

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SPECIAL).

Minutes of a remote webcast meeting
on 25 January 2022 at 11.00 a.m.

Present Councillors Helen Moonie (Provost), Laura Brennan-Whitefield, Andy Campbell, Douglas Campbell, Ian Cavana, Alec Clark, Ian Cochrane, Brian Connolly, Chris Cullen, Ian Davis, Julie Dettbarn, Martin Dowey, Ian Fitzsimmons, William Grant, Peter Henderson, Hugh Hunter, Mary Kilpatrick, Lee Lyons, Craig Mackay, Derek McCabe, Brian McGinley, Bob Pollock, Philip Saxton, and Arthur Spurling.

Apologies: Councillors Iain Campbell, Peter Convery and Margaret Toner.

Attending: E. Howat, Chief Executive; D. Gillies, Director – Place; C. Caves, Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services; T. Baulk, Head of Finance and ICT, K. Carr, Assistant Director – Place; L Reid, Assistant Director – Place; W. Carlaw, Service Lead – Democratic Governance; T. Leijser, Service Lead – Economy and Regeneration; and A. Nelson, Co-ordinator, Democratic Services.

1. Provost.

The Provost

- (1) welcomed everyone to the meeting;
- (2) intimated that apologies had been received from Councillors I Campbell, Convery and Toner; and
- (3) outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting and advised that part of this meeting would be broadcast live.

2. Sederunt and Declarations of Interest.

The Chief Executive called the Sederunt for the meeting and, having called the roll, confirmed that there were no declarations of interest by Members of the Council in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned and the recording paused for ten minutes due to connectivity issues. The meeting resumed at 11.16 a.m.

3. Authority to Use the Council's Coat of Arms.

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 21 January 2022 by the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services seeking approval for the Council's Coat of Arms to be reproduced in a foreword to a book of Robert Burns' poems translated into Hindi.

Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor McGinley, moved the recommendations as outlined in the report.

A Member requested that the word 'requests' be replaced with the word 'required' in paragraph 2.1.2 of the report to which the mover and seconder agreed.

Decided:

- (a) to approve the authorisation of the reproduction of the Council's Coat of Arms in a foreword to a book of Robert Burns' poems translated into Hindi; and
- (b) upon authority being granted, required that the publication must state that the Coat of Arms is the property of South Ayrshire Council and is reproduced by permission.

4. Formal Question.

The Council noted that no formal questions had been submitted.

Councillor Lyons left the meeting at this point.

5. Exclusion of Press and Public.

The Council resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the press and public be excluded from the remaining item of business on the agenda, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

6. Inward Investment.

There was submitted a **report** (issued – members only) of 21 January 2022 by the Director – Place updating Members on the inclusive investment opportunity for South Ayrshire; and seeking approval for a change request.

After lengthy discussion various questions were raised by Members and responded to by the Service Lead – Economy and Regeneration, the Council

In accordance with Standing Order 23 the motion was put to a vote and the motion was agreed by a majority vote with one abstention.

Decided:

- (1) to note that the original building was no longer available for establishing an Assembly, Integration and Test (AIT) facility;
- (2) to note Company X's preference to establish an alternative new build site for the AIT facility with amended timescales for completion; and
- (3) to give authorisation under delegated powers for the Director – Place to proceed with negotiations with Scottish Enterprise for the acquisition of a suitable site and discussions with Company X to invest in a new build facility with further updates to Council.

Due to connectivity issues Councillor Davis and Councillor Saxton did not take part in discussions relating to the following Item and were therefore not eligible to vote.

7. **Consideration of Disclosure of the above Confidential Report.**

The Council

Decided: not to authorise the disclosure under Standing Order 32.4 of the following report:-

- Inward Investment.

8. **Closing Remarks.**

The Provost thanked all in attendance for their contribution.

The meeting ended at 12.26 p.m.