

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL HYBRID MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 8 May 2025 at 2.00pm.

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

1. INTERIM CHAIR OF THE MEETING

The Chief Executive, Kathryn Lindsay chaired the meeting and welcomed all members.

At this stage in the meeting, Councillor Proctor MBE, Veterans Champion spoke to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. He began by reminding those present that Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that one minute past midnight on Tuesday 8 May 1945 would be known as Victory in Europe Day (VE Day).

He stated that we should never forget those who fought during World War II. Many of the service men and women did not return and the loss of lives is replicated throughout every town, village and settlement throughout Angus and the rest of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

He concluded with an epitaph which was penned over 80 years ago and which he felt was still as pertinent today as it was then as British service personnel still put their lives on the line in today's very troubled and unstable world.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies were intimated.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY

Councillors Doran, Fotheringham, Melville and Whiteside each made a statement of transparency in relation to Items 7 and 8, Report Number 129/25, in that they were ward members of Monifieth & Sidlaw and had had interactions with constituents and tenants who may be affected.

Councillor Speed made a statement of transparency in relation to Item 10, Report Number 131/25, in that she had been an IJB Member previously and that family members receive health and social care support.

Councillor Scott made a statement of transparency in relation to Items 7 and 8, Report Number 129/25, in that she had been contacted by the Dundee RAAC Action Group who were representing Angus residents.

4. ELECTION OF PROVOST

The Chief Executive called for nominations for Provost of Angus.

Councillor Meechan, seconded by Councillor Wann, moved that Councillor Fotheringham be appointed Provost of Angus.

Councillor Duff, seconded by Councillor McDonald, moved that Councillor Cheape be appointed Provost of Angus.

On a vote being taken, members voted:-

For Councillor Fotheringham:-

Councillors Cowdy, Cruickshanks, Doran, Fotheringham, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Scott, Speed, Stewart and Wann (15).

For Councillor Cheape:-

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (13).

Councillor Fotheringham was therefore appointed Provost of Angus.

Provost Fotheringham thereafter took the Chair.

At this stage in the meeting, the Council resolved to adjourn for 20 minutes to allow officers to apprise the Provost of the business to be conducted.

The meeting re-convened at 2.34pm.

The Provost took the opportunity to thank Councillor Clark. He acknowledged her strong commitment and dedication to the role of Provost, Depute Provost and Ward Councillor and praised Councillor Clark for her professionalism, enthusiasm and friendliness and for being an excellent ambassador for Angus.

5. ELECTION OF DEPUTE PROVOST

The Provost called for nominations for Depute Provost of Angus.

Councillor Meechan, seconded by Councillor Wann, moved that Councillor Scott be appointed Depute Provost of Angus.

Councillor Duff, seconded by Councillor McDonald, moved that Councillor Beattie be appointed Depute Provost of Angus.

On a vote being taken, members voted:-

For Councillor Scott:-

Provost Fotheringham, Councillors Cruickshanks, Doran, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Scott, Speed, Stewart and Wann (14).

For Councillor Beattie:

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Cowdy, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (14).

There being an equality of votes, and under the terms of Standing Order 1(3), members were advised that the decision would be determined by lot, the method of which would be by the cutting of cards.

The Acting Director of Legal, Governance and Change facilitated the cutting of cards.

Councillor Beattie drew the first card, that being the Four of Spades.

Councillor Scott drew the second card, that being the Five of Diamonds.

Accordingly, Councillor Scott was appointed Depute Provost of Angus.

Deputation Request

The Provost intimated that a deputation request had been received from Mr Chowdry in relation to Report No 129/25 – Options Appraisal – Works to Angus Council Homes Featuring Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete in Milton Street, Monifieth.

The Council resolved to hear the deputation immediately prior to consideration of Item 7.

At this stage in the meeting, the Provost advised that members had been provided with an Addendum to Report No 133/25 which referenced further information in relation to the appointments to Outside Bodies. The Addendum had not been published within the required "3 clear days" by reason of special circumstance however, the Provost had determined that in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 10(2)(ii) the item could be considered at this meeting as a matter of urgency to allow the appointments to Outside Bodies to be made at this meeting.

6. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Council resolved, in terms of Standing Order 27(2), that the public and press be excluded during consideration of Items 8-10 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, Paragraphs 4, 6, 8 and 9.

