

Minute

General Meeting of the Council

Tuesday, 4 October 2022, 09:30.

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, Kristopher D Leask, W Leslie Manson, James R Moar, Raymond S Peace, John A R Scott, Gwenda M Shearer, Gillian Skuse, Jean E Stevenson, Ivan A Taylor, Owen Tierney and Duncan A Tullock.

Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillors Rachael A King, James W Stockan, Mellissa-Louise Thomson and Heather N Woodbridge.

Clerk

- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Legal and Governance.

In Attendance

- Karen Greaves, Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions.
- Hayley Green, Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- Gareth Waterson, Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.
- James Wylie, Corporate Director for Education, Leisure and Housing.
- Andrew Groundwater, Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development.
- Hazel Flett, Service Manager (Governance).

In Attendance via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

- John W Mundell, Interim Chief Executive.
- Stephen Brown, Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Social Care Partnership.

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 5 July 2022

On the motion of Councillor Graham A Bevan, seconded by Councillor Gillian Skuse, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the General Meeting of the Council held on 5 July 2022 as a true record.

2. Planning Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 6 July 2022

On the motion of Councillor Kristopher D Leask, seconded by Councillor Duncan A Tullock, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 6 July 2022 as a true record.

3. Monitoring and Audit Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 25 August 2022

On the motion of Councillor Alexander G Cowie, seconded by Councillor P Lindsay Hall, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Monitoring and Audit Committee held on 25 August 2022 as a true record.

4. Planning Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 31 August 2022

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 31 August 2022 as a true record.

5. Licensing Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 1 September 2022

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 1 September 2022 as a true record.

6. Development and Infrastructure Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 6 September 2022

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 6 September 2022 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 September 2022, subject to the following item of amendment:

Finstown Traffic Management Study

Councillor Graham A Bevan referred to the recommendations of the Development and Infrastructure Committee relating to the Finstown traffic management study and, seconded by Councillor David Dawson, the Council:

Resolved that the outcome of, and options relating to, the Finstown traffic management study be referred back to the Development and Infrastructure Committee for further consideration.

7. Education, Leisure and Housing Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 7 September 2022

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 7 September 2022 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 September 2022.

8. Special General Meeting of the Council

Minute of Special General Meeting held on 8 September 2022

On the motion of Councillor James W Stockan, seconded by Councillor David Dawson, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Special General Meeting of the Council held on 8 September 2022 as a true record.

9. Planning Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 8 September 2022

On the motion of Councillor Owen Tierney, seconded by Councillor Duncan A Tullock, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 8 September 2022 as a true record.

10. Policy and Resources Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 20 September 2022

On the motion of Councillor James W Stockan, seconded by Councillor John A R Scott, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 20 September 2022 as a true record, subject to the following correction:

Orkney Harbours Masterplan Phase 1

The Council resolved the final bullet point of paragraph 15.4 of the Minute of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 20 September 2022, be amended to read as follows:

“That, where an agreement required the commitment of the Council to a potential liability in excess of a **total** maximum sum of £5 million, prior approval be sought either through routine Council governance structures or, if time limited, by calling special meetings of the relevant Committee and/or the Council”.

The Council thereafter resolved to approve the recommendations contained in the Minute of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 20 September 2022.

11. Monitoring and Audit Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 22 September 2022

On the motion of Councillor Alexander G Cowie, seconded by Councillor P Lindsay Hall, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Monitoring and Audit Committee held on 22 September 2022 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 22 September 2022.

12. Her Majesty The Queen’s State Funeral

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions, copies of which had been circulated, the Council:

Noted:

12.1. That, on 12 September 2022, the UK and Scottish Governments announced that Her Majesty The Queen’s State Funeral would be held on 19 September 2022, and that this date would be a bank holiday.

12.2. That, in recognition of the urgency, in consultation with the Convener, Leader and Depute Leader, the Chief Executive exercised emergency powers as follows:

- To provide for a one-off additional day of annual leave for all employees of the Council to be taken on 19 September 2022.
- To provide for any employee, who was required to work on 19 September 2022, to be allocated an additional day to their leave entitlement for the year.
- To provide for any part-time employee, who was not due to work on 19 September 2022, to be allocated a pro rata addition to their leave entitlement for the year.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

At 09:45 the Convener declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Graham A Bevan.