

## **ANGUS COUNCIL**

MINUTE of ADJOURNED MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held remotely on Friday 17 September 2021 at 9.00 am.

**Present:** Provost RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, Depute Provost CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, Councillors JULIE BELL, BRIAN BOYD, KENNY BRAES, COLIN BROWN BEM, DAVID CHEAPE, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, BRENDA DURNO, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, SHEILA HANDS, BEN LAWRIE, 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 FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Braden Davy and Alex King.

At this stage in the meeting, the Provost intimated that a request for a deputation had been received from Mr Norman MacKenzie in relation to Report No 283/21 – Angus Alive Update. This request was received on 15 September 2021 at 16.35 pm.

The Provost referred to Standing Order 12(1) which required that an application for the reception of a deputation must be received by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services by no later than 5pm on the day proceeding the meeting at which the deputation wished to be heard. The meeting of Angus Council was 9 September, albeit it had been adjourned until 17 September. The Provost was therefore of the view that the request was not competent and that the Council do not hear the deputation.

The Council resolved not to hear the deputation.

*Thereafter the Council resolved, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 37(2), that the order of business be varied from that published and it was considered in the following order.*

### **2. ANGUSALIVE: UPDATE**

With reference to Article 18 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 24 June 2021, there was submitted Report No 283/21 by the Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation and Public Sector Reform providing an update in relation to ANGUSalve, including the organisation's current temporary operating arrangements and recovery plans following the Scottish Government's lifting of almost all formal lockdown restrictions on 9 August 2021, along with progress and key steps in relation to the ongoing development of the ANGUSalve Transformation Project previously agreed by the Council.

Councillor Lumgair joined the meeting at this point (9.13am).

Following a number of questions in relation to the re-opening of services, and having heard from the Chief Executive of ANGUSalve, the Council resolved:-

- (i) to note ANGUSalve's current temporary operating arrangements, along with proposed recovery plans over the next few months, following the Scottish Government's lifting of almost all formal lockdown restrictions on 9 August 2021, as set out in Appendix 1;
- (ii) to note that while ANGUSalve's short-term re-opening arrangements had unavoidably been tailored to reflect their affordability position meantime, there were also significant opportunities emerging through the Transformation Project which offered optimism for the future;

- (iii) to agree the interim changes to the Services Specification which would form the content of a formal change notice between the Council and ANGUSalve, which would reflect the current temporary operating arrangements, as set out in Appendix 1;
- (iv) to note the continued requirement for ANGUSalve to temporarily hand back to the Council three facilities (Reid Hall, Forfar; Arbroath Community Centre; and Montrose Town Hall), using the provisions in the licence to occupy agreement, with the purpose of using said facilities to support the ongoing vaccination programme;
- (v) to agree that ANGUSalve should stop taking any bookings at these three venues until the start of the new financial year in April 2022, as detailed at section 4.2.2 of the Report, subject to ongoing review of the emerging position with the vaccinations roll-out;
- (vi) to note that approval of recommendation (v) above would continue to result in a loss of income for ANGUSalve, estimated to be in the region of £55,000 (over 10 months), and that this would continue to be monitored closely and considered as part of the support package measures as set out in section 4.4 of the Report;
- (vii) to note that ANGUSalve had continued to make successful applications for external grant funding, including government support schemes, to contribute to the charity's short term business viability, amounting to £3,242,951.30 (up to 13 August 2021), the details of which were included in Appendix 2 to the Report;
- (viii) to note that the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme ended on 30 September 2021;
- (ix) to note the expectation that approaches would be made to the Director of Finance to access some elements of the support package measures as set out in section 4.4 of the Report;
- (x) to agree to extend some of the support package measures to 31 March 2023 as well as the delegated authority of the Director of Finance to implement them as necessary, all as set out in section 4.4 of the Report;
- (xi) to note the progress with the ongoing development of the Transformation Project and that the timetable would require to be updated based on the factors outlined in the Report, and once firmer information was available on how key aspects of the project would be progressed; and
- (xii) to agree that future update reports would be provided to Council at every second meeting of the timetable of meetings for full Council, unless circumstances dictated otherwise.

### **3. 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 Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Paragraph 6.

*Having declared an interest at Article 2 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 9 September 2021, Councillor Myles left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.*

### **4. CGLMC LTD**

There was submitted Report No 288/21 by the Director of Finance detailing a request from CGMLC Ltd.

Having heard from a number of members and from the Director of Finance, the Council resolved to approve the recommendations as detailed in the Report.

Councillor Myles re-joined the meeting.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 21(2), Councillor Fairweather, seconded by Councillor MacMillan Douglas, moved as a procedural motion, that the meeting be adjourned until Friday 24 September 2021 at 2pm.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For the adjournment:-

Provost Ronnie Proctor, Depute Provost Craig Fotheringham, Councillors Bell, Boyd, Braes, Brown, Cheape, Devine, Duff, Durno, Fairweather, Hands, Lumgair, MacMillan Douglas, McDonald, McLaren, Moore, Myles, Nicol, Salmond, Speed, Stewart, Sturrock, Wann and Whiteside (25).

Against the adjournment:-

None.

No Vote:-

Councillor Lawrie (1).

The procedural motion was successful consequently the meeting was adjourned until Friday 24 September 2021 at 2pm.