As this stage in the meeting, and prior to consideration of Report No 129/25, Mr Chowdry addressed the Council in relation to the Options Appraisal - Works to Angus Council Homes Featuring Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete in Milton Street, Monifieth. He asked the Council to expand the scope of RAAC remediation planning to include the 49 private homeowners in Milton Street and any others identified through further investigation; to seek immediate funding from the Scottish and UK Governments; use the Scheme of Assistance to offer grants, missed share options, or sundry debt recovery loans for private owners especially those on low incomes or in shared roofs; to release costings for proposed works to the public to ensure transparency, allow informed resident decisions, and build community trust; to provide clear written timelines to all affected residents, council tenants and private owners alike and to maintain open communication channels; to hold a follow-up public meeting with all Milton Street residents before any final decision is taken; and to investigate RAAC in other Angus homes, especially properties built privately in the 1950s-80s, and consider what support could be provided to homeowners caught unaware.

There being no questions from members, the Provost thanked Mr Chowdry for his presentation.

7. OPTIONS APPRAISAL – WORKS TO ANGUS COUNCIL HOMES FEATURING REINFORCED AUTOCLAVED AERATED CONCRETE (RAAC) IN MILTON STREET, MONIFIETH

There was submitted Report No 129/25 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment outlining options to allow members to consider the optimal method for addressing Reinforced Aerated Autoclaved Concrete panels (RAAC) within 25 homes in its social rented housing stock in Milton Street in Monifieth. The Report also outlined the implications and potential next steps.

The Report indicated that following guidance issued by IstructE in April 2023, Angus Council had commissioned Dundee City Council's Principal Engineer to carry out surveys of the 26 council owned properties in Milton Street, Monifieth, where it was suspected that the construction may include RAAC panels. The surveys comprised of visual inspections and non-intrusive investigations in accordance with advice contained in published IStructE guidance. RAAC was identified in 25 of the 26 homes owned by Angus Council, the other was found to have no RAAC and a timber roof construction.

An options appraisal was carried out on a range of options, which were assessed against a number of criteria using an options appraisal format. Full details and results were attached within Appendix 1 to the Report. Option 4 'Remove RAAC – Install a new Flat Roof with Timber Structure' scored significantly higher than the other options. This would completely remove the risks associated with RAAC and create a new roof insulated to current standards and with a new finish which could last for c.40 years. Progressing with option 4 was assessed as preferable, and would require interaction and engagement with a number of owners of neighbouring properties which adjoin Angus Council properties. This had informed the development of the proposed next step which would be to commence engagement with affected private owners. The approach to engagement would prioritise clear communication, individual engagement, and a solution-focused strategy to ensure all parties were informed and supported.

Following a number of questions and comments from members, the Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the Options Appraisal set out in Appendix 1 to the Report (Exempt) and that the preferred option was to remove RAAC panels and to install new flat roofs (Option 4);
- (ii) to delegate authority to the Director of Infrastructure and Environment, and his nominated representatives, to engage with tenants and owners of impacted properties regarding the results of the options appraisal and the feasibility of the preferred option to remove RAAC panels and to install new flat roofs; and
- (iii) that a further report be brought to the Housing Committee, outlining and seeking approval for the recommended next steps following the engagement with tenants and owners in the Milton Street area.

8. OPTIONS APPRAISAL – WORKS TO ANGUS COUNCIL HOMES FEATURING REINFORCED AUTOCLAVED AERATED CONCRETE (RAAC) IN MILTON STREET, MONIFIETH

There was submitted and noted Exempt Appendix to Report No 129/25 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment.

9. OPTIONS APPRAISAL - DELIVERY OF CONTRACTS FOR A HOUSING REPAIRS SERVICE FOR ANGUS COUNCIL'S SOCIAL RENTED HOUSING STOCK FROM APRIL 2026

There was submitted Report No 130/25 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment outlining options to allow members to determine the best approach for procuring and awarding contracts for the delivery of a Housing Repairs and Voids service for its Social Housing from April 2026.

Following a number of questions and comments from members, the Council resolved to approve the recommendations, as detailed in the Report.

At this stage in the meeting, the Council resolved to adjourn for 15 minutes.

The meeting re-convened at 4.02pm.

