

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held remotely on Thursday 9 September 2021 at 1pm.

Present: Provost RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, Depute Provost CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, Councillors JULIE BELL, BRIAN BOYD, KENNY BRAES, COLIN BROWN BEM, DAVID CHEAPE, BRADEN DAVY, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, BRENDA DURNO, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, SHEILA HANDS, 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 PROCTOR, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor King.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Devine, Duff and Proctor each declared an interest in Report No 283/21 (ANGUSALive update) as Council appointed Directors of ANGUSALive. Each indicated that they had a specific exclusion in terms of the Code of Conduct and that they would therefore participate in any discussion and voting on that item.

Councillor Myles declared an interest in Report No 287/21 (Inglis Court, Edzell) as he had received numerous correspondence in relation to the matter and knew many of the people who had signed the petition against the Inglis Court development however, he had made no public statement on the matter. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Myles also declared an interest in Report No 288/21 (CGLMC Ltd) as a Council appointed member of CGLMC Ltd. He indicated that he would not participate in any discussion and voting and would leave the meeting during consideration of the item.

Councillor Nicol declared an interest in Report No 287/21 (Inglis Court, Edzell) as he had previously declared an interest in relation to the item at a recent Development Standards Committee and as he had also made comment in the press. He indicated that he would not take part in any discussion and voting and would leave the meeting during consideration of the item.

Councillor McMillian Douglas declared an interest in item 3 (deputations) and Report Nos 277/21 (Lochside Leisure Centre) and 287/21 (Inglis Court, Edzell) as over the last number of months he had met with Mr Guild on a number of occasions to ensure that he fully understood all aspects of the Lochside Leisure Centre issue. He indicated that he felt some people may perceive this as too close to Mr Guild to discuss the Inglis Court issue in an unbiased way. Therefore, he indicated that he would not participate in any discussion and voting and would leave the meeting during consideration of these items.

Councillor Braes declared an interest in Report No 287/21 (Inglis Court, Edzell) as he had received numerous correspondence on the matter and had taken part in a number of meetings. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Cheape declared an interest in Report No 287/21 (Inglis Court, Edzell) as he had been copied into many of the emails and correspondence on Inglis Court and has passed comment on the matter. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting on the item. He also declared an interest in Report No 288/21 (CGLMC Ltd) as a Council appointed member of CGLMC Ltd. He indicated that he had a specific exclusion in terms of the Code of Conduct and that he would therefore participate in any discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Brown declared an interest in item 3 (deputations) and Report No 277/21 (Lochside Leisure Centre). He advised that he had previously declared an interest on this matter but wished to represent his constituent's views on this item. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting on these items.

Councillor Bell declared an interest in Report No 276/21 (Annual Chief Social Work Officer Report 2020-2021) as a Council appointee of the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership. She indicated that she had a specific exclusion in terms of the Code of Conduct and would therefore participate in any discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Speed declared an interest in Report No 287/21 (Inglis Court, Edzell) as she had received correspondence but had given no opinion on the matter. She indicated that she would participate in any discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor McMillan Douglas having declared an interest at Article 2 above, left the meeting prior to consideration of the requests for deputations.

3. REQUEST FOR DEPUTATIONS

The Provost intimated that a request for a deputation had been received from Mrs Sarah Turner in relation to Report No 287/21 - Inglis Court, Edzell. The Council resolved to receive the deputation from Mrs Turner.

The Provost intimated that a request for a deputation had also been received from Mr Gus Leighton, Chairman of the Inveresk Community Council in relation to Report No 287/21 - Inglis Court, Edzell. The Council resolved to receive the deputation from Mr Leighton.

Thereafter, the Provost intimated that three deputation requests had been received from Mr Mark Guild in relation to Report No 277/21 Lochside Leisure Centre and Report No 287/21 Inglis Court, Edzell.

The Provost advised that the deputation request in relation to part of Report No 287/21 (Appendix) related to an item of business which officers had recommended be taken in private and asked members to determine whether the public and press should be excluded during consideration of that item.

After hearing from Councillor Cheape, the Director of Legal and Democratic Services provided advice in terms of the basis on which the Appendix to Report No 287/21 was exempt. The Council resolved, in terms of Standing Order 28(2), that the public and press be excluded during consideration of the Appendix to Report No 287/21 so as to avoid the disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Paragraph 6.

The Council thereafter resolved to receive the deputations from Mr Guild in relation to Report No 277/21 and Report No 287/21 and to refuse the request in relation to Report No 287/21 (Exempt Appendix) as it would not be competent to consider the deputation as it had been agreed to take this item in private.

