

URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 14 February 2014 - Minute of Meeting of the URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Crockett, Convener; and Councillors Boulton, Cameron (substituting for Councillor Dickson), Cooney, Cormie (substituting for Councillor Jackie Dunbar), Greig (substituting for Councillor Yuill), Kiddie (substituting for Councillor McCaig), Laing, Noble, Taylor, Thomson (substituting for Councillor Forsyth), Townson (substituting for Councillor May) and Young.

The agenda and reports associated with this minute can be found at:-

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REQUEST FOR DEPUTATION

1. The Committee had before it a request for deputation from Mr Mike Shepherd in connection with the report on the City Centre Masterplan and Delivery Programme.

The Committee resolved:-

to refuse the request.

URGENT MOTIONS

2. The Convener advised that he had received two urgent motions in accordance with Standing Order 21(9), and that he had accepted these onto the agenda, the details of which were circulated at this juncture (Articles 5 and 6 of this minute refer).

DETERMINATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

3. In terms of Standing Order 28(5)(vi), and in accordance with Section 50(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Committee was informed that it had to determine (1) that the items on the agenda were of an urgent nature; and (2) that the Committee required to consider the items and take decisions thereon.

The Committee resolved:-

to agree that the items were of an urgent nature and required to be considered this day.

CITY CENTRE MASTERPLAN & DELIVERY PROGRAMME - EPI/14/034

4. With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of the City Centre Regeneration Board of 10 February 2014, the Committee had before it, by way of remit, a report by the Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure which

provided an update on the procurement options and programme for a Masterplan and Delivery Programme to secure the future of Aberdeen city centre.

The report recommended:-

that the City Centre Regeneration Board -

- (a) note the proposed restricted procurement approach outlined in sections 5.13 to 5.17 of the report;
- (b) agree to contribute as appropriate to a project team and evaluation team; and
- (c) note that the report would be referred to Council on 5 March 2014 for approval.

The City Centre Regeneration Board had resolved, amongst other things, to request that an Urgent Business Committee be convened to allow the procurement process set out in the report to be approved at an earlier date than the Council meeting of 5 March.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to approve the proposed restricted procurement approach outlined in the report; and
- (ii) to approve the report.

URGENT MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CROCKETT

5. The Committee had before it the following urgent notice of motion by Councillor Crockett:-

“That the Committee -

- (1) agrees that Council officers be instructed to work with the Scottish Professional Football League and Aberdeen Football Club in order to ensure that as many children and young people as possible from the city are able to see the Scottish League Cup Final on Sunday 16 March 2014; and
- (2) agrees that the sum of up to £50,000 be allocated from the Common Good Fund towards the costs associated with the proposal.”

The Convener moved, seconded by Councillor Taylor:-

That the terms of the urgent motion be approved.

Councillor Noble moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Townson:-

That the Committee do not agree to allocate £50,000 from the Common Good Fund towards the costs associated with the proposal.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (7) - Convener; and Councillors Boulton, Cooney, Laing, Taylor, Thomson and Young; For the amendment (6) - Councillors Cameron, Cormie, Greig, Kiddie, Noble and Townson.

The Committee resolved:-

to adopt the motion.

URGENT MOTION BY COUNCILLOR LAING

6. The Committee had before it the following urgent notice of motion by Councillor Laing:-

“That the Committee agree to suspend Standing Order 22 (Alteration or Revocation of Previous Decision) and instruct officers to conclude the current negotiations with Powis Gateway Community Centre Management Committee with a view to entering into the Council’s Lease and Management Agreement as previously agreed by the Education, Culture and Sport Committee.”

The Committee resolved:-

to approve the terms of the urgent motion.

- **BARNEY CROCKETT, Convener.**