

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
7 OCTOBER 2015

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Minute of meeting of Perth and Kinross Council held in the Gannochy Suite, Dewars Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Wednesday 7 October 2015 at 1.00pm.

Present: Provost E Grant, Councillors H Anderson, R Band, M Barnacle (up to and including Article 654), P Barrett, R Brock, I Campbell, A Cowan, D Cuthbert, D Doogan, B Ellis, J Flynn, A Gaunt, J Giacomazzi, C Gillies, A Grant, T Gray, K Howie, J Kellas, G Laing, A Livingstone, M Lyle, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, D Melloy, I Miller, A Munro, A Parrott, D Pover, M Roberts, C Shiers, A Stewart, H Stewart, B Vaughan, G Walker, M Williamson and A Younger

In Attendance: B Malone, Chief Executive; J Fyffe, Senior Depute Chief Executive (Equality, Community Planning & Public Service Reform); J Walker, Depute Chief Executive (Corporate & Community Development Services); J Valentine, Depute Chief Executive (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development); G Taylor, S Hendry, J Symon, K Donaldson, P Mair, C Flynn, L Potter, H Rheinallt, P Crighton, S Rodger, G Fogg and S Grant (all Corporate and Democratic Services); B Atkinson, Chief Social Work Officer; R Packham, Chief Officer Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board; S Devlin, Director (Education and Children Services); J Pepper; R Drummond and M Cochlan (all Education and Children Services); B Renton, Director (The Environment Service)

Also attending: P Tate, Audit Scotland

Apologies for Absence: Councillors A Jack, W Robertson, L Simpson and W Wilson.

Provost E Grant, Presiding.

643. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Provost Grant welcomed all those present to the meeting, and apologies were submitted and noted as above.

644. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor D Cuthbert declared a non-financial interest in Article 651, Perth City Hall.

645. MINUTE OF MEETING OF 1 JULY 2015 FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE

The minute of the meeting of Perth and Kinross Council of 1 July 2015 (Arts. 465-482) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature, subject to Article 466 being amended to read Councillor H Stewart instead of Councillor A Stewart.

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646. NOTICE OF MOTION

Motion by Councillors P Barrett and I Miller

The Poverty Alliance is the national anti-poverty network in Scotland and has offered valuable advice to the Perth and Kinross Council Welfare Rights staff to tackle the causes and consequences of poverty in Perth and Kinross.

As part of the national campaign to combat stigma, the Poverty Alliance has, in the run up to Challenge Poverty week later this month, invited Councils to sign up to the national "Stick Your Labels" campaign. The objective of the campaign is to tackle negative attitudes and challenge stereotypes about people experiencing poverty. The Campaign has been supported by the Scottish Government, CoSLA and Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations.

Perth & Kinross Council pledges to:

- 1 Set out its contribution and commitment to tackling poverty in our area.*
- 2 Avoid language which can cause harm to people experiencing poverty or stigmatise those living in poverty.*
- 3 Develop and take actions that will address negative attitudes towards people experiencing poverty.*

Council agrees to request that the Chief Executive brings forward a detailed report on addressing poverty and the above pledges within Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

647. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Minutes of Committees from 15 June 2015 to 23 September 2015

The decisions recorded in Arts. 419-464 and 483-606, copies of which had been circulated to all members of the Council, were submitted and noted/approved as necessary. It was agreed that an additional resolution be added under Article 545 confirming that the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum be requested to consider the addition of another member of Perth and Kinross Council to the forum.

648. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

Resolved:

- (i) The minute of meeting of the Perth and Kinross Community Planning Partnership Board of 5 June 2015 was submitted and noted.
- (ii) The briefing note by the Executive Lead Officer (15/412) providing an update on key areas of the Board's work for July-September 2015 was submitted and noted.