Deputation

Mrs Turner addressed the meeting and provided a background on her involvement with the elderly residents of the Edzell community and the surrounding areas. She advised how Inglis Court had changed significantly over the years which had then had an impact on the renting of the sheltered housing accommodation and had ultimately resulted in its closure over 2 years ago. She gave an example of the neighbouring authority, Aberdeenshire Council and how they provided sheltered housing to their elderly residents.

Mrs Turner advised that she had gathered many of the 800 signatures for the petition which had been submitted to the Director of Legal and Democratic Services on 28 July 2021 and wished the future of Inglis Court to be reconsidered and designated as Sheltered Housing with a live-in warden.

Following a number of questions from members, Mr Morrow, Service Leader, Housing and the Director of Children, Families and Justice and Chief Social Work Officer addressed the Council.

The Provost thanked Mrs Turner for her informative presentation.

At this point in the proceedings, it was noted that Mr Leighton, Chairman of Inveresk Community Council was having connection issues and could not join the meeting.

Deputation

The Council received a deputation from Mark Guild in relation to Inglis Court, Edzell. Mr Guild advised that he did not want to see the properties demolished and was keen to put in an offer for the site or see it advertised on the open market to achieve best value for money. He also advised that he would like to see it returned to sheltered housing with a warden service to provide care for elderly and disabled people.

He highlighted that following the recent survey conducted by Working with You in Angus, the decision to demolish Inglis Court sheltered housing and provide 21 affordable homes was against the wishes of 95% of the people living in Edzell and urged the Council to reconsider the demolition of Inglis Court.

Following a number of questions from members to Mr Guild, the Provost thanked Mr Guild for attending.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 11(1) the Council resolved that the order of business proceed in the following order.

4. INGLIS COURT, EDZELL

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee of 24 August 2021, there was submitted Joint Report No 287/21 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services and Interim Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth which provided details of a petition submitted to the Director of Legal and Democratic Services in relation to a building at Inglis Court, Edzell and the subsequent decision of the Scrutiny & Audit Committee to refer the matter to Council for debate. The Report also provided details of an unsolicited offer to buy the building at Inglis Court, Edzell being a non-surplus Housing Revenue Account (HRA) asset and recommended that the Council decline the unsolicited offer.

Councillor Salmond advised that Angus Council had in total over 7,500 houses and 247 families were on the waiting list for the Edzell area and there was a growing need for social housing within this area. However, he acknowledged that a full options appraisal required to be carried out and that he had been working with colleagues and officers to help bring forward a solution which would help address these issues.

The Service Leader – Housing addressed a number of points of clarification which had arisen during the deputations and the Director of Legal and Democratic Services also clarified a number of points.

At this point in the discussion, the Provost advised that Mr Leighton had now managed to join the meeting and it was agreed to hear his deputation.

Mr Leighton, Chairman of the Inveresk Community Council spoke on behalf of the local residents and expressed their views on the current situation with Inglis Court and how they did not wish to see their retirement village turn into a new town.

Following questions from members, the Provost thanked Mr Leighton for his presentation.

COUNCILLOR BRAES, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MYLES, MOVED THAT THIS COUNCIL RESOLVES:-

- (i) TO NOTE THE PETITION SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES BY INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL IN RELATION TO INGLIS COURT, EDZELL AND CONSIDERED BY THE SCRUTINY & AUDIT COMMITTEE ON 24 AUGUST 2021;
- (ii) TO NOTE THE DECISION OF THE SCRUTINY & AUDIT COMMITTEE ON 24 AUGUST 2021 TO REFER THE MATTER TO COUNCIL FOR DEBATE;
- (iii) TO INSTRUCT THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF VIBRANT COMMUNITIES AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH TO WRITE TO INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THAT THE FUTURE OF INGLIS COURT HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BY FULL COUNCIL AND INFORMING THEM OF THE DECISION;

