

STIRLING COUNCIL

MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING of the COMMUNITY PLANNING AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD VIEWFORTH, STIRLING, on THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2020 at 4 pm.

Present

Councillor Chris KANE (Convener)

Councillor Maureen BENNISON
Councillor Neil BENNY (substitute)
Councillor Douglas DODDS

Councillor Scott FARMER
Councillor Alasdair MACPHERSON

In Attendance

Jim Boyle, Chief Finance Officer
Lesley Gallagher, Service Manager, Regeneration and Wellbeing
Mark Henderson, Media Officer
Isabel McKnight, Chief Operating Officer Communities and Performance
Stuart Oliver, Senior Manager, Economic Development, Culture & Tourism
Sheila McLean, Governance Officer (Clerk)
Louise McDonald, Committee Officer (Minutes)

Also in Attendance

Andrew Bain, Active Stirling

CR165 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Jeremy McDonald. Councillor Neil Benny was in attendance as substitute for Councillor McDonald.

CR166 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

The Committee resolved under Section 50A (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

CR167 ACTIVE STIRLING

The purpose of the report was to update Committee on the key elements of Active Stirling's business recovery and sustainability plan. The report outlined the need for investment to enable Active Stirling to recover from its current operating pressures, and build a sustainable and profitable business model, securing Stirling's future in the context of the Sport, Physical Activity and Healthy Living Strategy.

Officers responded to a number of questions from Members and provided further detail on items within the report.

The Convener suggested that a third recommendation be included and the Committee agreed to this addition.

Decision

The Committee agreed to:

1. note Active Stirling's Recovery Plan as an essential requirement of the Sport, Physical Activity and Healthy Living Strategy Delivery Plan;
2. note that, following this Meeting, a report would be submitted to the meeting of Stirling Council on 5 March 2020 to seek approval of the Recovery Plan; and
3. advise Council that the business recovery and sustainability plan was not, in the opinion of Committee, completely in alignment with Council priorities and recommend that any further consideration of the business recovery and sustainability plan by Council include the following:
 - 3.1. Active Stirling must bring forward in 2020 a membership scheme that will see individuals paying the same membership rate regardless of whether they are part of a group membership scheme or not;
 - 3.2. Active Stirling must agree to ensuring there is never a differential between the total price for a membership if paid in full or if paid in monthly instalments and that monthly instalments will always be offered for all membership plans; and
 - 3.3. Active Stirling agree to put in place measures to ensure members who become inactive are given appropriate support and encouragement to become active again.

(Reference: Report by Chief Operating Officer, Communities & Performance dated 20 January 2020, submitted).

The Convener declared the Meeting closed at 5pm