

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL.

Minutes of a special meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 1 October 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Provost Helen Moonie.

Present Councillors Laura Brennan-Whitefield, Siobhian Brown, Andy Campbell,
Remotely: Douglas Campbell, Iain Campbell, Ian Cavana, Alec Clark, Ian Cochrane,
Brian Connolly, Peter Convery, Chris Cullen, Ian Davis, Julie Dettbarn,
Martin Dowe, Ian Fitzsimmons, William Grant, Peter Henderson, Hugh Hunter,
Mary Kilpatrick, Lee Lyons, Craig Mackay, Derek McCabe, Brian McGinley,
Bob Pollock, Philip Saxton, Arthur Spurling and Margaret Toner

Attending: E. Howat, Chief Executive; C. Caves, Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services;
T. Baulk, Head of Finance and ICT; J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer;
and A. Gibson, Committee Services Officer.

Attending D. Hutchison, Depute Chief Executive and Director – People; D. Gillies, Director –
Remotely: Place; K. Carr, Assistant Director – Place; K. Briggs, Service Lead – Legal and
Licensing; C. Monaghan, Service Lead - Community Services and Facilities; and
C. Neillie, Solicitor.

1. Provost.

The Provost

- (1) welcomed everyone to the meeting;
- (2) intimated that no apologies had been received;
- (3) confirmed that today's meeting was not open to the press and public, which was permissible under the COVID-19 legislation;
- (4) outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting, including that all votes would be undertaken by means of a roll call; and
- (5) referred to the sad news of the recent sudden death of Peter Walker, a member of Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council and passed the Council's condolences to his family.

2. Sederunt.

The Chief Executive called the Sederunt for the meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest.

Having called the roll, the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services 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.

4. Minutes of previous meetings of Council and Panels.

(1) Minutes of previous meeting of Council.

The Minutes of South Ayrshire Council of [5 March](#), [24 March \(Special\)](#), [25 June \(Special\)](#) and [1 September 2020 \(Special\)](#) (issued) were submitted.

The minutes of 24 March (Special), 25 June (Special) and 1 September 2020 (Special) were authorised to be signed as a correct record of these meetings.

Having heard Provost advise that, in relation to item 6 of the Minutes of 5 March 2020 entitled "Revenue Estimates 2020/21 and Capital Estimates 2020/21 to 2029/30", the roll-call votes for Councillors Convery and Henderson had been transposed, the Council authorised these minutes to be signed as a correct record, subject to this amendment to this roll-call vote.

(2) Minutes of previous meetings of Panels.

The Minutes of the undernoted Panels (issued) were submitted for information:-

- (i) Appeals Panel of [13 November 2019](#) and [27 February](#), [13 August](#) and [18 August 2020](#).
- (ii) Audit and Governance Panel of [26 February 2020](#).
- (iii) Chief Officers' Appointments/Appraisal Panel of [24 January](#), [28 January](#) and [29 January 2020](#).
- (iv) Leadership Panel of [18 February](#), [17 March](#) and [25 August 2020](#).

In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation and Standing Orders for Meetings, Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor McGinley, moved the recommendations as contained in the "[C](#)" paragraph of the Leadership Panel minutes of 15 September 2020 entitled "Treasury Management Annual Report 2019/20" ([copy of minute excerpt herewith](#)).

The Council, by a unanimous vote taken by calling the roll

Decided: to agree the terms of the 'C' paragraph.

- (v) Local Review Body of [4 February](#), [25 February](#), [17 March](#) and [21 July 2020](#).
- (vi) Partnerships Panel of [12 February 2020](#).
- (vii) Regulatory Panel – Licensing of [20 February](#), [19 March](#), [16 July \(Special\)](#) and [27 August 2020](#).
- (viii) Regulatory Panel – Planning of [6 February](#), [24 March](#), [11 June](#) and [24 June 2020](#).
- (ix) Service and Performance Panel of [11 February](#), [10 March](#) and [19 August 2020](#).
- (x) Ayrshire Shared Services Joint Committee of [24 January](#) and [13 March 2020](#).