- (iv) TO INSTRUCT THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF VIBRANT COMMUNITIES AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH TO DECLINE AN UNSOLICITED OFFER RECEIVED FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NON-SURPLUS HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) ASSET AT INGLIS COURT, EDZELL;
- (v) TO TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION IN RESPECT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT OF INGLIS COURT UNLESS AND UNTIL THE COUNCIL AGREES OTHERWISE;
- (vi) TO NOTE THE ONGOING SERVICE CHARGES OF APPROXIMATELY £10,000 PER ANNUM WOULD BE INCURRED BY THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE FUTURE OF THE BUILDING WAS DETERMINED; AND
- (vii) TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE WERE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES ON THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT. ACCORDINGLY, THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF VIBRANT COMMUNITIES AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH BRING FORWARD A REPORT TO A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING WHICH PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING: -
 - (a) ON THE BASIS THAT ALL REQUIRED LEGAL CONSENTS WERE IN PLACE, VALUATIONS FROM TWO INDEPENDENT COMPANIES, OF THE FOLLOWING: -
 - (i) INGLIS COURT SITE AS IS, I.E. A VACANT SITE WITH THE EXISTING BUILDING IN SITU;
 - (ii) A DEMOLISHED SITE WITH ITS CURRENT APPROVED PLANNING PERMISSION FOR 21 HOUSES; AND
 - (iii) THE TOTAL VALUE IF THE EXISTING 25 PROPERTIES WERE SOLD INDIVIDUALLY.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE COSTS OF OBTAINING THE NECESSARY VALUATION WERE ESTIMATED AT UP TO £4,000 AND WOULD BE MET FROM THE 2021/22 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET.

- (b) AN OPTIONS APPRAISAL OF THE FOLLOWING DIFFERENT OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF INGLIS COURT: -
 - (i) DEMOLISH INGLIS COURT AND REDEVELOP AS PER THE EXISTING SHIP PLAN AND APPROVED PLANNING PERMISSION. A FIGURE TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE SITE COST, BUILD COST AND TOTAL COST FOR EACH OF THE PROPERTY TYPES IN THE PROPOSED NEW DEVELOPMENT. THESE FIGURES ALSO TO BE PROVIDED ON A SQUARE METRE BASIS.
 - (ii) DECLARE INGLIS COURT SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS AS AN HRA ASSET AND SELL THE SITE ON THE OPEN MARKET EITHER AS 1 LOT OR AS 25 INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES.
 - (iii) RE-LET INGLIS COURT AS SHELTERED HOUSING BOTH WITH AND WITHOUT A WARDEN. DETAILS OF KNOWN IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED TO THE BUILDING NOW OR IN THE FUTURE SHOULD BE INCLUDED.
 - (iv) LEASE INGLIS COURT TO A THIRD PARTY FOR THEM TO PROVIDE SHELTERED SOCIAL HOUSING TO ANGUS CITIZENS. DETAILS OF KNOWN IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED TO THE BUILDING SHOULD BE INCLUDED.
 - (v) LEASE INGLIS COURT TO A HOLIDAY LET COMPANY.
 - (vi) REFURBISH THE EXISTING INGLIS COURT BUILDING TO PROVIDE FAMILY SOCIAL HOUSING WHICH MEETS REQUIRED STANDARDS FOR SUCH ACCOMMODATION.

- (c) THE REPORT TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ON THE CARBON IMPACT OF THE ABOVE OPTIONS.

The Provost confirmed that the terms of the motion had been circulated to members.

Further discussion took place and Mr George Bowie, Head of Community Health and Care Services, South, AHSCP clarified a number of points raised by members. Thereafter, the Provost intimated that officers would arrange an internal visit to Inglis Court and all Councillors would be given the opportunity to attend.

Thereafter, having heard from a number of members, and having heard from Councillor Braes as the mover of the motion, the Council unanimously resolved to approve the motion as detailed above.

Councillors MacMillian Douglas and Nicol re-joined the meeting.

5. MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

(i) Minute of Council Meetings

(a) Angus Council

The minute of meeting of Angus Council of 24 June 2021 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

(ii) Minutes of Committees

(b) Policy and Resources Committee

The minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 8 June 2021 was submitted and noted.

(c) Development Standards Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 15 June 2021 was submitted and noted.

(d) Development Management Review Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Management Review Committee of 22 June 2021 was submitted and noted.

(e) Development Management Review Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Management Review Committee of 6 July 2021 was submitted and noted.

(f) Development Standards Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 10 August 2021 was submitted and noted.

(g) Civic Licensing Committee

The minute of meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee of 12 August 2021 was submitted and noted.

(h) Children and Learning Committee

The minute of meeting of the Children and Learning Committee of 12 August 2021 was submitted and noted.

(i) Development Management Review Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Management Review Committee of 16 August 2021 was submitted and noted.

(j) Communities Committee

The minute of meeting of the Communities Committee of 17 August 2021 was submitted and noted.

