

Minute

General Meeting of the Council

Tuesday, 30 April 2024, 10:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors Graham A Bevan, Stephen G Clackson, Alexander G Cowie, David Dawson, P Lindsay Hall, Steven B Heddle, Rachael A King, W Leslie Manson, James R Moar, Janette A Park, Raymond S Peace, John A R Scott, Gwenda M Shearer, Gillian Skuse, Jean E Stevenson, Ivan A Taylor, Owen Tierney, Duncan A Tullock and Heather N Woodbridge.

Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillors Kristopher D Leask and Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

Clerk

- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Legal and Governance.

In Attendance

- Oliver D Reid, Chief Executive.
- Stephen Brown, Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Social Care Partnership.
- Karen Greaves, Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions.
- Hayley Green, Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- James Wylie, Corporate Director for Education, Leisure and Housing.
- Erik Knight, Head of Finance.
- Hazel Flett, Service Manager (Governance).

Observing

- Kirsty Groundwater, Communications Team Leader.
- Maya Tams-Gray, Committees Officer.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor Graham A Bevan, Convener.

1. General Meeting of the Council

Minute of Meeting held on 11 March 2024

On the motion of Councillor Graham A Bevan, seconded by Councillor Heather N Woodbridge, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the General Meeting of the Council held on 11 March 2024 as a true record.

2. Planning Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 20 March 2024

On the motion of Councillor Owen Tierney, seconded by Councillor Kristopher D Leask, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 20 March 2024 as a true record.

3. Licensing Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 21 March 2024

On the motion of Councillor Duncan A Tullock, seconded by Councillor Kristopher D Leask, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 21 March 2024 as a true record.

4. Development and Infrastructure Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 26 March 2024

On the motion of Councillor David Dawson, seconded by Councillor Gillian Skuse, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Development and Infrastructure Committee held on 26 March 2024 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 26 March 2024.

5. Education, Leisure and Housing Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 27 March 2024

On the motion of Councillor Gwenda M Shearer, seconded by Councillor Jean E Stevenson, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee held on 27 March 2024 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 27 March 2024.

6. Monitoring and Audit Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 28 March 2024

On the motion of Councillor P Lindsay Hall, seconded by Councillor Gillian Skuse, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Monitoring and Audit Committee held on 28 March 2024 as a true record.

The Council thereafter resolved to approve the recommendations contained in the Minute of the Meeting of the Monitoring and Audit Committee held on 28 March 2024.

7. Policy and Resources Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 16 April 2024

On the motion of Councillor Heather N Woodbridge, seconded by Councillor Alexander G Cowie, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 16 April 2024 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 16 April 2024, subject to the following item of amendment:

UK Government Long-Term Plan for Towns Levelling Up Award

Councillor Steven B Heddle referred to the recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee regarding the UK Government's Long-Term Plan for Towns Levelling Up award and, seconded by Councillor Duncan A Tullock, the Council:

Resolved that, in order to provide clarity as to how the recommendation should be progressed, paragraph 2.2 of the Minute of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 16 April 2024 be amended to read as follows:

- That the Chief Executive should present an appropriate structure and appointments for the proposed Orkney Towns Board, including selection and appointment of an independent Chair in line with UK Government guidelines, considering these in consultation with all 21 Elected Members and the local MP, and report back to a Special General Meeting of the Council, in a timescale to meet the deadline of 1 June 2024 for establishment of the Orkney Towns Board.

8. Community Development Fund Sub-committee

Minute of Meeting held on 28 March 2024

On the motion of Councillor Graham A Bevan, seconded by Councillor Heather N Woodbridge, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Community Development Fund Sub-committee held on 28 March 2024, attached as Appendix 1 to this Minute, as a true record.

9. Conclusion of Meeting

At 10:38 the Convener declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Graham A Bevan.