

Minute

General Meeting of the Council

Tuesday, 1 May 2018, 10:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors Stephen G Clackson, Alexander G Cowie, Norman R Craigie, Robin W Crichton, David Dawson, Barbara Foulkes, Steven B Heddle, J Harvey Johnston, 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.
- Wilfred Weir, Executive Director of Education, Leisure and Housing.
- Gareth Waterson, Head of Finance.
- Karen Greaves, Head of Executive Support.
- Andrew Groundwater, Head of HR and Performance.
- Scott Hunter, Head of Children and Families and Criminal Justice and Chief Social Work Officer.
- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Legal Services.
- Hazel Flett, Senior Committees Officer.

Observing

- Peter Diamond, Head of Lifelong Learning and Inclusion.
- Hayley Green, Head of IT and Facilities.
- David Hartley, Communications Team Leader.

Apology

- Councillor Andrew Drever.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor J Harvey Johnston, Convener.

1. General Meeting of the Council

Minute of Meeting held on 6 March 2018

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 6 March 2018 as a true record.

2. Planning Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 7 March 2018

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 7 March 2018 as a true record.

3. Local Review Body

Minute of Meeting held on 7 March 2018

On the motion of Councillor Owen Tierney, seconded by Councillor Stephen Sankey, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Local Review Body held on 7 March 2018 as a true record.

4. Licensing Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 8 March 2018

On the motion of Councillor Duncan A Tullock, seconded by Councillor Barbara Foulkes, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 8 March 2018 as a true record.

5. Development and Infrastructure Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 27 March 2018

On the motion of Councillor Graham L Sinclair, seconded by Councillor Rachael A King, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Development and Infrastructure Committee held on 27 March 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 27 March 2018.

6. Education, Leisure and Housing Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 28 March 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 28 March 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 28 March 2018.

7. Monitoring and Audit Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 29 March 2018

On the motion of Councillor John T Richards, seconded by Councillor David Dawson, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Monitoring and Audit Committee held on 29 March 2018 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 29 March 2018.

8. Orkney Health and Care Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 29 March 2018

On the motion of Councillor Rachael A King, seconded by Councillor Kevin F Woodbridge, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Orkney Health and Care Committee held on 29 March 2018 as a true record.

The Council thereafter resolved to approve the recommendations contained in the Minute of the Meeting of the Orkney Health and Care Committee held on 29 March 2018.

9. Policy and Resources Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 17 April 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 17 April 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 17 April 2018.

10. Planning Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 18 April 2018

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 18 April 2018 as a true record.

11. Local Review Body

Minute of Meeting held on 18 April 2018

On the motion of Councillor Owen Tierney, seconded by Councillor Stephen Sankey, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Local Review Body held on 18 April 2018 as a true record.

12. College Management Council Sub-committee

Appointment of Business and Community Representatives

After consideration of a report by the Chief Executive, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Executive Support, the Council:

Noted:

12.1. That the governance arrangements in respect of the College Management Council Sub-committee currently allowed for the following membership, all with voting rights:

- 5 elected members of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee, including the Chair and Vice Chair.
- 4 representatives of the business community.
- 4 representatives of the community, including representatives from the Third Sector.

12.2. That, following advertisement, five applications were received in respect of vacancies and resignations for business and community representatives to serve on the College Management Council Sub-committee.

12.3. That, following a recruitment and selection process, all five representatives were recommended for appointment to the College Management Council Sub-committee.

12.4. That, if confirmed by Council, the appointments would last until the next ordinary Local Government Election, currently scheduled for May 2022.

On the motion of Councillor John A R Scott, seconded by Councillor Robin W Crichton, the Council resolved:

12.5. That the undernoted representatives be appointed to serve on the College Management Council Sub-committee for the period to May 2022:

- Business Representatives:
 - Roy Brown.
 - Mark G Jones.
 - Steven Sinclair.
- Community Representatives:
 - Beverly Clubley.
 - Peter J B Slater.

12.6. That the undernoted community representatives be re-appointed to serve on the College Management Council Sub-committee for the period to May 2022:

- Ian Carse.
- Malcolm Graves.

13. Notice of Motion

The Council had for consideration the following Notice of Motion:

“We, the undersigned, hereby request that Orkney Islands Council reconsider the decision of the Full Council made at the Special General Meeting held on 22 February 2018 on the casting vote of the Convener in relation to the setting of the Council’s Budget and Council Tax Level for 2018 to 2019. Specifically, we request that Efficiency Saving EDELH05, relating to savings of £65,000 within the Education Service, be removed from the efficiency savings proposed for this Budget, with the resultant cost being met from the General Fund contingency.

Signed Stephen G Clackson, Steven Heddle, D Dawson, G M Shearer, A Cowie, J T Richards, Magnus Thomson.”

As the Notice of Motion was contradictory to a resolution of the Council made within the previous 12 months, the Council **suspended Standing Orders** to allow consideration of the Notice of Motion.

After consideration of a joint report by the Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Education, Leisure and Housing, copies of which had been circulated, the Council:

Noted:

13.1. That the Chief Executive had received a Notice of Motion requesting that the Council reconsider its decision, made at the Special General Meeting held on 22 February 2018, in relation to the setting of the Budget and Council Tax Level for 2018 to 2019, specifically, that Efficiency Saving EDELH05, relating to savings of £65,000 within the Education Service, be removed from the efficiency savings proposed for this Budget, with the resultant cost being met from the General Fund contingency.

13.2. The educational impact, should the Notice of Motion be approved, as outlined in section 6 of the joint report by the Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Education, Leisure and Housing.

13.3. The financial impact, should the Notice of Motion be approved, as outlined in section 8 of the joint report by the Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Education, Leisure and Housing.

Councillor Stephen G Clackson, seconded by Councillor James W Stockan, moved the Notice of Motion.

There being no amendments, the Convener declared the Motion carried nem con and the Council thereafter resolved:

13.4. That Efficiency Saving EDELH05, relating to savings of £65,000 within the Education Service, be removed from the efficiency savings for the 2018 to 2019 revenue budget, with the resultant cost being met from the General Fund contingency as a current year virement.

14. Conclusion of Meeting

At 11:20 the Convener declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Harvey Johnston.