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649. TREASURY ACTIVITY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT 2015/16 QUARTER 1

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (15/413) (1) providing a summary of Loans Fund transactions for the quarter ending 30 June 2015; and (2) reporting on compliance with the Council's Treasury Management Policy Statement, Treasury Management Practices and the Investment Strategy for the same period.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 15/413, submitted in accordance with the Council's approved Treasury Management Practices, be noted.
- (ii) The Empty Property Loan Fund scheme, as detailed in Section 7 of Report 15/413, be approved, and the payment of loans to property owners who meet the conditions of the scheme be authorised.
- (iii) An interest free loan of up to £25,000 to Perth and Kinross Credit Union be approved in tranches to be agreed with Perth and Kinross Credit Union by the Head of Finance and repayable in single instalments after five years, as detailed in Section 8 of Report 15/413.
- (iv) An interest free loan of £13,500 to Crieff Succeeds BID Limited be approved, payable immediately and repayable by 31 March 2016, as detailed in Section 9 of Report 15/413.

650. AUDITED ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2014-15

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (15/414) (1) presenting the Council's Audited Annual Accounts for the financial year 2014/15; and (2) Audit Scotland's Final Annual Audit Report to Members and the Controller of Audit.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Audit Scotland's Annual Audit Report to members and the Controller of Audit on the 2014/15 Audit be noted.
- (ii) The Audited Annual Accounts for 2014/15 be noted.

651. PERTH CITY HALL

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development) (15/415) (1) providing an update on actions agreed following consideration of a report by the Executive Director (Environment) to the Council at its meeting on 1 July 2015; (2) updating members on the discussions held with Historic Environment Scotland; and (3) recommending that, having consulted the Head of Legal Services and the Head of Finance, the Depute Chief Executive be instructed to negotiate the detailed terms of a ground lease with Perth Market Place Limited for consideration by the Council and, subsequently, the Perth Common Good Fund Committee.

Resolved:

- (i) Perth Market Place Ltd be confirmed as the preferred bidder for Perth City Hall to operate it as a food market as specified in Paragraph 1.5 of Report 15/415.

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- (ii) The Depute Chief Executive (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development), in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, be instructed to negotiate the terms of a draft ground lease.
- (iii) The Head of Planning & Development be instructed to ensure the pre-conditions set out in Paragraph 2.3 of Report 15/415 are met before a further report is submitted to the Council recommending consideration of the terms of a draft ground lease.
- (iv) The Depute Chief Executive (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development), be instructed to update the Council on progress at its meeting in February 2016 and, if the pre-conditions have been met, at the same time report on the proposed terms of the ground lease.
- (v) The Depute Chief Executive (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development), be instructed, if Council approve the proposed terms of the ground lease, to thereafter refer the lease terms to the Perth Common Good Fund Committee for endorsement.

Note: In terms of Standing Order 46, Councillor B Vaughan requested that her dissent be recorded due to the lack of information regarding an Economic Benefit Assessment of the bid from Perth Market Place Ltd.

652. PERTH AND KINROSS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2014/15

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (15/416) providing an overview of how the Council and the Community Planning Partnership has performed against the shared strategic objectives for Perth and Kinross as set out within the Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2023 and the Council's Corporate Plan 2013-2018 for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.

Resolved:

- (i) The Annual Performance Report for 2014/15 be approved.
- (ii) The Annual Performance Report for 2014/15 be submitted to the Community Planning Partnership Board on 4 December 2015.

653. UK CITY OF CULTURE 2021

There was submitted a report by Chief Executive (15/417) briefing the Council on the process and timescale for bids to become UK City of Culture 2021 and recommending project resourcing, management and governance arrangements to support development of a bid for Perth.

Resolved:

- (i) The bidding requirements, process and timescale for UK City of Culture 2021 be noted.
- (ii) The Senior Depute Chief Executive (Equality, Community Planning and Public Service Reform) and Depute Chief Executive (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development) be instructed to prepare a bid in collaboration with key partners for culture in Perth and Kinross and to provide an update report to Council in February 2017; and
- (iii) The recommended allocation of £250,000 from reserves to resource the bid preparation, be approved.

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COUNCILLOR BARNACLE LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

654. PLACE BASED SCRUTINY

There was submitted a report by the Senior Depute Chief Executive (Equality, Community Planning and Public Service Reform) (15/418) describing the Place Based Scrutiny pilot undertaken in Eastern Perthshire in early 2015 in collaboration with Community Planning Partners and national scrutiny bodies, which aimed to devise and assess a methodology for the evaluation and scrutiny of how community planning is operating at a local level.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 15/418 be noted.
- (ii) The learning from the pilot be shared with the National Strategic Scrutiny Group.
- (iii) The findings from the pilot be shared with the stakeholders involved in the pilot and used to further improve service delivery in Eastern Perthshire.
- (iii) The findings and methodology contained in Report 15/418 be used to inform future approaches to locality planning for consideration by the Community Planning Partnership Board.

