

URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 27 November 2014 - Minute of Meeting of the URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Laing, Convener; and Councillors Allan (substituting for Councillor Boulton), Cameron, Cooney, Corall (substituting for Councillor Jackie Dunbar), Dickson, Greig (substituting for Councillor Yuill), McCaig, Malik (substituting for Councillor Crockett), Noble, Taylor, Thomson and Young.

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DETERMINATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

1. In terms of Standing Order 28(6)(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 item on the agenda was of an urgent nature; and (2) that the Committee required to consider the item and take a decision thereon.

The Committee resolved:-

to agree that the item was of an urgent nature and required to be considered this day.

REQUEST FOR DEPUTATION

2. The Committee had before it a request for deputation from Mr William Lonsdale of Garthdee Community Council which had been submitted in terms of Standing Order 10(1).

The Committee resolved:-

to hear the deputation.

GARTHDEE - PROPOSED CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE - EXTENSION - CHI/14/018

3. (A) In terms of Standing Order 10(2), the Committee received a deputation from Mr William Lonsdale of Garthdee Community Council.

Mr Lonsdale provided a historical summary of the decisions the Council had made in respect of the Robert Gordon University campus in planning terms, and the resultant Garthdee Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ), through its various committees. He emphasised that the residents of Garthdee and Kaimhill had been suffering as a result of parking issues for the past two and a half years, and that there had been an eleven month delay to the proposed extension of the CPZ as a result of the Council's roads officials not taking the matter forward timeously. He also emphasised that the Robert Gordon University was liable for the cost of the extension of the CPZ, and therefore residential permits should be provided free of charge.

Mr Lonsdale called on the Committee to instruct the appropriate officers immediately to prepare the necessary draft order, setting out all terms of the amendment proposed to the Garthdee CPZ, to progress with the public advertisement and statutory consultation, including a public meeting, and to report the results of the statutory consultation to a future meeting of the Communities, Housing and Infrastructure Committee with a view to implementing the amendment, if approved, before 21 November 2015.

The Committee thanked Mr Lonsdale for his contribution.

(B) The Committee had before it a report by the Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which outlined the findings of the on-street parking surveys carried out on the streets proposed for inclusion within the extension to the existing Garthdee CPZ following the opening of the extension to the Robert Gordon University campus.

The report recommended:-

that the Committee -

- (a) note the results of the on-street parking surveys; and
- (b) instruct the appropriate officers to commence the necessary legal procedures of preliminary statutory consultation for the traffic regulation orders required. If no significant objections are received, then to progress with the public advertisement and report the results to a future meeting of the Communities, Housing and Infrastructure Committee.

Councillor Laing moved, seconded by Councillor Malik:-

That the Committee approve the recommendations contained within the report.

Councillor Greig moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor McCaig:-

That the Committee approve the recommendations contained within the report and agree that a public meeting be held as part of the process.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (7) - Convener; and Councillors Allan, Cooney, Malik, Taylor, Thomson and Young; For the amendment (6) - Councillors Cameron, Corall, Dickson, Greig, McCaig and Noble.

The Committee resolved:-

to adopt the motion.

- **JENNIFER LAING, Convener.**