5. Hybrid Meetings : Local and Remote Attendance at Council Meetings.

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 24 September 2020 by the Head of Finance and ICT seeking approval for the high-level user requirements for a hybrid meeting system; and to progress with market engagement to identify an appropriate solution.

Following a question from a Member on the timescales for meetings taking place by means of hybrid meetings, the Head of Finance and ICT advised that the new approach would be available on a permanent basis and not just for the period of the Covid-19 pandemic and that, going forward, all Council and Panel meetings could take place in this format if so desired or needed. A further Member welcomed this proposal as she stated that hybrid meetings were more inclusive.

Following a further question from a Member on why the terms of the Motion to Council on 1 September 2020 had not been met within the report and associated costs outlined, the Head of Finance and ICT advised that his officers were undertaking soft market testing and that the procurement process had not yet been carried out, therefore, final costings were not currently known.

Having heard a Member enquire if the system being purchased would allow Members to meet remotely with officers of partner agencies, the Head of Finance and ICT advised that this was included within the report and would be taken into account.

Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor McGinley, moved the recommendations in the report that the Council

- (1) agree the high-level user requirements as detailed in paragraph 4.1 of the report and the associated scenarios to be the basis of the market engagement;
- (2) agree that a new bespoke post of Audio-Visual/Sound Administrator be included within the cost implications of the agreed solution;
- (3) note that soft market testing had begun regarding possible technical solutions but as yet potential costs were unknown but would be included in a future Leadership Panel paper (per (5) below);
- (4) agree that the Efficiency and Improvement fund meet the first three-year costs of the chosen solution and thereafter the cost would require to be mainlined within the Council's revenue budget; and
- (5) request that the Head of Finance and ICT report back to Leadership Panel following the conclusion of the market engagement seeking final agreement on the most suitable solution and associated costs.

By way of Amendment, Councillor Hunter, seconded by Councillor Davis, moved items (1) to (4) of the report as outlined above and that item (5) of the report be amended to read "to request that the Head of Finance and ICT report back to full Council on Thursday 10 December 2020, following conclusion of the market engagement, to seek final agreement on the most suitable solution and associated costs".

Having heard the Head of Finance and ICT advise that he hoped to submit this report to Leadership Panel on 24 November 2020, Councillor Hunter was asked if he wished to withdraw his Amendment, however, he declined as he wished a timescale to be attached to the delivery of a report to Council.

Point of Order.

A Member of the Council enquired on the competency of the Amendment by putting a timescale on report being brought back as there were no guarantees this would be possible within the timescales outlined in the Amendment and the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services advised that the Amendment had been checked and was found to be competent.

The Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services then took the vote by calling the roll as follows:-

Helen Moonie	Motion
William Grant	Motion
Laura Brennan-Whitefield	Motion
Siobhian Brown	Motion
Andy Campbell	Motion
Douglas Campbell	Motion
Iain Campbell	Amendment
Ian Cavana	Motion
Alec Clark	Motion
Ian Cochrane	Motion
Brian Connolly	Motion
Peter Convery	Motion
Chris Cullen	Motion
Ian Davis	Amendment
Julie Dettbarn	Motion
Martin Dowey	Amendment
Ian Fitzsimmons	Amendment
Peter Henderson	Motion
Hugh Hunter	Amendment
Mary Kilpatrick	Amendment
Lee Lyons	Amendment
Craig Mackay	Motion
Derek McCabe	Amendment
Brian McGinley	Motion
Bob Pollock	Amendment
Philip Saxton	Motion
Arthur Spurling	Amendment
Margaret Toner	Amendment

Eleven Members voted for the Amendment and seventeen for the Motion which was accordingly declared carried and the Council, having thanked the Head of Finance and ICT and his officers for expediting this matter,

Decided: to agree the Motion as outlined at (1) to (5) above.

6. Financial Regulations.

There was submitted a [report](#) of 24 September 2020 by the Head of Finance and ICT seeking approval of the revised Financial Regulations following review.

The Council

Decided: to approve the revised Financial Regulations ([Appendix 1](#) to the report) to be effective from 2 October 2020.

