

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

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22 March 2006

A Meeting of **PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FOURTH FLOOR, COUNCIL BUILDING, 2 HIGH STREET, PERTH** on **WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 2006** at **2.00pm**.

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MEETING – 29 MARCH 2006

AGENDA

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED OF THEIR OBLIGATION TO DECLARE ANY FINANCIAL OR NON-FINANCIAL INTEREST WHICH THEY MAY HAVE IN ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCILLORS' CODE OF CONDUCT.

1. Declarations of Interest
2. Minutes
 - (a) Special Meeting of 9 February 2006 for Signature
 - (b) Meeting of 15 February 2006 for Signature
 - (c) Special Meeting of 15 March 2006 for Signature
3. Notice of Motions in Terms of Standing Order 20
 - (a) Post Offices

Motion by Councillors Livingstone and Barr

Perth and Kinross Council recognises the valuable social contribution that Post Offices make, and their importance to both community life and local economies. We therefore propose the following:

- (1) We write to the Prime Minister and the First Minister calling upon them to adopt a 'joined up' approach to resolve the grave financial problems affecting Post Offices, and to make every effort to create a climate for a vibrant and viable Post Office Network of a suitable size to meet the needs of Perth and Kinross and Scotland.
- (2) We strongly support the view of the National Federation of Sub Postmasters that public agencies such as the Department of Work and Pensions, the Inland Revenue, the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency, the Passport Agency, the Scottish Executive, the National Health Service and Perth and Kinross Council, at least offer, if not promote the choice of Post Offices for transactions and information dissemination thereby supporting and sustaining the network.
- (3) We deplore the current proposal to scrap the Post Office Card Account in 2010. We resolve to write to the Chief Executives of the Bank of Scotland and The Royal Bank of Scotland, calling upon them to allow their customers easy access to the Post Office Network, as other banks have done.

(b) Toll Bridges

Motion by Councillors Hulbert and Livingstone

Perth and Kinross Council strongly supports the development of transport links throughout Scotland. It recognises that bridges and river crossings form a crucial part in the transport infrastructure and therefore:

- (1) Supports the principle of toll free bridges in Scotland.
 - (2) Welcomes the withdrawal of tolls on the Skye and Erkskine bridges.
 - (3) Supports the business and congestion case being put forward by the Tay Road Bridge Joint Board (which consists of representatives of Dundee City Council, Fife Council and Angus Council) for the scrapping of tolls on the Tay road bridge.
 - (4) Notes the plans for a new Kincardine bridge (toll free) and the consequent increased traffic flows projected for Kinross-shire and the urgent requirement for a second Forth road bridge to be built.
 - (5) Supports the development of environmental and sustainable public transport initiatives in connection with the provision of the second Forth bridge and the continued operation of the first bridge.
 - (6) Recognises the contribution of rail transport in east central Scotland and strongly supports the infrastructure investments in the Forth and Tay rail bridges.
4. Minutes of Committees from 9 February 2006 – 15 March 2006 (copy to follow)
 5. Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland – Fourth Statutory Review – Final Recommendations to Scottish Ministers for the Perth and Kinross Council Area – Report by Council Secretary (copy herewith 06/217)
 6. Corporate Rules and Standards – Annual Review of Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration – Report by Council Secretary (copy to follow)
 7. “Changing Lives”: The Report of the 21st Century Social Work Review – Report by Interim Depute Director (Education & Children’s Services) and Chief Social Work Officer (copy herewith 06/218)
 8. Role of Chief Social Work Officer – Report by Chief Executive (copy herewith 06/220)

9. Proposal to Merge Member/Officer Working Groups – Joint Report by Head of Business Change and Improvement and Council Secretary (copy herewith 06/219)
10. Organisational Change and Improvement Plan – Report by Chief Executive (copy to follow)
11. Employee Survey – Corporate Action Plan – Report by Chief Executive (copy to follow)
12. Appointments to External Bodies
 - (a) Tayside Community Justice Authority

At its meeting on 1 March 2006 the Community Safety Committee noted that the nomination of elected members to the Tayside Community Justice Authority would be sought at this meeting of the Council.

In accordance with the draft The Community Justice Authorities (Establishment, Constitution and Proceedings) (Scotland) Order 2006 which has been laid before the Scottish Parliament, each of the three constituent Councils of the Tayside Community Justice Authority (Angus, Dundee City and Perth and Kinross) is to appoint two members to the Authority. Each constituent Council may also appoint substitute members.

Accordingly, in light of the above, the Council is requested to appoint two members to the Tayside Community Justice Authority, together with two substitute members.