

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Minute of meeting of Perth and Kinross Council held virtually on Thursday 30 July 2020 at 9.35am.

Present: Provost D Melloy, Councillors C Ahern, H Anderson, A Bailey, K Baird, P Barrett, B Brawn, R Brock, A Coates, H Coates, S Donaldson, E Drysdale, J Duff, A Forbes, T Gray, D Illingworth, I James, A Jarvis, G Laing, M Lyle, R McCall, S McCole, X McDade, T McEwan, A Parrott, B Pover, C Purves, J Rebbeck, C Reid, W Robertson, F Sarwar, C Shiers, L Simpson, C Stewart, R Watters, M Williamson and W Wilson.

In Attendance: K Reid, Chief Executive; S Devlin, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); B Renton, Executive Director (Housing and Environment); G Paterson, Chief Officer/Director – Integrated Health and Social Care; K Donaldson, Interim Chief Operating Officer; L Simpson, S Hendry, S Mackenzie, S Walker, A Brown, D Littlejohn, C Wright, S Watt and A Taylor (all Corporate and Democratic Services); C Mailer, C Forbes and M Butterworth (all Housing and Environment).

Apologies for Absence: Councillor M Barnacle

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Provost welcomed all those present and noted apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 34 IT WAS AGREED TO VARY THE ORDER OF BUSINESS TO CONSIDER ITEMS P1 & P2 AT THIS POINT

In terms of Standing Orders 29 and 32, Councillor X McDade, seconded by Councillor A Bailey, moved that Items P1 and P2 should not be considered as exempt items of business and that the public be allowed to view the live proceedings online.

6 members voted to hear the items in public as follows:

Councillors H Anderson, A Bailey, R Brock, X McDade, C Purves and C Stewart.

27 members voted to consider the items as exempt business as follows:

Councillors C Ahern, K Baird, P Barrett, B Brawn, A Coates, H Coates, S Donaldson, E Drysdale, J Duff, A Forbes, T Gray, D Illingworth, I James, A Jarvis, M Lyle, R McCall, S McCole, Provost D Melloy, B Pover, C Reid, W Robertson, F Sarwar, C Shiers, L Simpson, R Watters, M Williamson and W Wilson.

2 members abstained from the vote as follows:
Councillors G Laing and J Rebbeck.

COUNCILLORS T MCEWEN AND A PARROTT LEFT THE MEETING DURING THE ABOVE VOTE.

Resolved:

The public and press be excluded from viewing during consideration of the following items in order to avoid the disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973.

P1. DISPOSAL OF FORMER COUNCIL OFFICES AT 1-5 HIGH STREET, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Interim Chief Operating Officer (20/128) seeking approval to confirm the named individual in Report 20/128 as the preferred bidder for the acquisition of the former Council offices at 1-5 High Street, Perth for redevelopment as a boutique hotel. As two parts of the 1-5 High Street complex are deemed to be Common Good, a public consultation has been undertaken on the principles of the proposed disposal which will also require to be considered by the Perth Common Good Committee at a future meeting.

Motion (Councillors M Lyle and J Duff)

It is recommended the Council:

- (i) Confirms the named individual in Report 20/128 as the preferred bidder for the sale of 1-5 High Street, Perth to allow officers to commence negotiation on the terms of the disposal to the satisfaction of the Head of Planning and Development and the Head of Legal and Governance;**
- (ii) Invites the preferred bidder to give a presentation on its proposals to members;**
- (iii) Requests a further report detailing the terms of the disposal prior to considering disposal; and**
- (iv) Notes that the approval of the Perth Common Good Committee will also be required.**

Amendment (Councillors A Bailey and T Gray)

This Council defers the decision on whether to appoint a preferred bidder for 1-5 High Street and will consider the decision again as part of the wider capital budget review in early 2021.

In accordance with Standing Order 58, a roll call vote was taken.

21 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors C Ahern, K Baird, P Barrett, B Brawn, A Coates, H Coates, E Drysdale, J Duff, A Forbes, D Illingworth, I James, A Jarvis, M Lyle, R McCall, Provost Melloy, A Parrott, C Reid, W Robertson, C Shiers, L Simpson and W Wilson.

16 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors H Anderson, A Bailey, R Brock, S Donaldson, T Gray, G Laing, S McCole, X McDade, T McEwan, B Pover, C Purves, J Rebbeck, F Sarwar, C Stewart, R Watters and M Williamson.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

P2. MILL QUARTER, THIMBLEROW SITE DEVELOPMENT

There was submitted a report by the Interim Chief Operating Officer (20/129) (1) providing an update in relation to the redevelopment of the Thimblrow car park; and (2) requesting consideration of whether or not to grant the named individual in Report 20/129 a further extension to the current development agreement to enable them to pursue an amended residential led scheme.

Resolved:

- (i) A request from the named company in Report 20/129 for the development agreement to be extended to allow for the revised Residential / Multi Storey Car Park led scheme be refused.
- (ii) Council withdraws from the Mill Quarter Development Agreement on its expiry in August 2020.
- (ii) Dialogue be continued with the named company in Report 20/129 to explore the possibility of a new partnership with the Council to deliver a residential led scheme subject to compliance with procurement legislation.
- (iii) The Interim Chief Operating Officer be requested to bring back a further report to Council in December 2020 for further consideration.