7. Scheme of Delegation.

There was submitted a [report](#) of 24 September 2020 by the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services seeking approval to amend the Scheme of Delegation following review.

The Council

Decided: to approve the revised Scheme of Delegation (Appendix 1 to the report) with effect from 2 October 2020.

8. Schedule of Meetings.

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 24 September 2020 by the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services seeking approval of the proposed timetable of Council and Panel meetings for the period August 2021 to April 2022.

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

By way of Amendment, Councillor Dowey, seconded by Councillor Lyons moved that the meetings of the Audit and Governance Panel be moved to a Wednesday the week after Leadership Panel.

The Provost asked the Mover and Seconder of the Motion if they accepted the Amendment to the Schedule of Meetings. Both Members accepted this Amendment and withdrew their Motion.

The Council

Decided: to agree the approve the timetable of meetings for the period August 2021 to April 2022 as follows:-

Schedule of Meetings – August 2021 to April 2022

2021			
Week 1			
Tuesday 17 August	10.00 am	Service and Performance Panel	County Hall
Tuesday 17 August	2.00 pm	Local Review Body	Troon Room
Thursday 19 August	10.00 am	Licensing Board	County Hall
Week 2			
Tuesday 24 August	10.00 am	Leadership Panel	County Hall
Thursday 26 August	10.00 am	Regulatory Panel – Licensing	County Hall
Week 3			
Wednesday 1 September	10.00 am	Audit and Governance Panel	County Hall
Week 4			
Tuesday 7 September	2.00 pm	Local Review Body	Troon Room
Wednesday 8 September	10.00 am	Appeals Panel	Girvan Room
Thursday 9 September	10.00 am	Regulatory Panel (Planning)	County Hall
Week 5			
Tuesday 14 September	10.00 am	Service and Performance Panel	County Hall
Wednesday 15 September	10.00 am	Partnerships Panel	County Hall
Thursday 16 September	10.00 am	Licensing Board	County Hall
<i>Friday 17 September 2021– Public Holiday</i>			
<i>Monday 20 September 2021– Public Holiday</i>			
Week 6			
Tuesday 21 September	10.00 am	Leadership Panel (Education)	County Hall
Thursday 23 September	10.00 am	Regulatory Panel – Licensing	County Hall
Week 7			
Tuesday 28 September	2.00 pm	Local Review Body	Troon Room
Wednesday 29 September	10.00 am	Audit and Governance Panel	County Hall
Week 8			
Tuesday 5 October	10.00 am	Appeals Panel	Girvan Room
Wednesday 6 October	10.00 am	Regulatory Panel (Planning)	County Hall
Thursday 7 October	10.00 am	South Ayrshire Council	County Hall
<i>Recess</i>			
<i>Schools Close on Friday 08 October 2021</i>			
<i>and re-open on Monday 18 October 2021 (in-service day) and Tuesday 19 October 2021 (pupils)</i>			

2021			
Week 1			
Tuesday 19 October	10.00 am	Service and Performance Panel	County Hall
Thursday 21 October	10.00 am	Licensing Board	County Hall
Week 2			
Tuesday 26 October	10.00 am	Leadership Panel	County Hall
Tuesday 26 October	2.00 pm	Local Review Body	Troon Room
Thursday 28 October	10.00 am	Regulatory Panel – Licensing	County Hall
Week 3			
Wednesday 3 November	10.00 am	Audit and Governance Panel	County Hall
Week 4			
Wednesday 10 November	10.00 am	Appeals Panel	Girvan Room
Thursday 11 November	10.00 am	Regulatory Panel - Planning	County Hall
Week 5			
Tuesday 16 November	10.00 am	Service and Performance Panel	County Hall
Tuesday 16 November	2.00 pm	Local Review Body	Troon Room
Wednesday 17 November	10.00 am	Partnerships Panel	County Hall
Thursday 18 November	10.00 am	Licensing Board	County Hall
Week 6			
Tuesday 23 November	10.00 am	Leadership Panel (Education)	County Hall
Thursday 25 November	10.00 am	Regulatory Panel – Licensing	County Hall
Week 7			
Wednesday 1 December	10.00 am	Audit and Governance Panel	County Hall
Week 8			
Tuesday 7 December	10.00 am	Appeals Panel	County Hall
Tuesday 7 December	2.00 pm	Local Review Body	Troon Room
Wednesday 8 December	10.00 am	Regulatory Panel - Planning	County Hall
Thursday 9 December	10.00 am	South Ayrshire Council	County Hall
<p>Recess</p> <p><i>Schools Close on Wednesday 22 December 2021 and re-open on Thursday 6 January 2022</i></p>			