10. ADULT SOCIAL CARE – EMPLOYERS NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

There was submitted Report No 131/25 by the Chief Integration Officer detailing the proposed approach to supporting Adult Social Care Home Care providers manage the implications of the changes to Employers National Insurance Contributions in the context of the wider impact of Employers National Insurance Contributions in Adult Social Care.

The Council resolved to approve the recommendations, as detailed in the Report.

11. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO STANDING COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF CONVENERS AND VICE-CONVENERS OF EACH COMMITTEE

With reference to Article 3 of the minute of Special meeting of Angus Council of 22 April 2025, there was submitted Report No 132/25 by the Acting Director of Legal, Governance and Change seeking appointments to Standing Committees of the Council in terms of the Scheme of Governance, and to appoint Conveners and Vice-Conveners to the Standing Committees.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the Standing Committees of the Council, as detailed within the Report; and
- (ii) to note the requirement to adhere to the principles of political balance in appointing members to Committees and the provisions generally relating to appointment to committees all as outlined in the Scheme of Governance, Standing Order 31 and in Section 5 of the Report.

In respect of recommendation (iii), Councillor Meechan, seconded by Councillor Wann, proposed an amendment to the reduce the membership of those Standing Committees

consisting of 16 members to 15 members and, if approved, to make the corresponding change to the Scheme of Governance, Standing Orders.

At this stage in the meeting, the Council resolved to adjourn for 10 minutes to allow members to consider the terms of the amendment.

The meeting re-convened at 4.34pm.

Councillor Duff, seconded by Councillor Melville, moved that this Council appoints members to each of the Standing Committees detailed within the Report, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 31.

COUNCILLOR MEECHAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANN, MOVED AS AN AMENDMENT, THAT THIS COUNCIL REDUCES THE MEMBERSHIP OF ALL 16 MEMBER COMMITTEES TO 15 MEMBERS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND MAKES THE CORRESPONDING CHANGE TO THE SCHEME OF GOVERNANCE, STANDING ORDER 31, AND THEREAFTER APPOINTS MEMBERS TO EACH OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES ON THAT BASIS.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For the motion:-

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Cowdy, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (14).

For the amendment:-

Provost Fotheringham, Depute Provost Scott, Councillors Cruickshanks, Doran, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Speed, Stewart and Wann (14).

There being an equality of votes, the Provost used his casting vote in favour of the amendment, which become the finding of the meeting.

At this point in the meeting, (the time being 4.49pm) the Council resolved, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 21(5), that the meeting continue until 6.15pm, at which time the position would be reviewed.

At this stage in the meeting, the Council resolved to adjourn for 15 minutes to allow members to consider their appointments to Committees.

The meeting re-convened at 5.04pm.

Thereafter, the Council resolved to appoint members to each of the Standing Committees detailed in Report as follows:-

Family, Education and Justice Committee

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Cruickshanks, Devine, Doran, Duff, Gall, Greig, Melville, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Scott, Speed and Whiteside.

Civic Licensing Committee

Councillors Braes, Clark, Durno, Greig, Meechan, Louise Nicol, Scott, Speed, Stewart and Whiteside.

Communities Committee

Councillors Boyd, Cowdy, Cruickshanks, Devine, Duff, Greig, McDonald, McLaren, Melville, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Scott, Shepherd, Stewart and Whiteside.

Development Standards Committee

Councillors Beattie, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Cowdy, Cruickshanks, Doran, Duff, Fotheringham, Meechan, Melville, McLaren and Gavin Nicol.

Housing Committee

Councillors Bell, Boyd, Clark, Devine, Doran, Durno, Fotheringham, Greig, McLaren, Melville, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Scott, Speed and Whiteside.

Policy and Resources Committee

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Cheape, Cowdy, Cruickshanks, Doran, Duff, McDonald, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Shepherd, Speed and Wann.

Scrutiny and Audit Committee

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Cowdy, Devine, Duff, Fotheringham, Gall, Greig, McDonald, Melville, Proctor, Shepherd and Speed.

Conveners and Vice-Conveners

The Council resolved, in respect of recommendation (iv), to appoint Conveners and Vice Conveners to the Standing Committees as follows:-

Family, Education & Justice Committee

Convener - Councillor Doran
Vice-Convener - Councillor Proctor

Civic Licensing Committee

Convener

Councillor Meechan, seconded by Councillor Wann, moved the appointment of Councillor Greig as Convener of the Civic Licensing Committee.