THEREAFTER THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED FOR 15 MINUTES,
RECOMMENCING AT 3.10PM.

655. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION SCHEME FOR PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (15/419) (1) asking the Council to note that the Health & Social Care Integration Scheme for Perth & Kinross had been approved by Scottish Government Ministers with the Order establishing the Integration Joint Board passed by the Scottish Parliament on 3 October 2015; and (2) requesting that the Council nominate the first Chair of the Board to hold office for a period of two years from the date of establishment.

Resolved:

- (i) It be noted that the Integration Scheme for Perth and Kinross had been approved.
- (ii) The four elected members currently appointed to the Health and Social Care Integration Pathfinder Board, Councillors P Barrett, D Doogan, I Campbell and K Howie, be confirmed as members of the Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board.
- (iii) Councillor D Doogan be appointed as the first Chair of the Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board.
- (iv) The Depute Chief Executive (Corporate and Community Development Services) be delegated authority to make arrangements for the nomination of proxy members to the Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board in consultation with the four elected members appointed to the Joint Board.
- (v) The Depute Chief Executive (Corporate and Community Development Services) be requested to submit a further report to the Council outlining the

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- governance and accountability arrangements in terms of the relationship between the Council and the Integration Joint Board.
- (vi) The Housing and Health Committee be delegated authority to consider and determine the Council's position as a partner on matters related to the operation of the Integration Joint Board and which are required to be agreed between the Council and NHS Tayside either in terms of the Integration Scheme or the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

656. CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

There was submitted a report by the Chief Social Work Officer (15/420) providing the Council with his assessment of social work practice across Perth and Kinross in the financial year 2014/15 and identifying what progress has been made to meet the changing conditions in which Social Work Services are operating and how well Services are working, including areas for improvement in the coming year.

Resolved:

The Chief Social Work Officer's Annual Report, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 15/420, be approved.

657. PERTH AND KINROSS CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE (CPC) STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT 2014 – 2015

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Executive and Senior Depute Chief Executive (Equality, Community Planning and Public Service Reform) (15/421) (1) providing an overview of the key activities and the work of the Child Protection Committee (CPC) to protect children and young people from abuse and neglect; (2) presenting the findings from a wide range of CPC-led single agency and multi-agency self-evaluation activity; and (3) identifying key strengths and areas for further development for the coming year.

Resolved:

- (i) The wide range of work carried out by Perth and Kinross Council and partners through the Child Protection Committee, to provide high quality services to protect children and young people, in particular the high level commitment to continuous improvement through self-evaluation, be noted.
- (ii) The contents of Report 15/421 and the Child Protection Committee Standards and Quality Report 2014 – 2015, as detailed at Appendix 1, to Report 15/421 be endorsed.
- (iii) The Chief Executive and Senior Depute Chief Executive (Equality, Community Planning and Public Service Reform) be instructed to submit the report to the Scrutiny Committee on 2 December 2015 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

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658. RESETTLING FAMILIES IN THE LOCAL AREA

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive (Corporate and Community Development Services) (15/422) updating members on the Council's commitment to offer accommodation and support for refugees from Syria and providing information on the arrival of the first Syrian families to the area.

Resolved

- (i) The contents of Report 15/422 be noted.
- (ii) The arrival of refugees through the Vulnerable Persons' Relocation Scheme and the additional refugees who may be relocated following UK Government agreement to accept more refugees be supported.

659. LIVING WAGE ACCREDITATION

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive (Corporate and Community Development (15/423) setting out an approach for the Council to become a Living Wage Accredited employer.

Resolved:

- (i) An application for Living Wage Accreditation be submitted.
- (ii) A further report be submitted to a future meeting of Council on Living Wage Accreditation status and the agreed plan which will be monitored to maintain accreditation.

660. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND – FIFTH STATUTORY REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS IN SCOTLAND – PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR WARDS IN PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL AREA (ART. 310)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Democratic Services (15/424) advising on the public consultation by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland on its revised proposals for wards in the Perth and Kinross Council area in relation to the Fifth Statutory Review of Electoral Arrangements by the Commission, and seeking the Council's views on the proposals.

Resolved:

- (i) The revised proposals by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland (LGBCS) for wards for the Perth and Kinross Council area, be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that there are no proposed changes to Ward 1 (Carse of Gowrie), Ward 6 (Strathearn), Ward 7 (Strathallan) and Ward 10 (Perth City South).
- (iii) It be noted that there are no proposed changes to ward names.
- (iv) The proposed changes to ward boundaries by Aberfeldy, Bamff and Logierait as suggested by the Council, be accepted.
- (v) It be agreed that the Council does not accept the proposals to reduce the number of councillors in Ward 8 (Kinross-shire) by 1 and agrees to maintain the Council's stated position that:

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- (a) given the GROS projected population increase for Perth and Kinross over the coming years, the Council feels that there is insufficient basis for a reduction in councillor numbers in Perth and Kinross and
- (b) the “status quo” of 41 elected members should be retained for Perth and Kinross Council.
- (vi) The LGBCS be asked to:
- (a) Take account of –
- the precedent set in respect of another category 4 local authority, whereby the LGBCS agreed to retain the same number of councillors when the LGBCS methodology suggested a decrease of one, despite that authority’s voter to councillor ratio being lower than that for this Council;
 - the local ties which will be broken by the LGBCS proposals for Ward 8 (Kinross-shire); and
 - the difficulty of identifying the boundary selected between Ward 8 (Kinross-shire) and Ward 9 (Almond and Earn);
- (b) apply a special geographic consideration to Ward 8 (Kinross-shire; and
- (c) give further consideration to the proposals to make changes to ward boundaries by Almondbank, Perth and north of Kinross.
- (vii) The Head of Democratic Services be instructed to respond to the Commission by 22 October 2015.

661. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

(i) Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

Councillor A Munro be appointed to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to replace Councillor A MacLellan

662. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

(i) Culture Perth and Kinross

Resolved:

Councillors B Band, A Parrott and I Campbell be appointed to the new Trust, Culture Perth and Kinross.

(ii) Crieff Succeeds Business Improvement District (BID) Board

Resolved:

Councillors A Younger and A Cowan be appointed to the Crieff Succeeds Business Improvement District (BID) Board

(iii) VisionPK

Resolved:

It be noted that Councillor A Munro has been appointed as an observer to VisionPK, the operating name of Perth and Kinross Society for the Blind in terms of their new Memorandum and Articles of Association.

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(iv) **Tayside Pension Fund Board**

Resolved:

Councillor M Roberts replace Councillor J Kellas on the Tayside Pension Fund Board.

(v) **Armed Forces and Veterans Champion for Perth and Kinross Council**

Resolved:

Councillor A Parrott replace Councillor K Howie as the Armed Forces and Veterans Champion for Perth and Kinross Council.

663. AMENDMENTS TO SCHEME OF ADMINISTRATION

Resolved:

The following changes to the Scheme of Administration be agreed:

Part 2 – General Provision Relating to Committees

2 General Provisions Regulating All Committees of the Council

Paragraph 2.14.3 – Amend to read as follows:

Approval of the annual budget of (a) revenue expenditure and (b) capital expenditure, other than the specific delegation to the Housing and Health Committee under 8.2.41 and 8.2.41(vi) regarding the Housing Revenue Account.

10 Lifelong Learning Committee

Paragraph 10.3.1.2 – Amend to read as follows:

To consider reports by both Education Scotland and Education and Children's Services on individual school performance, pre-school partner providers and community learning, including general aspects of education provision, learning and teaching, the curriculum, and care and welfare.

11 Scrutiny Committee

Paragraph 11.2.2.4 – Amend to read as follows:

To consider trends in reports by both Education Scotland and Education and Children's Services on individual school performance, pre-school partner providers and community learning, including general aspects of education provision, learning and teaching, the curriculum, and care and welfare.

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664. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2015

Resolved:

A Special Meeting of the Council be held on Wednesday 18 November 2015
at 2.00pm.

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