Registration Officer would make any necessary amendments to the Register of Electors.

Following conclusion of the business, Councillor Devine intimated that the derailment of the train at Stonehaven had resulted in three deaths and that she wished to pass on her condolences to all the families involved.