

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SPECIAL).

Minutes of special meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 29th March 2011 at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors Winifred Sloan (Provost), Andy Campbell, Douglas Campbell, Ian Cavana, Brian Connolly, Peter Convery, Hywel Davies, Ian Douglas, Stan Fisher, Ian Fitzsimmons, Ann Galbraith, Sandra Goldie, Hugh Hunter, Mary Kilpatrick, Elaine Little, Mairi Low, John McDowall, Nan McFarlane, Bill McIntosh, Helen Moonie, Alec Oattes, Mike Peddie, Robin Reid, Tom Slider and Margaret Toner.

Apologies: Councillors John Allan, Eddie Bulik, Bill Grant, John Hampton and Philip Saxton.

Attending: D. Anderson, Chief Executive; H. Garland, Executive Director – Children and Community; E. Howat, Executive Director – Corporate Services; L. Bloomer, Executive Director – Development and Environment; V. Andrews, Head of Legal and Administration; J. McQuillan, Head of Property and Neighbourhood Services; M. Newall, Head of Planning and Enterprise; M. Hastings, Enterprise Manager; C. Monaghan, Head of Policy, Performance and Communication; D. Robertson, Public Communications Manager; and D. Knight, Committee Services Officer.

1. Provost.

The Provost welcomed Members to the special meeting.

2. Sederunt.

The Chief Executive called the Sederunt for the meeting.

3. Exclusion of Press and Public.

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

4. Gaiety Theatre – Appointment of Design Team.

There was submitted a report (issued to members only) of 24th March 2011 by the Executive Director – Development and Environment seeking approval of the appointment of a Design Team to prepare design, specifications and tender documents for the development of the cafe/bar and box office facilities at the Gaiety Theatre, Ayr.

Questions were raised by Members of the Council in relation to the weighted evaluation process of the tenders, the timescales for the re-opening of the cafe/bar and box office facilities, the future arrangements for the Gaiety Theatre, future events at the Gaiety Theatre and procurement procedures and the relevant Officers responded accordingly.

Decided: under the provisions of Section 16.2(ii) of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts, to approve the appointment of the McLennan Partnership as the Design Team for the Gaiety Theatre in Ayr, in the sum of £29,400 as the most economically advantageous offer.

5. Welcome to meeting.

The Provost welcomed Mark Hastings, Enterprise Manager to his first meeting of the Council.

6. Burns an' a' that! Festival.

There was submitted a report (issued to members only) of 25th March 2011 by the Executive Director – Development and Environment

- (1) advising of the proposed adoption of responsibility for future delivery of the Burns an' a' that! Festival as part of the annual Tourism events calendar; and
- (2) seeking approval under the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts to appoint the selected tenderer for the production of the headline events within the Festival in 2011 only.

Questions were raised by Members of the Council in relation to the financial implications, marketing arrangements for the Festival, timescales, the future programme of events and the input of Elected Members into the Events Strategy and the relevant Officers responded accordingly.

Decided:

- (a) to approve the transfer of responsibility for the Burns an' a' that! Festival to South Ayrshire Council; and
- (b) following a tendering process, to approve the acceptance of the selected tender from Zisys AVMN under the terms of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts at a cost of £50,200 for the provision of event production services, including the commissioning of artists, over three nights.

7. Microsoft Enterprise Agreement - Extension of Contract.

There was submitted a report (issued to members only) of 25th March 2011 by the Executive Director – Corporate Services seeking the Council's approval for a one year extension of the Council's Enterprise Agreement Contract with Microsoft as required by Section 20.2 of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts.

Decided: under the provisions of Section 20.2 of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts, to grant approval to the Executive Director - Corporate Services to extend the enterprise agreement with Microsoft for one further year.

The meeting ended at 3.35 pm.