

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held in Angus House, Forfar on Thursday 9 February 2023 at 2.00pm.

Present: PROVOST BRIAN BOYD, DEPUTE PROVOST LINDA CLARK, Councillors CHRIS BEATTIE, JULIE BELL, KENNY BRAES, DAVID CHEAPE, SERENA COWDY, LYNNE DEVINE, HEATHER DORAN, BILL DUFF, BRENDA DURNO, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, IAIN GALL, ROSS GREIG, MARK MCDONALD, IAN MCLAREN, GEORGE MEECHAN, LLOYD MELVILLE, GAVIN NICOL, LOUISE NICOL, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, JILL SCOTT, LOIS SPEED, TOMMY STEWART, DEREK WANN and BETH WHITESIDE.

PROVOST BOYD, in the Chair.

Prior to the commencement of the formal business, the Provost intimated that he had agreed that Councillor Doran join the meeting remotely.

Thereafter, the Provost intimated that as members were aware, the Special Council minute of 23 December 2022 (Item 3(i)(b)), had not been issued to members in line with the required '3 clear days' before the meeting. However, he had determined that in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 11(1)(vii) that the minute be submitted for approval at this meeting as a matter of urgency as the minute required to be included within Volume 183.

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Martin Shepherd.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY

There were no declarations of interest or statements of transparency made.

3. MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

(i) Minutes of Council Meetings

(a) Angus Council

The minute of meeting of Angus Council of 15 December 2022 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

(b) Angus Council (Special)

The minute of special meeting of Angus Council of 23 December 2022 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

(ii) Minutes of Committees

(c) Development Management Review Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Management Review Committee of 21 November 2022 was submitted and noted.

(d) Scrutiny and Audit Committee

The minute of meeting of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee of 29 November 2022 was submitted and noted.

(e) Policy and Resources Committee

The minute of meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 6 December 2022 was submitted and noted.

(f) Development Standards Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 13 December 2022 was submitted and noted.

(g) Development Management Review Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Management Review Committee of 20 December 2022 was submitted and noted.

(h) Civic Licensing Committee

The minute of meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee of 19 January 2023 was submitted and noted.

(i) Communities Committee

The minute of meeting of the Communities Committee of 24 January 2023 was submitted and noted.

4. HYBRID MEETINGS - UPDATE

With reference to Article 12 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 8 September 2022, members heard from the Service Leader – Digital Enablement & IT who advised that the hybrid solution would now be implemented for the meeting of Angus Council to be held on 16 March 2023 and thereafter rolled out to all other Committee meetings. As a result of the delay to the implementation date, it was proposed that the forthcoming Special Meeting of Angus Council and the Special Meeting of the Children and Learning Committee be held on 2 March 2023 in person.

The Council resolved to note the update and agreed that the Special meetings of Angus Council and Children and Learning be held on 2 March 2023 in person.

5. APPOINTMENTS

Carnoustie Golf Links Management Committee

The Council noted that Councillor Kenny Braes had intimated his resignation from the Carnoustie Golf Links Management Committee.

The Provost sought nominations for the vacancy, following which the Director of Legal and Democratic Services advised members that Angus Council were entitled to appoint three persons to be Directors of the Company however, there did not need to be three Directors appointed by the Council, it was simply an entitlement. Should the Council decide not to re-appoint a member, the risk was that Angus Council would lose one vote at General Meetings and Directors Meetings.

Having sought nominations for the vacancy, and there not being any nominations proposed, the Council resolved to note the position meantime.

6. 2022/23 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET – ALTERNATIVE SPEND ANALYSIS

There was submitted Report No 23/23 by the Director of Finance presenting the Council's budget and spending on an alternative basis from the traditional cost type approach which was used for budget setting and financial reporting. The Report was intended to help elected members, Council staff and the general public better understand what most of the Council's money was spent on, not just by service but by activity and what the money buys. The Report was based on budget information for the current financial year (2022/23) and would be of interest as the Council approaches the setting of its 2023/24 revenue budget.

The Director of Finance provided an overview of the Report and answered members' questions. Thereafter, members were heard in relation to the scale of the financial challenges ahead.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the background to the Report and the reason it was being brought forward at this time;
- (ii) to note the analysis in the Report and the Appendices, having heard from elected members in relation to the financial challenges; and
- (iii) to note the implications/observations as set out in Section 6 of the Report.

7. INTERNATIONAL WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY

There was submitted Report No 24/23 by the Depute Chief Executive proposing that Angus Council formally recognise International Workers Memorial Day (IWMD) which takes place annually on April 28, an international day of remembrance and action for people who were killed, disabled, injured, or made unwell in the course of their work. The Report also recommended that, in collaboration with the recognised Trade Unions, the Council and a group of young people would create and establish an IWMD memorial within Forfar.

To provide a focal point for IWMD and to have a dedicated place where people could reflect and remember others, it was proposed that a memorial tree and bench be established on an appropriate council owned site within Forfar. A group of students at Forfar Academy would work with council officers and Trade Union representatives to identify a suitable site for the memorial tree and bench and would contribute to the design, and possible construction, of the bench and tree guard.

Having heard a number of members warmly welcome the proposal, the Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the collaborative work that had been undertaken between the Council and Trade Unions in relation to IWMD;
- (ii) to formally recognise IWMD annually on April 28;
- (iii) to approve the creation and establishment of an IWMD memorial within Angus as detailed within the Report; and
- (iv) to agree that the first formal IWMD recognition event would take place on 28 April 2023 with the memorial bench and tree in place for 2024.

8. HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III's CORONATION - 8 MAY 2023

There was submitted Report No 25/23 by the Director of HR, OD, Digital Enablement, IT and Business Support providing an implementation plan to allow council staff to join the celebrations for His Majesty King Charles III's Coronation in May 2023.

The Report advised that His Majesty the King Charles III's Coronation would be marked with a bank holiday on 8 May 2023. The First Minister had confirmed the additional bank holiday would create a three day "Coronation Weekend" following the coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023.

Education and Lifelong Learning had applied for and been granted an exemption from the requirement to provide 190 days of schooling in order that all public schools in Angus could be closed on 8 May 2023.

CoSLA had also confirmed that there would be no national position regarding the King's Coronation celebration and it would be for councils to determine arrangements at a local level.

The Council resolved to grant an additional day of leave for council employees on Monday 8 May 2023 in celebration of the King's Coronation Day in line with the Scottish Government setting of a bank holiday.