2022			
Week 1			
Tuesday 11 January	10.00 am	Service and Performance Panel	County Hall
Tuesday 11 January	2.00 pm	Local Review Body	Troon Room
Thursday 13 January	10.00 am	Licensing Board	County Hall
Week 2			
Tuesday 18 January	10.00 am	Leadership Panel	County Hall
Thursday 20 January	10.00 am	Regulatory Panel – Licensing	County Hall
Week 3			
Wednesday 26 January	10.00 am	Audit and Governance Panel	County Hall
Week 4			
Tuesday 1 February	2.00 pm	Local Review Body	Troon Room
Wednesday 2 February	10.00 am	Appeals Panel	Girvan Room
Thursday 3 February	10.00 am	Regulatory Panel - Planning	County Hall
Week 5			
Tuesday 8 February	10.00 am	Service and Performance Panel	County Hall
Wednesday 9 February	10.00 am	Partnerships Panel	County Hall
Thursday 10 February	10.00 am	Licensing Board	County Hall
<i>Schools Close on Thursday 10 February 2022 and re-open on Tuesday 15 February 2022 (in-service day) and Wednesday 16 February 2022 (pupils return)</i>			
Week 6			
Tuesday 15 February	10.00 am	Leadership Panel (Education)	County Hall
Thursday 17 February	10.00 am	Regulatory Panel (Licensing)	County Hall
Week 7			
Tuesday 22 February	2.00 pm	Local Review Body	Troon Room
Wednesday 23 February	10.00 am	Audit and Governance Panel	County Hall
Week 8			
Tuesday 1 March	10.00 am	Appeals Panel	Girvan Room
Wednesday 2 March	10.00 am	Regulatory Panel - Planning	County Hall
Thursday 3 March	10.00 am	South Ayrshire Council	County Hall

2022			
Week 1			
Tuesday 8 March	10.00 am	Leadership Panel	County Hall
Thursday 10 March	10.00 am	Licensing Board	County Hall
Week 2			
Tuesday 15 March	2.00 pm	Local Review Body	Troon Room
Wednesday 16 March	10.00 am	Audit and Governance Panel	County Hall
Thursday 17 March	10.00 am	Regulatory Panel – Licensing	County Hall
Week 3			
Wednesday 23 March	10.00 am	Partnerships Panel	County Hall
Week 4			
Tuesday 29 March	10.00 am	Service and Performance Panel	County Hall
Tuesday 29 March	2.00 pm	Local Review Body	Troon Room
Wednesday 30 March	10.00 am	Appeals Panel	Girvan Room
Thursday 31 March	10.00 am	Regulatory Panel - Planning	County Hall
Recess			
<i>Schools close on Friday 1 April 2022 and re-open on Tuesday 19 April 2022</i>			
Friday 15 April 2022 – Public Holiday			
Monday 18 April 2022 – Public Holiday			
Week 5			
Tuesday 19 April	10.00 am	Licensing Board	County Hall
Tuesday 19 April	2.00 pm	Regulatory Panel (Licensing)	County Hall
Wednesday 20 April	9.30 am	Licensing Board (for approval of minutes only)	County Hall
Wednesday 20 April	10.00 am	Regulatory Panel - Planning	County Hall
Wednesday 20 April	2.00 pm	Local Review Body	Troon Room
Thursday 21 April	10.00 am	South Ayrshire Council	County Hall
Week 7			
Monday 2 May 2022 - Public Holiday			
Thursday 5 May 2022 – Local Government Election			

9. Appointments to Panel.

There was submitted a [report](#) of 24 September 2020 by the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services seeking approval to make alterations to the list of Panels.