Councillor Duff, seconded by Councillor McDonald, moved the appointment of Councillor Whiteside as Convener of the Civic Licensing Committee.

On a vote being taken, members voted:-

For Councillor Greig:-

Provost Fotheringham, Depute Provost Scott, Councillors Cowdy, Cruickshanks, Doran, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Speed, Stewart and Wann (15).

For Councillor Whiteside:-

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (13).

Councillor Greig was therefore appointed Convener of the Civic Licensing Committee.

Vice-Convener

Councillor Meechan, seconded by Councillor Wann, moved the appointment of Councillor Louise Nicol as Vice-Convener of the Civic Licensing Committee.

Councillor Duff, seconded by Councillor McDonald, moved the appointment of Councillor Durno as Vice-Convener of the Civic Licensing Committee.

On a vote being taken, members voted:-

For Councillor Louise Nicol:-

Provost Fotheringham, Depute Provost Scott, Councillors Cruickshanks, Doran, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Speed, Stewart and Wann (14).

For Councillor Durno:-

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Cowdy, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (13).

No Vote:-

Councillor Boyd (1).

Councillor Louise Nicol was therefore appointed Vice-Convener of the Civic Licensing Committee.

Communities Committee

Convener – Councillor Stewart

Vice-Convener – Councillor Cruickshanks

Development Standards Committee

Convener

Councillor Meechan, seconded by Councillor Wann, moved the appointment of Councillor Gavin Nicol as Convener of the Development Standards Committee.

Councillor Duff, seconded by Councillor Melville, moved the appointment of Councillor Cheape as Convener of the Development Standards Committee.

On a vote being taken, members voted:-

For Councillor Gavin Nicol:-

Provost Fotheringham, Depute Provost Scott, Councillors Cruickshanks, Doran, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Speed, Stewart and Wann (14).

For Councillor Cheape:-

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Cowdy, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (14).

There being an equality of votes, and under the terms of Standing Order 1(3), members were advised that the decision would be determined by lot, the method of which would be by the cutting of cards.

The Acting Director of Legal, Governance and Change facilitated the cutting of cards.

Councillor Cheape drew the first card, that being the Ace of Spades.

Councillor Gavin Nicol drew the second card, that being the Queen of Diamonds.

Accordingly, Councillor Cheape was appointed Convener of the Development Standards Committee.

Vice-Convener

Councillor Meechan, seconded by Councillor Wann, moved the appointment of Councillor McLaren as Vice-Convener of the Development Standards Committee.

Councillor Duff, seconded by Councillor Beattie, moved the appointment of Councillor Beattie as Vice-Convener of the Development Standards Committee.

On a vote being taken, members voted:-

For Councillor McLaren:-

Provost Fotheringham, Depute Provost Scott, Councillors Cowdy, Cruickshanks, Doran, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Speed, Stewart and Wann (15).

For Councillor Beattie:-

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (13).

Councillor McLaren was therefore appointed Vice-Convener of the Development Standards Committee.

Housing Committee

Convener – Councillor Scott
Vice-Convener – Councillor Greig

Policy and Resources Committee

Convener- Councillor Meechan
Vice-Convener – Councillor Wann

Scrutiny and Audit Committee

Convener – Councillor Duff
Vice-Convener – Councillor Shepherd

12. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

With reference to Article 3 of the minute of Special meeting of Angus Council of 22 April 2025, there was submitted Report No 133/25 by the Acting Director of Legal, Governance and Change, together with addendum, detailing a list of outside bodies for which appointments would require to be made.

The Report indicated the Council had, in the past, made appointments to a range of outside bodies. A Policy for Appointments to Outside Bodies (attached as Appendix 2 to the Report) was approved at the Statutory Meeting of Angus Council held on 26 May 2022, to ensure that elected members were only appointed to outside bodies where it was essential and where the outside body contributed to the overall aims and objectives of the Council.

