

COUNCIL MEETING

Minute of Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 15 November 2006 at 2.00pm.

Present: Provost Scott, Councillors Baird, Barnacle, Barr, Barrett, Bushby, Caddell, Coburn, Cowan, Doig, Dow, Ellis, Gillies, A Grant, Hayton, Hulbert, Hunter, Lennie, Livingstone, Lloyd, Lumsden, Lyall, Mair, McEwen, MacLellan, Miller, Mulheron, Robertson, D Scott, Simpson, Stewart and Wilson.

In Attendance: B Malone (Chief Executive); T Yule, A Seggie, B Renton and S Merone (Chief Executive's); A R McArthur (Executive Director – Corporate Services), A Nairn, I Innes, G Taylor and M Kay (all Corporate Services); J Irons (Executive Director – Environment), R Bean (The Environment Service); D Roberts (Executive Director – Housing & Community Care).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Ellis, Flynn and Young.

Provost Scott, Presiding.

Prior to the commencement of business, Provost Scott invited Councillor A Grant to make a short statement on the announcement of an award of £860,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards a project of £2.6m being progressed by the Coupar Angus Regeneration Trust.

722. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

723. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of the Council Meeting of 20 September 2006 (Arts. 596-604) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

724. NOTICE OF MOTION IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 20

Councillor Barrett intimated that the Notice of Motion submitted in terms of Standing Order 20 had been withdrawn for more detailed consideration of Perth and Kinross Council's Ethical Procurement Policy.

725. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Minutes of Committees from 20 September 2006 to 1 November 2006

The decisions recorded in Arts. 588-595 and 605-694, copies of which had been circulated to all members of the Council, were submitted and approved, subject to noting the following:-

(a) Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee (Art. 664(iii) – New Kincardine Bridge – Impact on A977)

In response to a question from Councillor McEwen, Councillor Livingstone confirmed that a letter had been sent to Tavish Scott MSP, Minister for Transport and that, if it was not possible to have an earlier meeting, he would raise this subject with the Minister at their scheduled meeting in January 2007.

(b) Standards and Scrutiny Committee – Role and Remit

In response to a question from Councillor Lloyd as to the intended meeting between Members of the Committee and Leaders of the Administration on the future role and remit of the Standards and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Wilson undertook to make appropriate arrangements following the Council meeting.

726. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (06/772) outlining the structure, purpose and key performance findings of Perth and Kinross Council's Annual Performance Report 2005/06.

Resolved:

- (i) Perth & Kinross Council's performance against the Corporate Plan during 2005/06 be noted.
- (ii) Executive Directors be instructed to ensure that any issues arising for individual services are taken forward and reported to the appropriate Committee for consideration.

727. ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS & EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S FINAL REPORT 2005/06

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (06/783) accompanying the Council's audited Abstract of Accounts for the financial year 2005/2006 and the External Auditor's Report to members for that year.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 06/783 be accepted.
- (ii) The External Auditor's Final Report and Abstract of Accounts be submitted to the next meeting of the Audit Sub-Committee for detailed consideration.

728. PERTH AND KINROSS FAIRTRADE ZONE

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (06/784) (1) outlining the progress made by communities across Perth and Kinross to promote Fairtrade and (2) proposing the development of a Perth and Kinross Fairtrade Network to achieve Fairtrade Zone Status for Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The application to achieve Fairtrade status for Perth and Kinross as a zone which will support the promotion of Fairtrade in communities across Perth and Kinross be supported.
- (ii) The Council's support for the principles of Fairtrade be reiterated and links with other campaigns such as Cittaslow be established.

729. REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

There was submitted a report by the Council Secretary (06/785) seeking approval for the designation of polling places and the revised parliamentary polling districts within the Perth and Kinross local government area as detailed in the Appendix to Report 06/785.

Resolved:

- (i) The revised parliamentary polling districts for the 2007 Combined Scottish Parliamentary and Local Government Elections be approved.
- (ii) The designation of polling stations for the 2007 Elections be approved, subject to it being delegated to the Returning Officer to undertake a risk assessment in relation to the use of Riverside Church, Bute Drive, Perth as a polling place and to designate the Church as a polling place instead of the North Muirton Primary School.
- (iii) Information on the revised Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Stations for the 2007 Elections be circulated to all Community Councils.

730. SUPPORTING EFFECTIVE SCRUTINY IN PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

There was submitted a joint report by the Council Secretary and Head of Business Change and Improvement (06/786) setting out the current position in relation to the scrutiny element of the Council's performance management framework and proposing measures for improvement.

Councillor Lloyd expressed his disappointment that the review had not been more extensive and pointed out that the members of the Standards and Scrutiny Committee had developed a forward work plan. Councillor Lennie made a plea for adequate resources being identified to support a scrutiny process suitable for the decision making structure to be determined following the elections in May 2007.

Resolved:

- (i) The current position in relation to the scrutiny element of the Council's performance management framework be noted.
- (ii) The proposed measures to improve the scrutiny element as set out in Report 06/786 be agreed.
- (iii) It be remitted to the Council Secretary and Head of Business Change and Improvement to take forward these improvement measures.

731. SCOTTISH CLIMATE CHANGE DECLARATION

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/787) (1) detailing CoSLA's invitation to Scottish Local Authorities to sign the Scottish Climate Change Declaration and (2) recommending that the Council resolve to sign the Declaration because of the significant progress it has made on many of the aspects covered by the Declaration.

Resolved:

- (i) The Scottish Climate Change Declaration set out in Appendix 1 to Report 06/787 be signed.
- (ii) The Council be represented at the public launch of the Declaration (anticipated in late 2006), together with the Scottish Executive, other sponsoring bodies and signatory local authorities.
- (iii) The Performance and Planning Group associated with implementation of the Council's Organisational Change and Improvement Plan be requested to coordinate the preparation of a Climate Change Plan for the Council with appropriate publicity and monitoring arrangements
- (iv) All Council Services be instructed to consider the implications of this Declaration and to incorporate them in their Business Management and Improvement Plans and performance reports.

732. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 20 DECEMBER 2006

Resolved:

Meetings scheduled for 20 December 2006 be held as follows:

Tuesday 19 December 2006	9.30am	Development Control Committee
Wednesday 20 December 2006	10.00am	Common Good Fund Committees
	10.30am	Council

733. APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BODIES

(a) School Estate Strategy Board

Resolved:

Councillor Hayton replace Councillor Doig on the School Estate Strategy Board.

(a) Horsecross – Board of Management

Resolved:

Councillor Hunter be appointed as a Director of Horsecross to replace Councillor Doig.

(c) Modernising Governance Member/Officer Working Group

Resolved:

Councillor A Grant replace Councillor Doig on the Modernising Governance Member/Officer Working Group.

(d) Perth and Kinross Community Planning Partnership

Resolved:

Councillor Wilson replace Councillor Doig on the Community Planning Partnership.