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

Following a question from Councillor Dowey on why these changes to the membership of the Chief Officers Appointments/Appraisal Panel were being made, Councillor Henderson advised that this was to reflect the make-up of the Council and there was no political reason for this amendment. Councillor Dowey then thanked the previous Members of the Chief Officers Appointments/Appraisal Panel for their work and advised that the Conservative Group would not be taking up their one place on the Panel. Councillor Henderson then expressed his disappointment that the Conservative Group would not be taking up their appointment on the Panel and advised that the place would remain open should a Member of the Conservative Group wish to take up this place.

A request was made by a Member that the vote be taken by calling the roll and a question was raised on whether this was appropriate as there had been no Amendment to the Motion. Provost, in liaison with the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services agreed that this was appropriate and the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services then took the vote by calling the roll as follows:-

Helen Moonie	Agreed the report
William Grant	Agreed the report
Laura Brennan-Whitefield	Agreed the report
Siobhian Brown	Agreed the report
Andy Campbell	Agreed the report
Douglas Campbell	Agreed the report
Iain Campbell	Did not agree the report
Ian Cavana	Agreed the report
Alec Clark	Agreed the report
Ian Cochrane	Agreed the report
Brian Connolly	Agreed the report
Peter Convery	Did not agree the report
Chris Cullen	Agreed the report
Ian Davis	Did not agree the report
Julie Dettbarn	Agreed the report
Martin Dowey	Did not agree the report
Ian Fitzsimmons	Did not agree the report
Peter Henderson	Agreed the report
Hugh Hunter	Did not agree the report
Mary Kilpatrick	Did not agree the report
Lee Lyons	Did not agree the report
Craig Mackay	Agreed the report
Derek McCabe	Did not agree the report
Brian McGinley	Agreed the report
Bob Pollock	Did not agree the report
Philip Saxton	Agreed the report
Arthur Spurling	Did not agree the report
Margaret Toner	Did not agree the report

Twelve Members voted not to agree the report and sixteen Members voted to agree the report, which was accordingly declared carried.

The Council, by a majority

Decided:

- (1) to agree the membership of the Chief Officers Appointments/Appraisal Panel as the Leader of the Council, one member of the Conservative Group; one member of the Labour Group, one member of the SNP Group and one Independent member; and
- (2) to submit these nominations to the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services – subsequently noted as Councillor Henderson as Leader of the Council; Councillor Grant as the member of the SNP Group; Councillor Saxton as the member of the Labour Group; and Councillor Clark as the Independent member with a vacancy for the Conservative Group member.

10. Lone Working for Councillors.

There was submitted a [report](#) of 24 September 2020 by the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services advising of the Lone Working Guidance for Councillors issued by COSLA in August 2020; and seeking approval for the development of a policy/practice for this Council.

A question was raised by a Member on whether Risk Assessments would be carried out at Members' Surgeries and home addresses and not just their place of work and the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services advised that they would and that the Service Lead – Risk and Safety would be a Member of the Working Group and could advise the Group on this.

Following a further question from a Member on whether the findings of the Working Group would be reported to COSLA on matters such as Councillors' home addresses remaining private, the Chief Executive advised that this would be a matter for Council to determine once the Group had met and that, if Members were minded to, recommendations could be made to COSLA and the Electoral Commission.

The Council, having welcomed this report,

Decided:

- (1) to note the Lone Working Guidance for Councillors issued by COSLA in August 2020;
- (2) to approve the creation of a short term Member/Officer Working Group (MOWG) to be overseen by the Chief Executive to consider key principles from the Lone Working Guidance for Councillors issued by COSLA in August 2020 (details provided in paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3 of the report);
- (3) to nominate and appoint members of the short term Working Group on a cross-party basis and agree that the Working Group be authorised to appoint a Chair of the group from their number – members subsequently agreed as Councillors Brennan-Whitefield, Connolly, Moonie and Spurling; and
- (4) to agree that, following consideration of the key principles outlined in paragraph 4.3 of the report, the MOWG would propose recommendations for implementation which would inform a follow-up report to Council on 10 December 2020.