Report No 131/22 presented to Angus Council on 26 May 2022, provided full background information in relation to the appointment of elected members to outside bodies, together with the implications of being appointed to an outside body. The key points of Report No 131/22 are summarised within Appendix 1 to the Report and members were requested to consider that information during the course of their deliberations.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the definition of an outside body, provided within the Report, which captured a requirement that the outside body contributed to the overall aims and objectives of the Council;
- (ii) to note the information provided within Report No 131/22, with the key points summarised at **Appendix 1** to the Report, and the implications for individual elected members of being appointed to outside bodies;
- (iii) to note the Policy for Appointments to Outside Bodies, attached as **Appendix 2** to the Report, approved by Angus Council on 26 May 2022;
- (iv) to make appointments, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 20, to the Outside Bodies listed in **Appendix 3** to the Report, which comprise those bodies that the Council has an obligation to appoint to and, in doing so, to pay due regard to the principle of improving the diversity of public sector bodies as follows:-

Arm's Length Organisations:-

Angus Alive

Councillor Meechan, seconded by Councillor Wann, moved the appointment of Councillors Cruickshanks and Proctor.

Councillor Duff, seconded by Councillor McDonald, moved the appointment of Councillors Devine and Whiteside.

Councillor Cowdy, seconded by Councillor Boyd, moved the appointment of Councillor Cowdy.

On a vote being taken, in accordance with Standing Order 20(1), the members voted:-

For Councillor Cruickshanks:-

Provost Fotheringham, Depute Provost Scott, Councillors Cruickshanks, Doran, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Speed, Stewart and Wann (14).

For Councillor Cowdy:-

Provost Fotheringham, Depute Provost Scott, Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Cowdy, Cruickshanks, Devine, Doran, Durno, Gall, Greig, McDonald, McLaren, Meechan, Melville, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Shepherd, Speed, Stewart, Wann and Whiteside (27).

For Councillor Devine:-

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Cowdy, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (14).

For Councillor Proctor:-

Provost Fotheringham, Depute Provost Scott, Councillors Cowdy, Cruickshanks, Doran, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Speed, Stewart and Wann (15).

For Councillor Whiteside:-

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (13).

Councillors Cruickshanks, Cowdy, Devine and Proctor were therefore appointed to Angus Alive.

Local Organisations:-

Arbroath Golf Links Ltd

Councillors Cowdy and Shepherd.

Business Gateway Tayside

Councillor Gall.

Carnoustie Golf Links Management Committee (CGLMC)

Councillors Cheape, Cruickshanks and Stewart.

Forfar Day Care Centre/Deirdre Knight Centre

Councillor Clark.

MARS Training Ship

Councillor Meechan, seconded by Councillor Wann, moved the appointment of Councillor Greig.

Councillor Melville, seconded by Councillor McDonald, moved the appointment of Councillor Beattie.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For Councillor Greig:-

Provost Fotheringham, Depute Provost Scott, Councillors Cruickshanks, Doran, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Speed, Stewart and Wann (14).

For Councillor Beattie:

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Cowdy, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (14).

There being an equality of votes, and under the terms of Standing Order 20(1), members were advised that the decision would be determined by lot, the method of which would be by the cutting of cards.

The Acting Director of Legal, Governance and Change facilitated the cutting of cards.

Councillor Beattie drew the first card, that being the Six of Clubs.

Councillor Greig drew the second card, that being the Three of Diamonds.

Accordingly, Councillor Beattie was appointed.

Monifieth Golf Links Ltd

No nominations.

Montrose Basin Local Nature Reserve Management Committee

Councillor Duff.

Montrose Golf Links Management Committee

Councillors Duff and Gall.

Montrose Port Authority (Selection Panel)

Councillor Meechan (as Leader of the Council).

North East of Scotland Agriculture Advisory Group

Councillors Braes, Gall, Greig and Louise Nicol.

Sustainable Energy & Climate Action Plan Steering Group (SECAP)

Councillor Meechan, seconded by Councillor Wann, moved the appointment of Councillors Cowdy and Proctor.

Councillor Duff, seconded by Councillor Melville, moved the appointment of Councillors Beattie and Devine.

On a vote being taken, in accordance with Standing Order 20(1), the members voted:-

For Councillor Beattie:-

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (13).

For Councillor Cowdy:-

Provost Fotheringham, Depute Provost Scott, Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Clark, Cowdy, Cruickshanks, Devine, Doran, Durno, Gall, Greig, McDonald, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Shepherd, Speed, Stewart, Wann and Whiteside (25).

