

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Special Meeting of Perth & Kinross Council held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 20 April 2005 at 2.00pm.

Present: Provost Scott, Councillors Baird, Barnacle, Barr, Barrett, Bushby, Caddell, Coburn, Cowan, Crabbie, Culliven, Doig, Dow, Ellis, Flynn, A Grant, Hayton, Howie, Hulbert, Hunter, Jack, Lennie, Livingstone, Lumsden, Lyall, Mair, McDonald, McEwen, MacLellan, Miller, Mulheron, Robertson, D Scott, Simpson, Stewart, Telfer, Wilson and Young.

Also Attending: B Malone (Chief Executive), R McArthur, Executive Director (Corporate Services), G Taylor, S Thornton (both Corporate Services), P Wallace and T Yule (both Chief Executive's) and R Bean (Planning and Transportation).

Provost Scott, Presiding

299. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

300. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND – REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (05/250) advising that the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland had prepared their initial proposals for twelve multi-member wards within the Perth and Kinross Council area. It was reported that the Council had also been asked to provide names for the new multi-member wards and that 7 May 2005 was the closing date for representations to the Commission and/or to submit alternative proposals.

The Council was also reminded in the report that the Local Governance Member/Officer Working Group had been considering the matter in some depth over the past few weeks.

Motion (Councillors Wilson and Miller)

The Council:

- (i) Notes the initial proposals published by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland.**
- (ii) Agrees the Commission's proposals in respect of Wards 1-6, 8 and 10 are acceptable, subject to an amendment to the boundary on the South Side of Loch Tay to include Ardtalnaig and Acharn within Ward 10.**
- (iii) Is of the view that democracy is best served by the creation of eleven multi-member wards (8 of 4 members and 3 of 3 members) as set out in paragraph three of Report 05/250**
- (iv) Suggests the names of the wards be as follows:-**
 - Ward 1 – Carse of Gowrie**
 - Ward 2 – Blairgowrie and Glens**
 - Ward 3 – Perth City North**
 - Ward 4 – Perth City Centre**
 - Ward 5 – Strathmore**
 - Ward 6 – Perth City South**
 - Ward 7 – Strathallan**
 - Ward 8 – Kinross-shire**
 - Ward 9 – Strathtay**
 - Ward 10 – Highland**
 - Ward 11 - Strathearn**
- (v) Suggests that the numbering sequence of wards be improved.**
- (vi) Instructs the Chief Executive to advise the Commission of the Council's position by 7 May 2005.**

Amendment (Councillors Stewart and MacLellan)

The Council:

- (i) Accepts the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland's proposals in respect of Perth and Kinross, subject to the amendment on the south side of Loch Tay to include Ardtalnaig and Acharn in Ward 10.
- (ii) Suggests that the names for Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11 be as per the Motion, but that the names for Ward 7 be Almond and Earn, and Ward 12 be Strathallan.

Amendment – 14 votes

Motion – 24 votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.