Adjournment

The time being 11.55 a.m., the Council adjourned for a comfort break.

Resumption of Meeting.

Having called the roll, the Chief Executive confirmed that all Members were present and the Council resumed at 12.10 p.m.

11. South Ayrshire Charitable Trust.

There was submitted a [report](#) of 24 September 2020 by the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services providing an annual update on the South Ayrshire Charitable Trust; and seeking approval to amend the Trust Business Plan for this financial year.

Following a question from a Member on the timescales for the Trust gaining access to the funds for Girvan, the Service Lead – Legal and Licensing advised that officers in Finance had been working on this prior to lockdown and that she would seek further clarification and respond to the Girvan Ward Members in writing.

Having heard a Member enquire if officers confirmed with the recipients of grants if the grant had been spent appropriately and had made improvements, the Service Lead – Legal and Licensing advised that the Business Plan 2020 outlined that “applicants will be required to provide an evaluation form detailing how grant funds were spent and evidence of spending. If they fail to do so the Committees can decide not to fund future applications”. The Solicitor further advised that a newsletter was compiled last year providing a summary of grants awarded and how these grants were spent, however, it proved difficult to obtain feedback from groups and organisations.

Having thanked the Officers involved in compiling the Trust Business Plan, the Council, as Trustees of South Ayrshire Charitable Trust

Decided:

- (1) to note the summary of grant funding made by the Trust during 2019/20, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) to approve the business plan for the running of the Trust for the year 2020/21, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report; and
- (3) to note the summary of donations agreed by the Trustees during the Covid-19 pandemic.

12. Events During Coronavirus.

There was submitted a [report](#) of 24 September 2020 by the Depute Chief Executive and Director – People seeking approval of the approach being taken to events during the current public health situation, including for a virtual Christmas Light Switch-on.

Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor McGinley moved the recommendations as outlined in the report to agree the approach being taken to events during the public health situation, including for a virtual Christmas Light Switch-on.

Various Members commented that events should be held in all towns and villages throughout South Ayrshire and not just Ayr and the Service Lead - Community Services and Facilities advised that the Council led the event for the Ayr switch-on and had monies in the budget to support this, therefore, the virtual switch-on had been arranged for Ayr, however, in-kind support could be provided for towns and villages throughout South Ayrshire for any events scheduled, to raise footfall in towns whilst adhering to social distancing guidelines.

Following a question on whether an economic impact assessment had been carried out regarding the Christmas light switch-ons not taking place throughout South Ayrshire as these events provided an upturn in sales for local businesses and also funding for many charities, the Service Lead – Community Services and Facilities advised that economic impact assessments had not been carried out, however, she could liaise with colleagues in Economic Development and also with community groups regarding how assistance could be provided for events in towns and villages.

Following this full discussion, Councillor McGinley then proposed that this matter be continued to the meeting of the Leadership Panel scheduled to be held on 27 October 2020. Councillor Brown agreed to withdraw her Motion and to continue this matter.

The Council

Decided: to continue consideration of this matter to the meeting of Leadership Panel of 27 October 2020.

13. Delegation of Children and Families and Justice Social Work Services.

There was submitted a [report](#) of 24 September 2020 by the Director of Health and Social Care outlining the outcome of discussions on the future delivery of Children and Families and Justice Services.

The Council, having welcomed this report and having congratulated the Director of Health and Social Care on improvements made on this matter,

Decided: to agree that Children and Families and Justice Services should continue to be delegated to the South Ayrshire Integration Joint Board (IJB).

14. Climate Change Policy.

There was submitted a [report](#) of 24 September 2020 by the Assistant Director – Place outlining the work undertaken since the approval of the Council's Climate Change and Sustainable Development Strategy in 2019; and advising that the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Member/Officer Working Group had been established to consider implementation of the strategy and the Council's response to national obligations.

