

# Minute

## General Meeting of the Council

Tuesday, 6 March 2018, 10:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



## Present

Councillors J Harvey Johnston, Stephen G Clackson, Alexander G Cowie, Norman R Craigie, Robin W Crichton, David Dawson, Andrew Drever, Barbara Foulkes, Steven B Heddle, Rachael A King, W Leslie Manson, John T Richards, Stephen Sankey, John A R Scott, Gwenda M Shearer, Graham L Sinclair, James W Stockan, Magnus O Thomson, Owen Tierney, Duncan A Tullock and Kevin F Woodbridge.

## Clerk

- Alistair Buchan, Chief Executive.

## In Attendance

- Gavin Barr, Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure.
- Gillian Morrison, Executive Director of Corporate Services.
- Caroline Sinclair, Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care.
- Wilfred Weir, Executive Director of Education, Leisure and Housing.
- Gareth Waterson, Head of Finance.
- Karen Greaves, Head of Executive Support.
- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Legal Services.
- Hazel Flett, Senior Committees Officer.

## Observing

- Anna Whelan, Strategy Manager.

## Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

## Chair

- Councillor J Harvey Johnston, Convener.

## **1. Licensing Committee**

### **Minute of Meeting held on 7 December 2017**

On the motion of Councillor Duncan A Tullock, seconded by Councillor Robin W Crichton, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 7 December 2017 as a true record.

## **2. General Meeting of the Council**

### **Minute of Meeting held on 12 December 2017**

On the motion of Councillor J Harvey Johnston, seconded by Councillor James W Stockan, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the General Meeting of the Council held on 12 December 2017 as a true record.

## **3. Planning Committee**

### **Minute of Meeting held on 13 December 2017**

On the motion of Councillor Owen Tierney, seconded by Councillor Stephen Sankey, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 13 December 2017 as a true record.

## **4. Local Review Body**

### **Minute of Meeting held on 24 January 2018**

On the motion of Councillor Owen Tierney, seconded by Councillor Kevin F Woodbridge, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Local Review Body held on 24 January 2018 as a true record.

## **5. Licensing Committee**

### **Minute of Meeting held on 25 January 2018**

On the motion of Councillor Barbara Foulkes, seconded by Councillor Robin W Crichton, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 25 January 2018 as a true record.

## **6. Policy and Resources Committee**

### **Minute of Special Meeting held on 31 January 2018**

The Council noted that the Minute of the Special Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 31 January 2018 had already been approved and adopted at the Special General Meeting of the Council held on 22 February 2018.

## **7. Development and Infrastructure Committee**

### **Minute of Meeting held on 6 February 2018**

On the motion of Councillor Graham L Sinclair, seconded by Councillor Andrew Drever, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Development and Infrastructure Committee held on 6 February 2018 as a true record.

The Council thereafter resolved to approve the recommendations contained in the Minute of the Meeting of the Development and Infrastructure Committee held on 6 February 2018.

## **8. Education, Leisure and Housing Committee**

### **Minute of Meeting held on 7 February 2018**

On the motion of Councillor Robin W Crichton, seconded by Councillor John A R Scott, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee held on 7 February 2018 as a true record.

The Council thereafter resolved to approve the recommendations contained in the Minute of the Meeting of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee held on 7 February 2018.

## **9. Policy and Resources Committee**

### **Minute of Special Meeting held on 13 February 2018**

The Council noted that the Minute of the Special Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 13 February 2018 had already been approved and adopted at the Special General Meeting of the Council held on 22 February 2018.

## **10. Policy and Resources Committee**

### **Minute of Meeting held on 20 February 2018**

On the motion of Councillor James W Stockan, seconded by Councillor W Leslie Manson, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 20 February 2018 as a true record.

The Council thereafter resolved to approve the recommendations contained in the Minute of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 20 February 2018.

## **11. Special General Meeting of the Council**

### **Minute of Special General Meeting held on 22 February 2018**

On the motion of Councillor J Harvey Johnston, seconded by Councillor James W Stockan, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Special General Meeting of the Council held on 22 February 2018 as a true record.

## **12. Community Development Fund Sub-committee**

### **Minute of Meeting held on 16 January 2018**

On the motion of Councillor J Harvey Johnston, seconded by Councillor James W Stockan, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Community Development Fund Sub-committee held on 16 January 2018 as a true record.

## **13. Single-Use Plastics**

After consideration of a joint report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services and the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, together with an Equality Impact Assessment, copies of which had been circulated, the Council:

Noted:

**13.1.** That Kate Forbes MSP, as part of the Final Straw campaign, had asked all Scottish councils to pledge to become plastic straw free, and stop the use of plastic straws in their catering outlets to protect the environment.

**13.2.** That pupils from Glaitness School and St Andrews Primary School had written to their local councillors asking them to support the Final Straw campaign.

**13.3.** That the Senior Management Team had established that it would be feasible for school and civic catering outlets to commit to become plastic straw free.

**13.4.** That there would be resource implications to the further reduction in use of single-use non-recyclable plastics which were, at present, unquantified.

**13.5.** The equality implications relating to use of plastic straws as, at present, there were no suitable alternatives for some people with disabilities.

**13.6.** That the work, outlined in the joint report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services and the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, was contingent on the availability of staff resources which may be achievable through re-prioritisation of activity and utilising the remaining balance of £23,000 allocated from the Innovation Fund in respect of the Encourage Better Recycling project.

The Council resolved:

**13.7.** To pledge to phase out use of plastic straws in schools and civic catering outlets.

**13.8.** That plastic straws should remain available where needed for people with disabilities in care settings and on request from other Council-run catering outlets.

**13.9.** That, to assist with the Council's commitment in the Council Plan 2018 to 2023, a short life Member/Officer Working Group, with a remit to appraise options for the further reduction in use of single-use plastics, be established.

**13.10.** That the following members be appointed to the Member/Officer Working Group:

- Councillor David Dawson.
- Councillor Andrew Drever.
- Councillor Barbara Foulkes.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Councillor Stephen Sankey.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Councillor Kevin F Woodbridge.

**13.11.** That the Member/Officer Working Group should, in the first instance, report to the Policy and Resources Committee.

#### **14. Conclusion of Meeting**

At 11:05 the Convener declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Harvey Johnston.