

Minute

General Meeting of the Council

Wednesday, 7 May 2025, 10:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors Graham A Bevan, Alexander G Cowie, David Dawson, P Lindsay Hall, Steven B Heddle, Rachael A King, Kristopher D Leask, W Leslie Manson, James R Moar, Janette A Park, Raymond S Peace, John A R Scott, Gillian Skuse, Ivan A Taylor and Duncan A Tullock.

Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillors Gwenda M Shearer, Jean E Stevenson, Mellissa-Louise Thomson and Heather N Woodbridge.

Clerk

- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Legal and Governance.

In Attendance

- Oliver D Reid, Chief Executive.
- Hayley Green, Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- James Wylie, Corporate Director for Education, Leisure and Housing.
- Andrew Groundwater, Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development.
- Erik Knight, Head of Finance.
- Hazel Flett, Service Manager (Governance).

In Attendance via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

- Gareth Waterson, Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.

Apologies

- Councillor Stephen G Clackson.
- Councillor Owen Tierney.

Declaration of Interest

- Councillor Gwenda M Shearer – Item 14.

Chair

- Councillor Graham A Bevan, Convener.

1. Tribute to the late Captain William S Sinclair

The Convener referred to the death of Captain William (Billy) S Sinclair, former member of Orkney Islands Council, and paid tribute to the service he had given the Council and the local community over many years, following which the Council observed a minute's silence.

2. General Meeting of the Council

Minute of Meeting held on 4 March 2025

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 4 March 2025 as a true record.

3. Local Review Body

Minute of Meeting held on 4 March 2025

On the motion of Councillor David Dawson, seconded by Councillor Duncan A Tullock, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Local Review Body held on 4 March 2025 as a true record.

4. Local Review Body

Minute of Meeting held on 11 March 2025

On the motion of Councillor David Dawson, seconded by Councillor Duncan A Tullock, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Local Review Body held on 11 March 2025 as a true record.

5. Licensing Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 13 March 2025

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 13 March 2025 as a true record.

6. Planning Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 26 March 2025

On the motion of Councillor David Dawson, seconded by Councillor Duncan A Tullock, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 26 March 2025 as a true record.

7. Development and Infrastructure Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 1 April 2025

On the motion of Councillor Kristopher D Leask, seconded by Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Development and Infrastructure Committee held on 1 April 2025 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 1 April 2025.

8. Education, Leisure and Housing Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 2 April 2025

On the motion of Councillor Gwenda M Shearer, seconded by Councillor Ivan A Taylor, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee held on 2 April 2025 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 2 April 2025.

9. Local Review Body

Minute of Meeting held on 3 April 2025

On the motion of Councillor David Dawson, seconded by Councillor Duncan A Tullock, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Local Review Body held on 3 April 2025 as a true record.

10. Monitoring and Audit Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 3 April 2025

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 3 April 2025 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 3 April 2025.

11. Policy and Resources Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 22 April 2025

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 22 April 2025 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 22 April 2025.

12. Licensing Committee

Minute of Meeting held on 1 May 2025

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 May 2025 as a true record.

13. Exclusion of Public

On the motion of Councillor Graham A Bevan, seconded by Councillor Alexander G Cowie, the Council resolved that the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting, as the business to be considered involved the disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended.

14. Request for Assistance

Councillor Gwenda M Shearer declared an interest in this item and left the meeting at this point.

Under section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public had been excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 4 and 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Finance, the Council:

Resolved what action should be taken with regard to a request for assistance.

The above constitutes the summary of the Minute in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 section 50C(2) as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

15. Conclusion of Meeting

At 10:56 the Convener declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Graham A Bevan