

# PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Minute of meeting of Perth and Kinross Council held virtually on Wednesday 24 February 2021 at 9.30am.

Present: Provost D Melloy, Councillors C Ahern, A Bailey, K Baird, M Barnacle, L Barrett, 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, I Massie, R McCall, S McCole, X McDade, T McEwan, A Parrott, B Pover, C Purves, J Rebbeck, W Robertson, F Sarwar, C Shiers, L Simpson, C Stewart, R Watters, M Williamson and W Wilson.

In Attendance: B Renton, Interim Chief Executive and Executive Director (Communities); C Mailer, Depute Director (Communities); S Devlin, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); J Pepper, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services), K Donaldson, Chief Operating Officer; G Paterson, Chief Officer/Director – Integrated Health and Social Care; G Boland (Education and Children's Services); M Butterworth and F Crofts (Communities Service); L Simpson, C Flynn, S Hendry, S Mackenzie, S Walker, K Fraser, L Brady, A Brown, M Pasternak, B Parker and A McMeekin (all Corporate and Democratic Services);

Apology for Absence: Councillor C Reid.

The Provost led on Items 1-4 and 6-8, and the Depute Provost led on Item 5.

## 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Provost welcomed all those present to the meeting and noted an apology as above.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors Code of Conduct.

## 3. MINUTES

### (i) 16 December 2020

The minute of the meeting of Perth and Kinross Council of 16 December 2020 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

### (ii) 27 January 2021

The minute of the meeting of Perth and Kinross Council of 27 January 2021 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

#### **4. RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

There was a verbal update by the Interim Chief Executive and other senior officers providing an operational update on the Council's continuing response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

There followed a number of questions and comments from members, along with responses from officers.

*THERE FOLLOWED A RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10.45AM.*

#### **5. FINANCE CIRCULAR 1/2021 UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (21/25) (1) advising of the terms of the draft 2021/22 Scottish Government Budget as set out in Finance Circular 1/2021; and (2) seeking a decision from Council as to the acceptance of these terms.

##### **Motion (Councillors M Lyle and J Duff)**

- 1. Council accepts the terms of the draft 2021/22 Scottish Budget in relation to Council Tax and freeze Council Tax levels for financial year 2021/22;**
- 2. Council notes the points listed at paragraph 5.3(ii) in Report 21/25;**
- 3. Council agrees to delay consideration of the 2021/22 Final Revenue Budget to 10 March 2021 at 9.30am.**

##### **Amendment 1 (Councillors G Laing and F Sarwar)**

- In accordance with sections one and two of the Motion;
- Council agrees to delay consideration of the 2021/22 Final Revenue Budget to 17 March 2021 at 9.30am.

##### **Amendment 2 (Councillors P Barrett and W Wilson)**

- Council does not accept the terms of the draft 2021/22 Scottish Budget in relation to Council Tax and maintains the previously agreed position of the Council to increase the Council Tax by 4.28% for financial year 2021/22;
- In accordance with sections two and three of the Motion.

*THERE FOLLOWED A 10 MINUTE RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 12.35PM.*

In terms of Standing Order 58 a roll call vote was taken.

19 Members voted for Amendment 1 as follows:

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

5 Members voted for Amendment 2 as follows:

Councillors L Barrett, P Barrett, W Robertson, L Simpson and W Wilson.

14 Members Abstained as follows:

Councillors C Ahern, K Baird, B Brawn, A Coates, H Coates, J Duff, A Forbes, D Illingworth, I James, A Jarvis, M Lyle, R McCall, Provost D Melloy and C Shiers

Amendment 1 therefore became the substantive Amendment and was put against the Motion.

21 Members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors C Ahern, K Baird, L Barrett, 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 Purves, W Robertson, C Shiers, L Simpson, C Stewart and W Wilson.

17 Members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors A Bailey, M Barnacle, R Brock, S Donaldson, E Drysdale, T Gray, G Laing, I Massie, S McCole, X McDade, T McEwan, A Parrott, B Pover, J Rebbeck, F Sarwar, R Watters and M Williamson.

**Resolved:**

In accordance with the Motion.

## **6. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY POLLING PLACES**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Chief Executive (21/24) seeking the Council's views on several temporary changes to polling places for the Scottish Parliament elections scheduled for 6 May 2021.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The following temporary polling stations be approved:
  - St Anne's Church Hall, Coupar Angus
  - Blairgowrie Adult Resource Centre
  - North Inch Community Campus (Library)
- (ii) It be noted that Upper Springlands is unavailable and that the PDC register can be accommodated within the Gannochy Community Centre.
- (iii) The Interim Chief Executive be delegated authority to make adjustments to polling places, only as a result of unforeseen circumstances, and in consultation with Ward elected members.

## **7. APPOINTMENTS**

- (i) It be agreed that Councillor S McCole replace Councillor T McEwan as a proxy member for the Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board.
- (ii) It be agreed that Councillor J Rebbeck to appointed to the vacant position on the Employees Joint Consultative Committee.

## **8. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2021**

It be agreed that the meeting of Planning and Development Management Committee, originally scheduled to be held on Wednesday 10 March 2021 be rescheduled to be held on Tuesday 9 March 2021 at 10.00am.

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