

PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Property Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in Room 415, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 25 May 2011 at 9.30am.

Present: Councillors A Grant, G Hayton, A MacLellan, I Miller and A Stewart.

In Attendance: Councillor S Miller; D Littlejohn and G Taylor (The Environment Service); C Irons and L Whiteford (both Chief Executive's Service).

Councillor I Miller, Convener, Presiding.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Stewart declared a non-financial interest in Item P3 relating to Units 4/5 Ericht Business Centre, Skirmie Park, Welton Road, Blairgowrie.

2. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Property Sub-Committee held on 18 August 2010 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

The Sub-Committee agreed that the public and press be allowed to remain during consideration of the following item.

3. KINROSS COUNTY BUILDINGS, 21/25 HIGH STREET, KINROSS – PROPOSED AGREEMENT TO DEFER MARKETING

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (11/235) seeking authority to defer the marketing of the Kinross County Buildings for the purpose of allowing a community body supported by Kinross Community Council time to prepare a business plan for the possible transfer of the property out of Council ownership and into community use.

In terms of Standing Order 53, Councillor S Miller, one of the elected members representing Ward 8, addressed the Committee.

Resolved:

- (i) Disposal of Kinross County Buildings be deferred in order to afford a Community body, supported by Kinross Community Council, time to develop a business plan for the use of the property for community purposes and the possible transfer of the property from the Council to a suitably represented and constituted community based organisation.
- (ii) The community body be required to produce evidence of widespread support from the local community and for its proposals for the building including transfer of ownership.

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- (iii) The community body be requested to bring forward, within one year from the decision of this Sub-Committee, to defer marketing of the building, or such other extended period as the Council might agree, a professionally produced business plan including robust information to prove viability on a self sustaining basis.
- (iv) The community body be requested to demonstrate continued progress towards the delivery of said business plan at regular intervals during the twelve months following the decision of this Sub-Committee or such other extended period as this Council might agree.
- (v) Officers be empowered to grant a short term lease or licence to occupy the property to the Community Council or other appropriate community body pending preparation of the business plan and consideration by the Council of a proposal for transfer of the property, on terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Head of Planning and Regeneration and the Head of Legal Services.
- (vi) The community body be made aware that the transfer of ownership of Kinross County Buildings does not include the War Memorial situated in front of the buildings.

COUNCILLOR S MILLER LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

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

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (11/234) advising the Sub-Committee of property transactions approved and tenders let under delegated powers.

Resolved:

The transactions approved and tenders let under delegated powers all as listed in the Schedules appended to Report 11/234, be noted.

P2. FLATS AT MEAL VENNEL, PERTH – PROPOSED DISPOSAL TO HILLCREST HOUSING ASSOCIATION

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (11/244) seeking homologation of the sale of 18 flats at Meal Vennel, Perth to Hillcrest Housing Association Limited at a sale price of £108,000.

Resolved:

The sale of 18 flats at Meal Vennel, Perth to Hillcrest Housing Association Ltd at a sale price of £108,000 on terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Head of Planning and Regeneration and the Head of Legal Services be homologated.

P3. UNITS 4/5 ERICHT BUSINESS CENTRE, SKIRMIE PARK, WELTON ROAD, BLAIRGOWRIE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (11/236) recommending disposal of Unit 4/5 Ericht Business Centre, Skirmie Park, Welton Road, Blairgowrie to the Order of St John.

Resolved:

The disposal of Unit 4/5 Ericht Business Centre, Skirmie Park, Welton Road, Blairgowrie to The Order of St John on the basis of the provisional terms contained within Report 11/236 and otherwise on terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Head of Planning and Regeneration and the Head of Legal Services, be approved.

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