

Minute

General Meeting of the Council

Tuesday, 3 July 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, Owen Tierney and Duncan A Tullock.

Clerk

- Gillian Morrison, Executive Director of Corporate Services.

In Attendance

- Gavin Barr, Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure.
- Wilfred Weir, Executive Director of Education, Leisure and Housing.
- Scott Hunter, Head of Children and Families and Community Justice and Chief Social Work Officer.
- Gareth Waterson, Head of Finance.
- Karen Greaves, Head of Executive Support.
- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Legal Services.
- Hazel Flett, Senior Committees Officer.

Observing

- David Hartley, Communications Team Leader.

Apologies

- Councillor Magnus O Thomson.
- Councillor Kevin F Woodbridge.

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 1 May 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 1 May 2018 as a true record.

2. Licensing Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 3 May 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 3 May 2018 as a true record.

3. Planning Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 30 May 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 30 May 2018 as a true record.

4. Development and Infrastructure Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 5 June 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 5 June 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 5 June 2018, subject to the following amendment:

Provision of Abattoir Services in Orkney

The Council resolved that the provision of abattoir services in Orkney be referred back to the Development and Infrastructure Committee for further consideration.

5. Education, Leisure and Housing Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 6 June 2018

On the motion of Councillor Robin W Crichton, seconded by Councillor Stephen G Clackson, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee held on 6 June 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 6 June 2018.

6. Monitoring and Audit Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 7 June 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 7 June 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 7 June 2018.

7. Orkney Health and Care Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 7 June 2018

On the motion of Councillor Rachael A King, seconded by Councillor W Leslie Manson, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Orkney Health and Care Committee held on 7 June 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 7 June 2018.

8. Policy and Resources Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 19 June 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 19 June 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 19 June 2018.

9. Notice of Motion

The Council had for consideration the following Notice of Motion:

“That Orkney Islands Council introduces a Questions and Answers session to the General Meeting that allows Councillors to ask pertinent pre-notified questions and receive responses from either the Leader or one of the Committee Chairs and that a further supplementary question may be put by the questioner on the same issue if they are not fully satisfied with the response. Questions would be lodged with the Chief Executive at least five working days in advance of the General Meeting and a maximum time limit of 20 minutes be placed on the session.

Signed John A R Scott, S Sankey, Owen Tierney, Stephen G Clackson.”

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:

9.1. That the Chief Executive had received a Notice of Motion requesting that the Council introduce a Question and Answer session to the General Meeting.

9.2. That the implications of the Notice of Motion were mainly in Councillor and officer time, as a result of the additional workload which would arise from introduction of such a system.

9.3. That there were existing mechanisms which allowed members opportunities to become apprised of issues and business within the Council in both a public and informal setting.

Councillor John A R Scott, seconded by Councillor Stephen Sankey, moved the Notice of Motion.

Councillor James W Stockan, seconded by Councillor W Leslie Manson, moved an amendment that a Question and Answer session at the General Meeting should not be introduced.

The result of a recorded vote was as follows:

For the Amendment:

Councillors Alexander G Cowie, Norman R Craigie, Robin W Crichton, David Dawson, Andrew Drever, Barbara Foulkes, Steven B Heddle, J Harvey Johnston, Rachael A King, W Leslie Manson, John T Richards, Gwenda M Shearer, Graham L Sinclair, James W Stockan and Duncan A Tullock (15).

For the Motion:

Councillors Stephen G Clackson, Stephen Sankey, John A R Scott and Owen Tierney (4).

The amendment was therefore carried and the Council:

Resolved:

9.4. That a Question and Answer Session at the General Meeting should not be introduced.

10. Conclusion of Meeting

At 11:15 the Convener declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Harvey Johnston.