(k) Scrutiny and Audit Committee

The minute of meeting of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee of 24 August 2021 was submitted and noted.

6. INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 24 JUNE TO 9 SEPTEMBER 2021

With reference to Article 12 of the minute of meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 8 June 2021, there was submitted Report No 275/21 by the Interim Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth which, with the attached Schedule 1, provided key information to members during the period 24 June to 9 September 2021 with regard to services in the Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth Directorate, relating to Participatory Budgeting.

Members expressed concern at the lack of consultation with local members and felt that the Participatory Budgeting process agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee on 8 June 2021 had been hurried and required to be improved for future years.

The Interim Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth responded to various questions from members and provided an overview of the process and advised that 92 proposals for funding had been received from council departments, other Community Planning Partners as well as social enterprise companies and local businesses.

The Depute Chief Executive also addressed some of the concerns.

At this point in the meeting, (the time being 4pm) the Council resolved, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 21(8), that the meeting continue to the conclusion of the business. In addition, the Council resolved to have a 15 minute "comfort break" following conclusion of Item 6.

The Council resolved to note the contents of the Report.

At this stage in the meeting, and having agreed previously, the meeting adjourned for 15 minutes.

The meeting resumed at 4.16pm.

7. ANNUAL CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER REPORT 2020-2021

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 10 September 2020, there was submitted Report No 276/21 by the Director of Children, Families and Justice and Chief Social Work Officer presenting the Angus Council Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2020 to 2021, being an annual evaluation report of Social Work Services, including Commissioned Services during the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021; detailing how the service had performed in a wide range of social work and social care services and reporting on a range of performance information including Service Quality and Performance which included delivery of statutory functions; Finance; Workforce; and current priorities for recovery in response to Covid-19.

The Report outlined how the Council were performing in social work services, highlighted the challenges presented by Covid-19 and demonstrated the innovative practice and dedication shown by staff to ensure that services continued to be delivered whilst ensuring high quality care for individuals and families using services.

The Director of Children, Families and Justice and Chief Social Work Officer provided an overview of the Report and, following a number of questions, the Council resolved to endorse the contents of the Annual Chief Social Work Officer Report for 2020-21, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the Report.

Councillor McMillan Douglas, having declared an interest at Article 2 above, left the meeting prior to the deputation and consideration of Item 8 below.

Deputation

At this stage in the meeting, and having agreed previously at Article 3 above, the Council received a deputation from Mark Guild in relation to Lochside Leisure Centre. He advised that he did not want to see the property demolished but rather it be saved for the community and put to good use. He highlighted that following the recent consultation survey, 35.9% of respondents had voted for demolition but that the remaining 64.1% had voted for the building to be retained through either sale, lease or community asset transfer. Of those that had voted for demolition, the majority had sought the replacement of the Leisure Centre with something else for the community with suggestions for a café, ranger station, extension to the playpark or some other form of leisure facility. Mr Guild felt that the public were clear that the facility should be retained.

Mr Guild suggested that in terms of the retention of the Centre, he felt that lease of the building would be most suitable which would allow the facility to be used as a community centre hub to complement and possibly work along with AngusAlive. Mr Guild felt that the property had a lot to offer the community and could be used for many purposes including meeting spaces, clubs, sports facilities, bike hire, nursery and café, as well as public toilets. He encouraged Angus Council to work with him to seek a resolution and to give Lochside Leisure Centre back to the people of Forfar and community of Angus.

Following a number of questions from members, the Provost thanked Mr Guild for his presentation.

8. LOCHSIDE LEISURE CENTRE, FORFAR

With reference to Article 16 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 24 June 2021, there was submitted Report No 277/21 by the Director of Infrastructure providing details of the marketing of the Leisure Centre, following the decision to market the property for lease in order to gauge interest.

The Report indicated that following six weeks of marketing, nine expressions of interest had been received, however there was limited detail of the intentions of the interested parties and further discussions would be required to allow a comparison of the interests and due diligence prior to further consideration.

Members asked a number of questions in relation to the marketing of the building and the expressions of interest and the Director of Infrastructure was heard in response. A number of members were also heard in relation to the options detailed in the Report.