For Councillor Devine:-

Provost Fotheringham, Depute Provost Scott, Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Cowdy, Cruickshanks, Doran, Duff, Durno, Greig, McDonald, Melville, Shepherd, Speed and Whiteside (19).

For Councillor Proctor:-

Provost Fotheringham, Depute Provost Scott, Councillors Cowdy, Cruickshanks, Doran, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Speed, Stewart and Wann (15).

Councillors Cowdy, Devine and Proctor were therefore appointed to Sustainable Energy & Climate Action Plan Steering Group.

Strangs Mortification

Councillors Clark, Devine, Greig and McLaren.

Tayside Pension Board

Councillor Duff.

Voluntary Action Angus Council

Councillor Meechan, seconded by Councillor Wann, moved the appointment of Councillor Proctor.

Councillor Duff, seconded by Councillor McDonald, moved the appointment of Councillor Bell.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For Councillor Proctor:-

Provost Fotheringham, Depute Provost Scott, Councillors Cowdy, Cruickshanks, Doran, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Speed, Stewart and Wann (15).

For Councillor Bell:-

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (13).

Councillor Proctor was therefore appointed to Voluntary Action Angus.

At this stage in the meeting, (the time being 6.15pm), the Council resolved. in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 21(5), that the meeting continue until 6.45pm, at which time the position would be reviewed.

National Bodies:-

Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE)

Councillor Meechan.

Scottish Joint Council (SJC)

Councillor Meechan (Councillor Wann substitute member).

Business Loans Scotland

Councillor Gall.

CoSLA Children and Young Person's Board

Councillor Doran.

CoSLA Community Wellbeing Board

Councillor Scott.

CoSLA Convention

Councillors Doran, Duff, McDonald, Meechan.

CoSLA Environment and Economy Board

Councillor Duff.

CoSLA Health and Social Care Group

Councillor Meechan, seconded by Councillor Wann, moved the appointment of Councillor Louise Nicol.

Councillor Duff, seconded by Councillor Beattie, moved the appointment of Councillor Bell.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For Councillor Louise Nicol:-

Provost Fotheringham, Depute Provost Scott, Councillors Cowdy, Cruickshanks, Doran, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Speed, Stewart and Wann (15).

For Councillor Bell:-

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (13).

Councillor Louise Nicol was therefore appointed to CoSLA Health and Social Care Group.

Scotland Excel

Councillor Meechan, seconded by Councillor Wann, moved the appointment of Councillor Cruickshanks.

Councillor Duff, seconded by Councillor Melville, moved the appointment of Councillor Durno.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For Councillor Cruickshanks:-

Provost Fotheringham, Depute Provost Scott, Councillors Cowdy, Cruickshanks, Doran, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Speed, Stewart and Wann (15).

For Councillor Durno:-

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (13).

Councillor Cruickshanks was therefore appointed to Scotland Excel.

The Council also resolved to appoint Councillor Durno as the substitute member.

Statutory Bodies:-

Angus Community Planning Partnership Board

Councillor Meechan (as Leader of the Council).

Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board

Councillor Meechan, seconded by Councillor Wann, moved the appointment of Councillors Meechan, Louise Nicol and Speed.

Councillor Duff, seconded by Councillor McDonald, moved the appointment of Councillors Beattie and Bell.

On a vote being taken, in accordance with Standing Order 20(1), the members voted:-

For Councillor Bell:-

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (13).

For Councillor Beattie:-

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (13).

For Councillor Meechan:-

Provost Fotheringham, Depute Provost Scott, Councillors Cruickshanks, Doran, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Speed, Stewart and Wann (14).

For Councillor Louise Nicol:-

Provost Fotheringham, Depute Provost Scott, Councillors Cowdy, Cruickshanks, Doran, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Speed, Stewart and Wann (15).

For Councillor Speed:-

Provost Fotheringham, Depute Provost Scott, Councillors Cowdy, Cruickshanks, Doran, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Speed, Stewart and Wann (15).

Councillors Meechan, Louise Nicol and Speed were therefore appointed to the Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board.

Vice Chair of the Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board

Councillor Louise Nicol.

Angus Licensing Board

Councillors Braes, Clark, Durno, Greig, Meechan, Louise Nicol, Scott, Speed, Stewart and Whiteside.

