

PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Property Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held virtually on Monday 14 June 2021 at 9.00am.

Present: Councillors M Lyle, R McCall, A Bailey, G Laing, T McEwan, C Shiers and W Wilson.

In Attendance: S Crawford, K Leer and D Littlejohn (all Communities); G Fogg, C Irons and C Robertson and A Brown, A McMeekin, B Parker and M Pasternak (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Councillor M Lyle, Presiding

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

No apologies or substitutions were noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTE

The minute of meeting of the Property Sub-Committee of 19 April 2021 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. REQUESTS FOR DEPUTATIONS

In terms of Standing Order 72, the Committee agreed to hear deputations in relation to the following item: Class 3 Business Opportunity at Rie-Achan Road Car Park, Pitlochry.

5. CLASS 3 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY AT RIE-ACHAN ROAD CAR PARK, PITLOCHRY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) (21/92) seeking approval to market a site for lease within the Council controlled car park at Rie-Achan Road, Pitlochry for a Class 3 Business use.

F Hamilton; M Wood; F McCallum and A Stephenson addressed the committee and answered members questions.

Written deputations had also been emailed to members from N Johnson, F McCallum and M Wood.

D Littlejohn advised that on 7 April 2021 the Planning and Development Management Committee had granted planning consent for a class 3 business use in the car park, subject to the applicant entering into a legal agreement to compensate

for the loss of parking bays. It was now for the Property Sub-Committee to determine whether the Council, as landowner, wished to lease part of the car park for such a use. In view of both the expressions of interest in the site and the Council's duty to secure best value, it was recommended that the site be advertised for a class 3 business use on the open market. Accordingly, approval was sought to market the site for lease for a Class 3 business use; for 10 years, with the tenant meeting the costs of the accommodation works and reinstatement work; and compensating for the loss of income from the spaces occupied.

Motion (Councillors Lyle and McCall)

The Council not to proceed with leasing the site for Class 3 Business use.

Amendment (Councillors Bailey and McEwan)

A decision on the lease of the site be deferred to a future meeting to enable further generic information on the economic assessment of leasing the car park to be provided.

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

5 members voted for the motion as follows:
Councillors Laing, Lyle, McCall, Shiers and Wilson.

2 members voted for the amendment as follows:
Councillors Bailey and McEwan.

Resolved:

In accordance with the motion.

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. LETHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE, TWEEDSMUIR ROAD, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) (21/91) (1) noting the transfer of land the Letham Neighbourhood Centre was built upon from the Housing Revenue Account to the General Fund to enable capital refurbishment works to be undertaken and (2) seeking approval for the sale of the land and the Letham Neighbourhood Centre building by the Council to Letham4All.

Resolved:

- (i) The transfer of land under delegated authority from the Housing Revenue Account to the General Fund as detailed in Report 21/91, be noted.
- (ii) The sale of the land and the Letham Neighbourhood Centre building to Letham4All as detailed in Report 21/91 be approved.