COUNCILLOR FAIRWEATHER, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DEVINE, MOVED THAT THE COUNCIL RESOLVES: -

- (I) TO NOTE THE COSTS OF THE MINIMAL REPAIRS PREVIOUSLY AGREED BY COUNCIL TO BE UNDERTAKEN TO LIMIT ANY FURTHER DETERIORATION OF THE BUILDING;
- (II) TO NOTE THE MARKETING OF THE BUILDING AND THE INTEREST EXPRESSED TO DATE;
- (III) TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE DUTY TO PAY DUE REGARD TO THE OUTCOME OF THE INITIAL CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN ON THE FORMER LOCHSIDE LEISURE CENTRE FROM DECEMBER 2020 TO JANUARY 2021 AS DETAILED IN REPORT 98/21 (DETAILED IN APPENDIX 1 ANNEXED TO REPORT); AND
- (IV) TO FORMALLY CONSULT ON THE DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER LOCHSIDE LEISURE CENTRE LAND AND BUILDING UNDER SECTION 104 OF THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015.

Councillor Davy, seconded by Councillor Cheape, moved as an amendment, that the Council resolves: -

- (i) to approve recommendations (i)-(iii) of Report No 277/21 as detailed above; and
- (ii) to formally consult on the lease of the former Lochside Leisure Centre land and building under Section 104 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

On a vote being taken, the members voted: -

For the motion: -

Provost, Depute Provost, Councillors Bell, Boyd, Braes, Devine, Duff, Durno, Fairweather, Hands, Lumgair, McDonald, Moore, Salmond, Stewart, Sturrock, Wann and Whiteside (18).

For the amendment: -

Councillors Brown, Cheape, Davy, Lawrie, McLaren, Myles, Nicol and Speed (8).

The motion was declared carried and the Council resolved accordingly.

At this stage in the meeting, the Council resolved to have a 10 minute "comfort break".

The meeting resumed at 6.37pm at which point it was noted that Councillor Whiteside was having connection issues.

9. PROPOSED CHANGES TO COMMITTEES TO COMPLY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF POLITICAL BALANCE AND DETAILS OF APPOINTMENTS

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 13 May 2021, there was submitted Report No 278/21 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services which set out options for Committee memberships to ensure that the Council was compliant with Standing Orders in relation to the principles of political balance, following the resignation of Councillor Davy from the Administration Group

The Council resolved: -

- (i) to note the resignation of Councillor Davy from the Administration Group and the change in political composition as a consequence, as detailed in Section 3 of the Report;
- (ii) to note the requirement to adhere to the principles of political balance in appointing members to Committees as outlined in Standing Order 32(4);
- (iii) to note the terms of Standing Order 32(1)-(3) in relation to the size of Committees;
- (iv) to note that as a result of (i) above, the current sizes in respect of the Policy and Resources Committee, the Communities Committee and the Children and Learning Committee, were no longer possible as detailed in Table 1 in the Report;
- (v) to note that it would be possible to accommodate the new political composition as set out in Tables 2 and 3 in the Report;
- (vi) to note that the changes to the membership of the Civic Licensing Committee agreed at the meeting of full Council on 13 May 2021 now required to be revisited due to the changes to political balance and accordingly agreed that this constituted a "material change of circumstances";
- (vii) to increase the membership of the Policy and Resources Committee, the Communities Committee, the Children and Learning Committee and the Civic Licensing Committee by 1 and thereby to amend Standing Orders 32 (1)-(3) to that extent;
- (viii) to approve the appointment of Councillor Nicol to the Angus Licensing Board, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005;
- (ix) to note the resignation of Councillor Wann as Convener of the Children and Learning Committee;

- (x) to note that Councillor Davy had resigned as Economic Development Spokesperson;
- (xi) to appoint Councillor Lumgair to the AngusAlive Board of Directors and Arbroath Golf Links Ltd and to appoint Councillor Sturrock to the COSLA Children and Young Person's Board; and
- (xii) to appoint Councillor Boyd to the Appointments Sub-Committee.

Thereafter, Councillor Fairweather intimated the members of the undernoted Committees from the Administration Group:

Children & Learning Committee: Councillors Sturrock; Brown; Lumgair, McMillan Douglas; McLaren; Myles; Nicol and Proctor.

Communities Committee: Councillors Salmond; Stewart; Fotheringham; Lumgair; McLaren; Moore; Proctor and Sturrock.

Policy & Resources Committee: Councillors Fairweather; Macmillan Douglas; Fotheringham; Myles; Stewart; Salmond; Sturrock and Wann.

Civic Licensing Committee: Councillors Fotheringham; Moore; Brown, Fairweather and Lumgair.

The Council thereafter noted that there would be no change to the SNP Group members of the above Committees.

