

TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE BOARD

Minute of Special Meeting of the Tayside Fire and Rescue Board held in the Council Chambers, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Monday 29 March 2010 at 10.05am.

Present: Angus Council
Councillors J Whyte, D Fairweather, R Myles, H Oswald (during Item 2) and P Valentine.

Dundee City Council
Councillor C Roberts; Bailies R Wallace and H Wright; Councillors D Bowes, E Fordyce, S Hunter (substituting for Councillor A Dawson) and R McCready.

Perth and Kinross Council
Councillors K Lyall, C Gillies (substituting for Councillor A MacLellan), P Mulheron, D Scott, A Stewart and W Wilson (substituting for Councillor L Simpson).

Also in attendance: Councillor M Salmond (Angus Council); S Hunter, A Hay, D Boyle and J Iannetta (all Tayside Fire and Rescue); G Taylor, Clerk, J Symon, Treasurer, and L Brown, Committee Officer, (all Perth and Kinross Council); M Richardson, Henderson Loggie.

Apologies: Councillor A Dawson (Dundee City Council); Councillors A MacLellan and L Simpson (Perth and Kinross Council).

Councillor K Lyall, Presiding

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in the terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. TOWARDS A SAFER TAYSIDE 2010/2011 – CONSIDERATION OF CONSULTATION RESPONSE

There was submitted a report by the Chief Fire Officer (FB/10/13): (1) advising of the result of the Towards a Safer Tayside 2010/2011 consultation document, and (2) requesting that the Board, following consideration of the responses received, agree the action points for inclusion within the Towards a Safer Tayside 2010/2011 Action Plan.

The Convener and Vice Conveners spoke in favour of the proposals contained within the consultation document, and thanked all those who had participated in the consultation process.

The Chief Fire Officer answered a number of questions from members on the consultation document, in particular in relation to the proposals involving the Balmossie and Forfar Fire Stations.

Motion (Councillors K Lyall and C Roberts)

- (i) The Board note the responses received to the Towards a Safer Tayside 2010/2011 consultation document;
- (ii) The action points as proposed within the Towards a Safer Tayside 2010/2011 consultation document be included in the Towards a Safer Tayside 2010/2011 action plan.

Amendment (Bailie R Wallace and Councillor R McCready)

- (i) The Board note the responses received to the Towards a Safer Tayside 2010/2011 action plan;**
- (ii) Any reference in the proposed actions contained within the Towards a Safer Tayside 2010/2011 consultation document to amend the resources available at Balmossie and Forfar Fire Stations be deleted from the Towards a Safer Tayside 2010/2011 action plan, but that all other proposed actions be approved for inclusion within the action plan.**

In terms of Standing Order 36, a roll call vote was taken.

10 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors H Oswald, P Valentine, D Bowes, E Fordyce, S Hunter, R McCready; Bailies R Wallace and H Wright; Councillors C Gillies and A Stewart.

8 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors D Fairweather, R Myles, J Whyte, C Roberts, K Lyall, P Mulheron, D Scott and W Wilson.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER AND ASSISTANT CHIEF FIRE OFFICER LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973.

P1. IMPLICATIONS OF FINANCE ACT 2004 AND HER MAJESTY'S REVENUE AND CUSTOMS GUIDANCE ON THE ABILITY OF CHIEF FIRE OFFICERS TO RETIRE

There was submitted a joint report by the Clerk and Treasurer (FB/10/14) advising members of an unintended consequence of the enactment of the Finance Act 2004 and Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Guidance which

would affect the ability of ten Chief Fire Officers in the United Kingdom, including the Chief Fire Officer of Tayside Fire and Rescue, to retire before reaching the age of fifty-five.

Resolved:

On the basis of the current understanding of the legislative position, the Board agree in principle to provide consent to enable the Chief Fire Officer to retire before reaching the age of fifty-five, should he request to do so, subject to there being a further report to the Board in the event of there being any change to the legislative position.