Cairngorms National Park Authority Board

Councillor Meechan, seconded by Councillor Wann, moved the nomination of Councillor McLaren.

Councillor Duff, seconded by Councillor Whiteside, moved the nomination of Councillor McDonald.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For Councillor McLaren:-

Provost Fotheringham, Depute Provost Scott, Councillors Cowdy, Cruickshanks, Doran, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Speed, Stewart and Wann (15).

For Councillor McDonald:-

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (13).

Councillor McLaren was therefore nominated to the Cairngorms National Park Authority Board.

Northern Roads Collaboration Joint Committee

The Council resolved to defer consideration until officers seek to establish the status of the Committee.

Tayside Area Support Team

Councillor Doran.

Tayside Contracts Joint Committee

Councillors Cruickshanks, Durno, Fotheringham, Gavin Nicol, Shepherd and Stewart.

Convener of Tayside Contract Joint Committee

Councillor Gavin Nicol.

Tay Cities Region Joint Committee

Councillors Duff, Meechan and Scott.

Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership

Councillor Durno and Proctor.

Tayside NHS Board

Councillor Meechan, seconded by Councillor Wann, moved the nomination of Councillor Louise Nicol.

Councillor Melville, seconded by Councillor Cheape, moved the nomination of Councillor Bell.

Having heard from both Councillors, the members voted:-

For Councillor Louise Nicol:-

Provost Fotheringham, Depute Provost Scott, Councillors Cowdy, Cruickshanks, Doran, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Speed, Stewart and Wann (15).

For Councillor Bell:-

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (13).

Councillor Louise Nicol was therefore nominated to the Tayside NHS Board.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 21(2), the Provost, seconded by Councillor Meechan, moved, as a procedural motion, that the meeting be adjourned and re-convened at 8.00pm.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For adjournment:-

Provost Fotheringham, Depute Provost Scott, Councillors Cowdy, Cruickshanks, Doran, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Meechan, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Speed, Stewart and Wann (15).

Against the adjournment:-

Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Clark, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (13).

The procedural motion was successful consequently the meeting was adjourned until 8.00pm.

The meeting re-convened at 8.00pm.

The Clerk intimated that Councillors Durno, Melville and Whiteside had left the meeting.

Tay Road Bridge Joint Board

Councillor Fotheringham.

Tayside Valuation Joint Board

Councillors Cowdy, Durno, Fotheringham and Gavin Nicol.

Tayside Valuation Joint Board - Spokesperson

Councillor Gavin Nicol.

Trusts:-

Angus Council Charitable Trust

The Council noted that all Angus Councillors were Trustees.

Angus Educational Trust

Councillors Beattie, Devine, Doran, Greig, Proctor, Scott, Speed and Whiteside.

Dr Andrew Kerr's Trust

Councillors Clark, Devine, Greig and McLaren.

Arbroath Neighbourhood Board

Councillors Cruickshanks and Speed.

In respect of recommendation (v), the Council resolved:-

- (i) to amalgamate the role of Equalities and Older People's Champion and to appoint Councillor Speed; and
- (ii) to appoint Councillor Proctor as Veteran's Champion.

13. REMUNERATION OF COUNCILLORS 2025/26 – UPDATE

There was submitted Report No 134/25 by the Director of Finance providing background information relating to the remuneration of Councillors, the Council's current remuneration structure and asking that members determine the remuneration structure to apply from the date of the Special meeting of Angus Council.

Councillor Meechan, seconded by Councillor Wann, moved that the Council:-

- (i) notes the background details provided in relation to the remuneration of Councillors;
- (ii) notes the existing Angus Council remuneration structure for Councillors as set out in Appendix 1;
- (iii) approves the undernoted remuneration structure for Councillors which complies with the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007, ("Regulations") effective from the date of the Special meeting of Angus Council;

