



## PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

### PERTH CITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Minute of meeting of the Perth City Development Board, held in the Gannochy Suite, Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Tuesday 6 September at 4.30pm.

- Present:**
- J Bullough, SCAA (Chairman)
  - Councillor I Miller (up to and including Item 7)
  - Councillor D Doogan (from and including part of Item 4)
  - Councillor A MacLellan
  - Councillor J Kellas
  - Councillor W Wilson
  - Ms B Malone, Perth and Kinross Council
  - Mr J Valentine, Perth and Kinross Council
  - Mr J Fyffe, Perth and Kinross Council
  - Professor I Bryden, University of the Highlands and Islands (substituting for Professor C Mulholland) (up to and including Item 4)
  - Ms S Butler, Scone Palace
  - Mr K Fergie, Perth Traders Association
  - Mr R Graham, Perthshire Chamber of Commerce
  - Mr K Greenhorn, SSE Enterprise
  - Dr E Mitchell, Scottish Enterprise
  - Mr B Nicoll, NHS Tayside (substituting for Ms L Mclay)
  - Mr D Robertson, Stagecoach East Scotland (substituting for Mr A Jarvis) (from and including part of Item 4)
  - Mr D Ross, Kilmac Construction
  - Ms P Wilson, Perth College UHI (substituting for Ms M Munckton)
- In Attendance:**
- J McCrone, Perth and Kinross Council
  - H Rheinallt, Perth and Kinross Council
  - Mr S Stewart, Stagecoach Group (up to and including Item 4)
  - Ms A Seggie, Developing Scotland's Young Workforce, Perth and Kinross Council (up to and including Item 4)
- Apologies:**
- Mr F Clark, Inveralmond Brewery
  - Mr D Littlejohn, Perth & Kinross Council
  - Mr C Kinnoull, Hiscox
  - Dr J Kynaston, The Gannochy Trust
  - Mr S Edwards, The Parklands Hotel
  - Mr A Jarvis, Stagecoach East Scotland
  - Mr M McDiarmid, Perthshire Chamber of Commerce

Mr J Moyes, Live Active Leisure  
Professor C Mulholland, University of the Highlands and Islands  
Ms M Munckton, Perth College UHI  
Ms V Unite, Perthshire Chamber of Commerce

J Bullough, Chairman, Presiding.

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

J Bullough, Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted as above. He welcomed in particular Mr K Fergie, Perthshire Traders Association, to his first meeting of the Board, following agreement that Perth Traders Association become a permanent representative body of the city centre on the Board.

**2. MINUTE OF MEETING OF 31 MAY 2016**

The minute of meeting of the Perth City Development Board 31 May 2016 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**4. DEVELOPING THE REGIONAL APPROACH TO SCOTLAND'S YOUNG WORKFORCE**

S Stewart, Stagecoach Group, gave a presentation to members on developing the regional approach to Scotland's young workforce.

The following points were noted:

- The Scottish Government aims to reduce youth unemployment by 40% by 2021
- The aim of the regional private-sector led Developing the Young Workforce Board (DYW Board) is to bring businesses and education closer together to ensure the region has the right skills to develop properly; it will build on what is working in the area already
- The importance of the involvement of smaller businesses in the Perth and Kinross area in the strategy for reducing youth unemployment
- The key principles and format of the three-year action plan for developing the young workforce
- The particular regional challenges of the Perth and Kinross area
- That there is a lot of good work already ongoing in the Perth and Kinross area, with 420 businesses offering work experience, and existing links between providers and companies

- The challenges facing the young workforce in the area which need to be addressed, for example the amount of low paid jobs
- The initiative is part of the wider agenda in the Perth and Kinross area
- The Board's core workstreams and activities and how it will maximise resources, as the programme will have to be self-sustainable in three years' time
- The hope that the DYW Board will be able to work closely with the Perth City Development Board on shared goals

#### D ROBERTSON ENTERED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

B Malone asked whether the apprenticeship levy will have any impact on the programme. S Stewart responded that a consultation document had been issued to DYW Board members regarding the apprenticeships levy, although the results of the consultation were not known yet.

In response to a query from Councillor Kellas, S Stewart confirmed that the DYW Board will be targeting rural areas as well as big businesses.

#### COUNCILLOR DOOGAN ENTERED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

P Wilson highlighted the importance of considering more innovative models of working with small businesses. She further highlighted the increasing number of students at Perth College UHI studying up to postgraduate level, for whom sports and leisure opportunities are important, and therefore collaborative working is crucial.

In response to a query from K Fergie regarding the volume of paperwork required to be completed when taking on apprentices, S Stewart advised that this issue had also been raised by others, and these comments will be taken into account.

Members discussed options for collaborative working between the DYW Board and the Perth City Development Board, including the possibility of sharing information about the progress of the DYW Board to the Perth City Development Board, which will require a common reporting framework to be considered (**Action – J McCrone**).

PROFESSOR I BRYDEN, S STEWART AND A SEGGIE LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

## 5. THE FAIRNESS COMMISSION

Councillor McLellan provided a verbal update to members regarding the recent establishment of the Fairness Commission. He referred to the changing geography of poverty, and the way it affects many families in relation to inequality in health and other areas; therefore, traditional methods of tackling poverty are no longer as suitable to deal

with these issues. The Commission has been established to learn more about how people living in the Perth and Kinross area experience poverty and equality and will take place over one year from June 2016 to April 2017. The members of the Commission have a varied set of skills and experiences and aim to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges that must be collectively faced.

