

PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Property Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in the Hay Room, First Floor, Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Wednesday 28 October 2015 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors A Grant, B Band (substituting for I Miller),
D Cuthbert, M Roberts and W Wilson.

In Attendance: B Renton, Director (Environment), J Carney and D Littlejohn (all
The Environment Service); J Somerville, G Taylor and
L Whiteford, (all Corporate and Democratic Services); and
S Younie (Education and Children's Services).

Apologies: Councillor I Miller.

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting and apologies and substitutions were noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(i) Property Sub-Committee

The minute of meeting of the Property Sub-Committee of 20 May 2015 were submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

(ii) Special Meeting of Property Sub-Committee

The minute of the special meeting of the Property Sub-Committee of 27 May 2015 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

(iii) Special Meeting of Property Sub-Committee

The minute of the special meeting of the Property Sub-Committee of 8 July 2015 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

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At the request of Councillor Cuthbert, the Convener provided a brief update in relation to the current position regarding the disposal and demolition of the former Kinross High School (Former Kinross High School – Disposal (Art.648/11 refers)). The Convener confirmed that there remained a number of outstanding issues and he advised that a briefing note outlining these issues would be circulated to all members of the Sub-Committee.

It was thereafter agreed that The Director (Environment) submit a report to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

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

P1. SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY MATTERS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS (Art.400(ii)/15)

There was submitted and noted a report by the Director (Environment) (15/442), advising the Sub-Committee of property transactions undertaken by the Estates and Commercial Investment Team and approved under delegated powers in the period January – August 2015.

P2. HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL, BLAIRGOWRIE (Art. 780(iii)/14)

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (15/443) seeking approval for the sale of the former Hill Primary School, Blairgowrie following offers received by the closing date of 10 June 2015. The report advised that Hill Primary School had been marketed for a prolonged period without having been able to secure a sale. The Property Sub-Committee had agreed to a suspension of active marketing for one year on 4 September 2013 to allow the Ericht Trust to finalise development plans and secure funding to develop the site. The report further advised that the Ericht Trust had been unable to finalise a business case and secure funding within the timescale and that the property had since been remarketed to establish whether there were alternative development opportunities.

Motion (Councillors A Grant and B Band)

- (i) The appraisal of the offer by Corryard Developments Ltd in terms of the Disposal of Land by Local Authorities (Scotland) Regulations 2010, attached to Report 15/443, be approved.**
- (ii) The sale of Hill Primary School, Blairgowrie to Corryard Developments Ltd., on the terms set out in Report 15/443 and on such other terms as may be negotiated to the satisfaction of the Head of Planning and Development and the Head of Legal Services, be approved.**
- (iii) If the offer submitted by Corryard Developments Ltd did not proceed within reasonable timelines as submitted in their offer, The Ericht Trust Ltd be given the opportunity to purchase the site in line with the development timescales of their offer, to the satisfaction of the Head of Planning and Development and the Head of Legal Services.**

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- (iv) **Should The Ericht Trust Ltd's proposal fail to materialise within the agreed timescales, the site be remarketed in the traditional manner or at auction on terms to the satisfaction of the Head of Planning and Development and the Head of Legal Services.**

Amendment (Councillors D Cuthbert and W Wilson)

Approval of the sale of Hill Primary School be deferred for a period of 3 months to enable The Ericht Trust Ltd a further opportunity to revise their offer.

In accordance with Standing Order 44, a roll call vote was taken.

3 members voted for the Motion as follows:
Councillors A Grant, B Band and M Roberts.

2 members voted for the Amendment as follows:
Councillors D Cuthbert and Wilson.

Amendment – 2 votes

Motion – 3 votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

P3. SEVEN ACRES PARK, NEWHOUSE ROAD, PERTH EXTENSION OF OPERATING HOURS AT ALL-WEATHER FACILITY (Art. 62(iii)/12)

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (15/444), seeking approval from the Sub-Committee to allow (1) the temporary one year extension of the hours of operation of the all-weather facility from 9:00 to 22:00 hours in accordance with the Temporary Planning Permission and; (2) the permanent extension of the hours of operation if, after the trial period, Letham Community Sports Club applied for and received a permanent extension of hours.

Resolved:

- (i) The temporary one year extension of the hours of operation from 09:00 hours to 22:00 hours, in accordance with the temporary Planning Permission, be approved.
- (ii) The permanent extension of the hours of operation be approved if, after the trial period, Letham Community Sports Club applied for and received Planning Permission for a permanent extension to the hours of operation and the temporary extension of hours had not raised any issues with regard to the respective obligations of the Council as Landlord and Letham Community Sports Club as Tenant in terms of the Lease of the facility.

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