Angus Council Remuneration Structure for Elected Members

Post	Councillor	Multiple Roles*	No. of Posts	0.3958%	Counted for Senior Councillor Constraints	
					Posts	Pay (£)
Leader of the Council	Cllr Meechan	A	1		1	£50,063
Civic Head (Provost)	Cllr Fotheringham		1		1	£37,548
Senior Councillor Posts - Remuneration Proposals						
Depute Leader	Cllr Wann	B	1		1	£37,548
Depute Provost	Cllr Scott	C	1		0	£0
Convener of Families, Education and Justice	Cllr Doran		1		1	£32,540
Convener of Civic Licensing	Cllr Greig	D	1		1	£32,540
Convener of Communities	Cllr Stewart		1		1	£32,540
Convener of Development Standards	Cllr Cheape		1		1	£32,540
Convener of Policy & Resources	Cllr Meechan	A	1		0	£0
Convener of Scrutiny & Audit	Cllr Duff		1		1	£32,540
Convener of Housing	Cllr Scott	C	1		1	£32,540
Vice Convener of Families, Education and Justice	Cllr Proctor	F	1		1	£27,985
Vice Convener of Civic Licensing	Cllr L Nicol	E	1		0	£0
Vice Convener of Communities	Cllr Cruickshanks		1		1	£27,985
Vice Convener of Development Standards	Cllr McLaren		1		0	£0
Vice Convener of Policy & Resources	Cllr Wann	B	1		0	£0
Vice Convener of Scrutiny & Audit	Cllr Shepherd		1		1	£27,985
Vice Convener of Housing	Cllr Greig	D	1		0	£0
Spokesperson - Finance	Cllr Gall		1		1	£32,540
Deputy Spokesperson - Finance	Cllr Meechan	A	1		0	£0
Administration Group Business Manager	Cllr G Nicol		1		1	£32,540
Spokesperson - Veterans	Cllr Proctor	F	1		0	£0
Spokesperson - Public Health	Cllr L Nicol	E	1		0	£0
Spokesperson - Tenant Participation	Cllr Whiteside		1		1	£27,985
Sub-Total Senior Councillor Posts (excl Leader and Civic Head)			22	0	13	409,808
Senior Councillor Cap					13	412,940
					Headroom	£3,132
Basic Grade Councillors for Remuneration Purposes			13	£25,982	n/a	337,766

TOTAL COST OF REMUNERATION PROPOSALS (excl. external posts and employers on costs) 835,185 ^

* - posts where an elected member will be carrying out multiple roles with additional responsibility

** - remuneration for these posts applies from 23 April 2025 in line with decisions of Council on 22 April 2025

*** - Cllr Speed has elected not to be paid the full salary of £25,982. For 2025/26 Cllr Speed will be paid £21,985

^ - cost will be £3,997 lower (£831,188) in light of position in note *** above

External Posts (see below for more details and Councillor explanations)

Convener - Tayside Contracts Joint Committee #	Cllr G Nicol
Spokesperson - Tayside Joint Valuation Board #	Cllr G Nicol
Vice Chair - Angus Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board #	Cllr L Nicol
Angus Council rep on Tayside NHS Board ##	Cllr L Nicol
Angus Council rep on Cairngorms National Park Authority Board ###	Cllr McLaren

- this role carries no remuneration

- this role includes a fee payable by the NHS Board and is in addition to the councillor salary paid by Angus Council. The latest published fee levels are £225/day and an assumed time commitment of 52 days p.a. which would mean payment of £11,700.

- this role includes a fee payable by the Park Authority and is in addition to the councillor salary paid by Angus Council. The latest published fee levels are £239.67/day and an assumed time commitment of 36 days p.a. which would mean payment of £8,628.

Financial Implications

The proposed structure and the costs arising are in compliance with the Remuneration Regulations.

Employers costs for national insurance and pension contributions will be payable in addition to the total cost shown of £835,185. Actual pension costs will however depend on how many elected members choose to be members of the pension scheme (all elected members under 75 are auto-enrolled in the scheme but can opt out). The budget provision of £1.037 million will be sufficient to meet all costs including employers costs arising from the structure shown above.

- (iv) agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Finance to apply any non-material changes to the remuneration structure following consultation with both the Leader of the Council and the Leader of / Spokesperson for the Non-Administration / Opposition;
- (v) notes that opportunities for further reform of Committee and remuneration arrangements can be considered in due course if required.

The Council resolved to have a 5 minute adjournment to allow members the opportunity to consider the terms of the motion.

The meeting re-convened at 8.22pm.

Councillor Speed sought clarity in relation to the remuneration, and in particular her salary. The Director of Finance noted that Councillor Speed had elected not be paid the full salary and that this would be reflected in the remuneration structure.

Having heard from a number of members, the Council resolved to approve the proposals detailed in (i) – (v) above.