Councillor Cochrane, seconded by Councillor McGinley Moved the recommendations as outlined in the report, namely:

- (1) to adopt a 75% reduction in emissions by 2030 (based on the 2014/15 baseline) to formally align with national targets; and a target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045;
- (2) to support the delivering of these targets by agreeing to set a carbon budget for 2021/22;
- (3) to adopt a three strand policy for buildings which set out net zero standards for:
 - (a) existing buildings;
 - (b) buildings or renovations in progress; and
 - (c) future buildings;

- (4) to request officers to bring forward proposals for electric charging infrastructure to be considered as part of the budget process for 2021/22 onwards; and
- (5) to agree that the Council's recovery from COVID-19 should be strategically focused on a green recovery to tackle the climate emergency and deliver a low carbon future.

Having heard a Member enquire if biodiversity could be included within the recovery strategy, the Assistant Director – Place advised that ecological challenges were referred to within the report and the biosphere work had been well reported through the Member/Officer Working Group; and it was noted that a report was scheduled to be submitted to Leadership Panel outlining the work carried out to enhance the Council's biodiversity provision.

Following a question from a Member on whether the Council would be seeking external funding to implement these changes, the Assistant Director – Place advised that it was not clear at present whether funding would be made available from the Scottish Government, however, the Council planned to make use of other funding streams.

Following a further question from a Member on whether encouraging the use of electric cars could lead to a shortage of electricity, the Assistant Director – Place advised that this was currently being discussed at Government level.

A Member enquired as to what constituted a "small fleet" and the Assistant Director – Place clarified that this referred to the size of the vehicles, ie cars and small vans.

Councillor Hunter, seconded by Councillor Dowey, moved as an Amendment items (1) to (4) above as outlined in the report, however, item (5) should read:- "to agree that the Council's recovery from COVID-19 should be strategically focussed on a green recovery to tackle the climate emergency and deliver a low carbon future. Always ensuring that this does not compromise or impede the pace of economic recovery by South Ayrshire from COVID-19".

Point of Order.

A Member of the Council enquired on the competency of the Amendment as he outlined it was not relevant to the report and the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services advised that the Amendment was competent as the addition of this wording did not introduce new and unrelated subject matter into the motion before Council, as outlined in Standing Order 19.7

A Member requested that the Leader of the Council write to the Scottish Government requesting funding for the proposals within the report.

Point of Order.

A Member then enquired whether it was permissible for the Leader to write to the Scottish Government on behalf of the Council without seeking the agreement of the Council and the Chief Executive advised that this would require to be a directive from the Council to an officer.

A Member sought clarification on the terms of the Amendment and referred to the economic recovery required from Climate Change and Brexit.

Point of Order.

A Member then outlined that Brexit was not pertinent to the report and the Provost reminded Members that they must adhere to the terms of the report.

The Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services then took the vote by calling the roll as follows:-

Helen Moonie	Motion
William Grant	Motion
Laura Brennan-Whitefield	Motion
Siobhian Brown	Motion
Andy Campbell	Motion
Douglas Campbell	Motion
Iain Campbell	Amendment
Ian Cavana	Motion
Alec Clark	Motion
Ian Cochrane	Motion
Brian Connolly	Motion
Peter Convery	Amendment
Chris Cullen	Motion
Ian Davis	Amendment
Julie Dettbarn	Motion
Martin Dowey	Amendment
Ian Fitzsimmons	Amendment
Peter Henderson	Motion
Hugh Hunter	Amendment
Mary Kilpatrick	Amendment
Lee Lyons	Amendment
Craig Mackay	Motion
Derek McCabe	Amendment
Brian McGinley	Motion
Bob Pollock	Amendment
Philip Saxton	Motion
Arthur Spurling	Amendment
Margaret Toner	Amendment

Twelve Members voted for the Amendment and sixteen for the Motion which was accordingly declared carried and the Council, having thanked the Assistant Director – Place for his work on this matter,

Decided: to agree the Motion as outlined at (1) to (5) above.

15. Formal Question.

The Council noted that no formal questions had been submitted.

16. Closing Remarks.

Provost thanked Officers for ensuring this meeting ran efficiently and thanked all Members for their attendance and contributions.

The meeting ended at 1.50 p.m.