THERE FOLLOWED A RECESS AND THE MEETING RECOMENCED AT 1.00PM.

THE PUBLIC AND PRESS WERE RE-ADMITTED TO THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL OF 24 JUNE 2020 FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE

The minute of meeting of Perth and Kinross Council of 24 June 2020 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

4. THE PERTH AND KINROSS OFFER - COVID-19 – FRAMEWORK FOR RECOVERY AND RENEWAL: BUILDING AN EVEN BETTER PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (20/124) seeking agreement of the iterative strategy and framework to support Perth and Kinross's

recovery and renewal from the COVID-19 pandemic as part of the Perth and Kinross Offer.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress made to date, in terms of the Council's response to the pandemic and developing an approach to Recovery and Renewal, be noted.
- (ii) The proposed Recovery and Renewal Strategy, as attached at Appendix B to Report 20/124, be approved and it be noted that a Plain English version would be produced to be used with all stakeholders including communities and employees.
- (iii) A sub group of the Perth and Kinross Offer/Recovery and Renewal Member/Officer Working Group to be established, replacing the Modernising Governance Member/Officer Working Group, to review the Council's governance arrangements.
- (iv) It be agreed that an Organisational Development Plan is produced to support the approach agreed through the Perth and Kinross Offer and recovery and renewal.
- (v) A further, costed report be brought to the next meeting of Council in October 2020, following the review of the revenue budget and the setting of the capital budget.

5. UPDATE ON THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Interim Chief Operating Officer (20/125) (1) providing a brief update on the development of an Economic Recovery Plan; and (2) outlining the various actions taken by the Council and its partners in responding to the economic downturn as a result of the Covid 19 outbreak.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress made to date, in terms of the Council's response to the pandemic in supporting local businesses and the economy, be noted.
- (ii) The draft Economic Wellbeing Plan be noted and the proposed Consultation process be agreed.
- (iii) A final draft to be brought to the first meeting of the Council, following the review of the revenue budget and the setting of the capital budget at the end of September 2020.

THERE FOLLOWED A RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 3.02PM.

6. COVID-19 - DELIVERY PLAN FOR RETURN TO SCHOOLS AND EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (20/126) (1) outlining the planning which had taken place to ensure that a full time return to schools and early learning and childcare would be achieved from August 2020, if it is deemed safe to do so; and (2) setting out how Education and Children's Services was further developing its contingency plan for a phased return to schools and early learning and childcare should it be required.

Resolved:

The content of Report 20/126 and the Local Delivery Plan be noted.

7. COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST – KINNLOCH RANNOCH OUTDOOR CENTRE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (20/127) (1) seeking approval to the transfer of Kinloch Rannoch Outdoor Centre and associated land to a community body; and (2) outlining the process for the Community Asset Transfer Request following approval by full Council.

Motion (Councillors M Lyle and J Duff)

It is recommended that Council:

- (i) Approves the Community Asset Transfer request for the disposal of Kinloch Rannoch Outdoor Centre and associated land to Rannoch Community Trust for the sum of £75,000; and**
- (ii) Delegates authority to the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) and Head of Legal and Governance Services to determine terms and conditions of the transfer.**

Amendment (Councillors X McDade and M Williamson)

It is recommended that Council:

- (i) Approves the Community Asset Transfer request for the disposal of Kinloch Rannoch Outdoor Centre and associated land to Rannoch Community Trust for the sum of £1; and**
- (ii) Delegates authority to the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) and Head of Legal and Governance Services to determine terms and conditions of the transfer.**

THERE WAS A SHORT RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 4.22PM

In accordance with Standing Order 58, a roll call vote was taken.

19 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors C Ahern, K Baird, P Barrett, B Brawn, A Coates, H Coates, J Duff, A Forbes, D Illingworth, I James, A Jarvis, M Lyle, R McCall, Provost D Melloy, C Reid, W Robertson, C Shiers, L Simpson and W Wilson.

18 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors H Anderson, A Bailey, R Brock, S Donaldson, E Drysdale, T Gray, G Laing, S McCole, X McDade, T McEwen, A Parrott, B Pover, C Purves, J Rebbeck, F Sarwar, C Stewart, R Watters and M Williamson.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

8. RECORD OF DECISIONS UNDER EMERGENCY POWERS

Resolved:

The most recent record of decisions taken under emergency powers as of 30 July 2020 in response to COVID-19 was submitted and noted.

9. AMENDMENT TO SCHEME OF ADMINISTRATION

Resolved

The following change to the Scheme of Administration be agreed:

Part 3 - Delegation of Officials - Executive Director (Housing and Environment)

Section 23.1 - Roads and Traffic

Replace second bullet point with:

The Executive Director shall have the power to promote and propose and where no objections are raised, confirm roads orders in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and any subsequent legislation regulating the use of the Perth and Kinross Council roads network.

10. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2020

Resolved:

- (i) It be agreed that the next scheduled Council meeting on Wednesday 30 September 2020 would now take place on Wednesday 7 October 2020 at 9.30am.
- (ii) It be agreed that a special meeting of the Council would take place on Wednesday 30 September 2020 at 9.30am to review the Revenue Budget and consider the Capital Budget.
- (iii) It be agreed that the meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee scheduled to take place on Wednesday 9 September 2020 be cancelled.