Councillor McLellan suggested action that the Perth City Development Board and its members could take regarding the work of the Fairness Commission, including: (i) supporting the Commission to actively align its agenda with that of the Perth City Development Board; (ii) engaging with the Fairness Commission, including through attendance at the Community Planning Conference in November; (iii) through supporting and encouraging the work of the Commission when it requests information from businesses and organisations.

## 6. CULTURAL INVESTMENT AND UK CITY OF CULTURE BID

J Fyffe, Senior Depute Chief Executive, ECS (Equality, Community Planning and Public Service Reform), Perth and Kinross Council gave a presentation to members on cultural investment and the UK City of Culture bid.

The following points were noted:

- The UK City of Culture bid is about cultural regeneration, which feeds into economic regeneration
- The bid will be rooted in community engagement
- The high level message of the bid is 'Ancient Roots – Modern Scots,' which builds on both the fantastic history of the Perth and Kinross area and its modern culture
- The criteria for the bid has not been published yet, and the bid must be submitted in April 2017. The shortlist will be published in May 2017.

At the end of his presentation, J Fyffe asked the members of the Board to consider how businesses could support the bid.

J Fyffe agreed to send the branding for the City of Culture to the Perth Traders Association and the Perthshire Chamber of Commerce **(Action – J Fyffe)**.

J Fyffe agreed to arrange a business launch for the city of culture with the Perth Traders Association and the Perthshire Chamber of Commerce **(Action – J Fyffe)**.

## 7. PERTH CITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD ELECTIONS 2016

There was submitted a report by J Bullough, Chairman, Perth City Development Board (G/16/213) recommending that re-election of members be sought on the basis of previously agreed revised arrangements in respect of governance and membership.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Board noted that nominations will be reported to and considered at the next meeting of the Board on Tuesday 15 November 2016.
- (ii) The Board agreed to seek re-election of Board members on the basis of the agreed revised selection criteria, with the following amendment: Terms of Reference Item 4 Membership to read '*1 Councillor from each of the Perth City Wards 10, 11, 12*'.

COUNCILLOR MILLER LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

**8. APPOINTMENT OF WAYNE HEMINGWAY AS ADVISOR TO THE BOARD**

There was submitted a report by J Bullough, Chairman, Perth City Development Board (G/16/215) advising the Board of the appointment of Wayne Hemingway, designer and urban design advisor, to provide advice to the Council and Board in respect of key city projects and activities.

**Resolved:**

The Board unanimously supported the appointment of Wayne Hemingway as advisor to the Board.

**9. PERTH CITY PLAN DELIVERY - PROGRESS**

There was submitted and noted a report by J Bullough, Chairman, Perth City Development Board (G/16/212) providing an update on the delivery of the Perth City Plan in respect of the key Themes and associated Big Moves. The Board had previously agreed that, following approval of the Plan, its delivery would be progressed via subsidiary project groups for the development of infrastructure to support smart growth and required actions for each of the Big Moves, as identified in the Plan.

An update on Infrastructure for Smart Growth was given as follows: J Valentine advised members that: (i) at the meeting of Perth and Kinross Council on 20 June 2016, the Council had agreed a capital programme in which funding for the City Plan was committed; (ii) works on the A9/A85 junction will start in the middle of September 2016; (iii) the City Wifi and CCTV work had started; (vi) and the works to the Canal Street car park will be complete by Christmas.

**10. COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman highlighted the importance of co-ordinating communications between businesses and the Council when releasing the Perth City Plan.

B Malone gave assurance that this would be considered where possible.

Members discussed the importance of sharing information, balanced by the need to understand the conflicting interests involved.

COUNCILLOR WILSON, HAVING DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN TERMS OF THE COUNCILLORS' CODE OF CONDUCT AS A MEMBER OF THE PERTH AND KINROSS LICENSING BOARD, TOOK NO PART IN THE DELIBERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM

(i) **Perth and Kinross Licensing Board Consultation on Overprovision and on Revocation of Premises Licenses**

**Note:** the Council Officer members of the Board took no part in the discussion or deliberation of the following item.

There was submitted a note of the consultation received on behalf of the Perth City Development Board (G/16/214).

The Chairman outlined the details of the request from the Licensing Board for the Perth City Development Board's opinion on their consultation.

**Resolved:**

Following an extensive discussion, the Board, with the exception of the Council Officers, agreed on the following response:

- (i) There was unanimous approval to review and restrict the number of off sales licences in Perth.
- (ii) The Board did not have unanimous agreement that on-sale licenses should be limited and the majority felt that responsible on-sales licenses should be unrestricted.
- (iii) The Board unanimously agreed that licenses should be revoked if the licensed premise was closed or dormant and agreed to leave the decision as to the period before revocation to the Licensing Board.

**11. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

There was no other competent business.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Perth City Development Board was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 15 November 2016 at 4.30pm in the Gannochy Suite, Dewars Centre, Perth.