

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Minute of hybrid meeting of Perth and Kinross Council held in Council Chambers, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 27 April 2022 at 9.30am.

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

In Attendance: T Glen, Chief Executive, L Simpson, Head of Legal and Governance Services, B Renton 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)/Chief Social Worker; E Ritchie, F Robertson, D Littlejohn, S Hendry, S Mackenzie, S Walker, A Brown, A Taylor, D Tannock, L McGuigan and B Parker (all Corporate and Democratic Services);

Apologies for Absence: Councillors A Coates, H Coates and S McCole.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Provost welcomed all those present to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Procedural Motion (Councillors X McDade and G Laing)

To defer consideration of Item P1 Disposal of Former Council Offices at 1-5 High Street, Perth to the next Council meeting after local Government elections.

Amendment (Councillor M Lyle and J Duff)

To proceed to consider Item P1 on the agenda.

In terms of Standing Order 21.1, a roll call vote was taken:

17 Members voted for the Motion as follows:

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

20 Members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors C Ahern, K Baird, M Barnacle, L Barrett, P Barrett, B Brawn, 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, F Smith and W Wilson.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment

3. MINUTES:

3(i) MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL OF 23 FEBRUARY 2022

The minute was submitted and approved.

3(ii) MINUTE OF MEETING OF PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL OF 9 MARCH 2022

The minute was submitted and approved.

THE DEPUTE PROVOST LED ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM

4. MOTION

4(i) Team Muirhead Olympic Gold Medal Success

Motion (Councillors X McDade and C Stewart)

The Council celebrates the incredible achievement of all Team GB athletes at the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics. Watching these games will no doubt help inspire the next generation to get involved in many of these sports and become future Olympians.

In particular, the Council congratulates the fantastic victory of the British Women's Curling Team at the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics in winning the gold medal.

The Council records its pride in the team's Olympic achievement and, in particular, in local team skip Eve Muirhead's international success as a curler and wishes to recognise her achievements in the following way:

Perth & Kinross Council resolves to exercise its power under section 206 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to grant the British Women's Curling Team the Freedom of the City of Perth to celebrate their gold medal

victory. This would make them the first women to be recognised by this honour in 87 years.

Following a suggestion from Councillor A Parrott, the mover and seconder of the Motion agreed to amend the wording to refer to the “2022” team and to remove the last sentence.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Revised Motion.

THE PROVOST LED ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

5. UPDATE ON TAY CITIES REGIONAL DEAL AND FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

There was submitted a report by Head of Planning and Development (22/104) (1) providing an update on progress with the Tay Cities Region Deal, with a specific focus on projects benefitting the Perth and Kinross area, and (2) highlighting the key updates from the Deal's first Annual Report published in February 2022.

Resolved:

- (i) The substantial progress that has been made in the first year of the Deal, and the receipt of c.£11M of grant funding to date, be noted;
- (ii) A further report to be brought to Council following the publication of the second Tay Cities Region Deal Annual Report.

6. ECONOMIC WELLBEING PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted a report by Head of Planning and Development (22/105) (1) providing an update on the delivery of actions within the Economic Wellbeing Plan, and (2) outlining the Scottish Government's new National Strategy for Economic Transformation, which provides a new context for economic development delivery that the Council and partners will have to consider.

Resolved:

- (i) The good progress made to date in implementing the Economic Wellbeing Plan with 34% of the existing actions, excluding the new actions added for 2022/23, on target and delivering positive outcomes, be noted
- (ii) £1.14M of non-recurring expenditure to support further economic recovery has been provided by the Council in 2022/23 be noted.

- (iii) The Economic Wellbeing Taskforce to review the plan to provide reassurance that it is delivering against the current and future economic needs, and that it reflects the new National strategy for Economic Transformation, and refresh, as necessary.
- (iv) The Economic Wellbeing Taskforce to continue to seek to secure external funding wherever possible, or re-direct existing resources to help to fund any new actions required.

THERE FOLLOWED A RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11.45AM

**7. SCOTTISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS – 5 MAY 2022 -
INDUCTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW AND RETURNING ELECTED
MEMBERS**

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Executive and Head of Legal and Governance Services (22/106) setting out proposals to deliver a comprehensive induction programme to provide the best possible support for new and returning elected members, in particular during their lead up to the summer recess.

Resolved:

- (i) Progress to date with the development of induction arrangements for elected members in Perth and Kinross Council following the Local Government Elections on 5 May 2022 be noted;
- (ii) The proposed draft elected member induction programme, set out in Appendix 1, be approved.

**8. PROPOSED TIMETABLE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS - MAY TO
DECEMBER 2022**

The proposed timetable of committee meetings for May – December 2022 was submitted and noted.

It was noted that a proposed timetable of committee meetings would be submitted to the statutory meeting following the Local Government Elections in May 2022.

9. VALEDICTORY - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The Provost and other elected members paid tribute and thanked all members who were standing down at the forthcoming elections for their hard work and support to their communities.

Procedural Motion (Councillors C Stewart and A Bailey)

To consider Item P1 in public session.

Amendment (Councillors M Lyle and J Duff)

To consider Item P1 in private session.

In terms of Standing Order 21.1, a roll call vote was taken:

5 Members voted for the Motion as follows:

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

21 Members voted for the Amendment as follows:

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

10 Members abstain from vote as follows:

Councillors E Drysdale, T Gray, G Laing, I Massie, T McEwan, B Pover, J Rebbeck, F Sarwar, R Watters and M Williamson

Resolved:

In accordance with the amendment.

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

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Development (22/107) providing an update to a previously approved decision at Council for the proposed redevelopment of 1-5 High Street into a boutique hotel. This includes reporting on the terms of the disposal that have been agreed since the preferred bidder's appointment by the Council at its meeting on 30 July 2020 and recommends concluding a development lease.

Motion (Councillors M Lyle and J Duff)

To approve the recommendations set out in Report 22/107.

Amendment (Councillors X McDade and C Stewart)

To defer consideration of Report 22/107 until after the Local Government Elections on 5 May 2022.

In terms of Standing Order 21.1, a roll call vote was taken:

26 Members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors C Ahern, K Baird, L Barrett, P Barrett, B Brawn, S Donaldson, E Drysdale, J Duff, A Forbes, D Illingworth, I James, A Jarvis, G Laing, M Lyle, R McCall, T McEwan, Provost D Melloy, A Parrott, B Pover, C Reid, W Robertson, C Shiers, L Simpson, F Smith, R Watters and W Wilson.

9 Members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors A Bailey, R Brock, T Gray, I Massie, X McDade, C Purves, J Rebbeck, C Stewart and M Williamson.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.