Members noted that the non-aligned members of the undernoted Committees would now be as follows:

Children & Learning Committee: Councillors Boyd; Lawrie and Speed.

Policy & Resources Committee: Councillors Boyd; Lawrie and Speed. Councillor Davy to leave this Committee.

Civic Licensing Committee: Having noted that there was no nomination from the non-aligned members, Councillor Nicol was appointed.

Development Standards Committee: No change.

Scrutiny and Audit Committee: No change

The Council determined the following appointments separately.

Appointments:

Communities Committee: Non-aligned members:- Councillors Cheape; Davy and Speed.

Councillor Cheape, seconded by Councillor Moore moved the appointment of Councillor Boyd to the Communities Committee.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 19(1), there being more than the required nominations, the Clerk intimated that a roll call vote would be taken, and that members were required to vote for up to three members for appointment to the Communities Committee.

On a vote being taken, members voted: -

For Councillor Boyd: -

Provost Ronnie Proctor, Depute Provost Craig Fotheringham, Councillors Bell, Boyd, Braes, Brown, Cheape, Devine, Durno, McDonald, and Moore (11).

For Councillor Cheape:

Provost Ronnie Proctor, Councillors Bell, Boyd, Braes, Brown, Cheape, Devine, Durno, McDonald, McLaren, Moore, Myles and Speed (13).

For Councillor Davy:

Depute Provost Craig Fotheringham, Councillors Davy, Fairweather, Lumgair, MacMillan Douglas, McLaren, Moore, Myles, Nicol, Speed, Sturrock and Wann (12).

For Councillor Speed:

Provost Ronnie Proctor, Depute Provost Craig Fotheringham, Councillors Bell, Boyd, Braes, Brown, Cheape, Davy, Devine, Durno, Lawrie, McDonald, McLaren, Myles and Speed (15).

No vote: -

Councillors Duff, Hands, Salmond and Stewart (4).

(Councillor Whiteside was not present at the time of the vote.)

Councillors Cheape, Davy and Speed were therefore appointed to the Communities Committee.

Convener of the Children and Learning Committee

COUNCILLOR FAIRWEATHER, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BROWN, MOVED THAT THIS COUNCIL APPOINTS COUNCILLOR STURROCK AS THE CONVENER OF THE CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE.

Councillor Lawrie, seconded by Councillor Cheape, moved as an amendment, that this Council appoints Councillor Speed as the Convener of the Children and Learning Committee.

On a vote being taken, the members voted: -

For the motion: -

Provost Ronnie Proctor, Depute Provost Craig Fotheringham, Councillors, Brown, Davy, Fairweather, Lumgair, MacMillan Douglas, McLaren, Moore, Myles, Nicol, Salmond, Stewart, and Wann (14).

For the amendment:

Councillors Bell, Braes, Cheape, Devine, Duff, Durno, Hands, Lawrie, McDonald and Speed, (10).

(Councillors Boyd, Sturrock and Whiteside were not present during the roll call vote.)

The motion was declared carried, resulting in Councillor Sturrock being appointed as the Convener of the Children Learning Committee.

Councillor Boyd left the meeting at this stage.

10. ANGUS COUNCIL PLAN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2020-2021

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 5 November 2020, there was submitted Report No 279/21 by the Chief Executive presenting the Angus Council Plan annual performance report for 2020-2021.

The Report indicated that the vision for Angus; 'Angus is a great place to live, work and visit', remained strong and was supported by a set of values and clear priorities for Angus that supported the partnership outcomes for Angus set out in the Community Plan. The priorities remained focused on the four pillars of our economy, our people and our place, alongside the continual drive to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the council itself.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on council, staff, communities and citizens had been significant and wide reaching. The performance report linked back to the previous Council Plan however made reference to the future planning around resilience and the updated plan tabled in March 2021, and also demonstrated the excellent performance by services throughout the pandemic year.

Strategies and plans had been developed to support and complement the plan to include medium-term budget strategy; Workforce Plan; Angus Child Poverty Local Action Report 2020 and Angus Food Growing Strategy.

A number of members spoke and generally welcomed the Plan and what was seen as an excellent Report, especially when set against the challenging conditions faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Council resolved to approve the Angus Council Plan annual performance report 2020-2021, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the Report.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 21(2), Councillor Fairweather, seconded by Councillor Moore, moved, as a procedural motion, that the meeting be adjourned until Friday 17 September 2021 at 9am.

The Council unanimously resolved to agree the procedural motion, consequently the meeting was adjourned until Friday 17 September 2021 at 9am.