

TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE BOARD

Minute of Meeting of the Tayside Fire and Rescue Board held in the Council Chambers, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Monday 15 November 2010 at 11.50am.

Present: Angus Council

Councillors J Whyte, R Myles, H Oswald, M Salmond (substituting for Councillor D Fairweather) and P Valentine.

Dundee City Council

Councillor C Roberts; Bailie H Wright; Councillors D Bowes, E Fordyce, R McCready and C Melville (substituting for Councillor A Dawson).

Perth and Kinross Council

Councillors K Lyall, B Band (substituting for Councillor D Scott), P Mulheron, L Simpson and A Stewart.

Also in attendance: S Hunter, A Hay, D Boyle, J Iannetta, D Stapley and H Greig (all Tayside Fire and Rescue); G Taylor, Clerk, J Symon, Treasurer and L Brown, Committee Officer (all Perth and Kinross Council), C Wyllie, Henderson Loggie.

Apologies: Councillor D Fairweather (Angus Council); Bailie R Wallace and Councillor A Dawson (Dundee City Council); Councillors A MacLellan and D Scott (Perth and Kinross Council).

Councillor K Lyall, Presiding

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(i) Tayside Fire and Rescue Board of 23 August 2010

The Minute of Meeting of Tayside Fire and Rescue Board of 23 August 2010 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

(ii) Special Meeting of Tayside Fire and Rescue Board of 4 October 2010

The Minute of the Special Meeting of Tayside Fire and Rescue Board of 4 October 2010 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

3. AUDIT OF TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE BOARD 2009/2010 AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2009/2010

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer (FB/10/31) presenting: (1) the report on the audit of Tayside Fire and Rescue Board for 2009/2010 conducted by Henderson Loggie, External Auditors, and (2) the Board's Statement of Accounts for 2009/2010.

C Wyllie of Henderson Loggie gave a short presentation on the findings of the Audit and answered questions from members.

Motion (Councillors H Oswald and P Valentine)

- (i) The content of the report to Members and the Controller of Audit on the 2009/2010 audit produced by Henderson Loggie be noted.
- (ii) The Statement of Accounts for 2009/2010 be noted.
- (iii) The Board agree to produce an Annual Governance Statement in future years.

Amendment (Councillors K Lyall and B Band)

- (i) The content of the report to Members and the Controller of Audit on the 2009/2010 audit produced by Henderson Loggie be noted.**
- (ii) The Statement of Accounts for 2009/2010 be noted**
- (iii) The Board do not produce an Annual Governance Statement but continue to ensure that the Board meets the minimum requirement to comply with the relevant legislation.**

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

10 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors, R Myles M Salmond, J Whyte, D Bowes, C Roberts, B Band, K Lyall, P Mulheron, L Simpson and A Stewart.

6 Members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors H Oswald, P Valentine, C Melville, E Fordyce, R McCready, Bailie H Wright.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

4. EXPENDITURE MONITORING 2010/2011

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Fire Officer and Treasurer (FB/10/32) providing an update on the situation regarding the Board's projected Revenue and Capital expenditure for 2010/2011 as at 30 September 2010.

Resolved:

- (i) The Board's projected Revenue and Capital expenditure as at 30 September 2010 as detailed in Report FB/10/32 be noted.
- (ii) The Investment Strategy as detailed in paragraph 5 of Report FB/10/32 be approved.

5. TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT – JULY – SEPTEMBER 2010

There was submitted a report by the Chief Fire Officer (FB/10/33) on the production of the Tayside Fire and Rescue Quarterly Activity Report for the second quarter of 2010/2011.

Resolved:

- (i) The Activity Report for the second quarter of 2010/2011 be noted.
- (ii) Future Activity Reports be circulated to Community Councils and other local partnerships and placed on the Tayside Fire and Rescue website.

6. HOME FIRE SAFETY VISIT OUTCOMES REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Chief Fire Officer (FB/10/34) on the outcome of Tayside Fire and Rescue's Home Fire Safety Visit Strategy 2009/2010.

The Board heard a presentation by the Deputy Chief Fire Officer on the Home Fire Safety Visit Outcomes report in which he highlighted the impact of the strategy on the health and wellbeing of the community of Tayside.

Resolved:

The impact of the adopted Home Fire Safety Visit Strategy on organisational objectives and the effective use of resources as detailed in Report FB/10/34 be noted.

7. COLLABORATIVE WORKING BETWEEN TAYSIDE POLICE AND TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Constable and the Chief Fire Officer (FB/10/35) appraising the Board of the potential opportunities which may exist through collaborative work between Tayside Fire and Rescue and Tayside Police and seeking approval for the continuation of this work with a view to identifying areas where collaboration between the two services might assist both Boards in achieving financial savings. The Board noted that the Report had also been considered at the meeting of Tayside Joint Police Board on 15 November 2010.

Resolved:

The content of Report FB/10/35 be noted and the Chief Fire Officer be instructed to continue with work to identify areas where collaboration between the two services might assist both Boards in achieving efficiency savings.

8. ABERFELDY FIRE STATION – USE BY TAYSIDE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

There was submitted a report by the Chief Fire Officer (FB/10/36) seeking approval of a User Agreement with Tayside Mountain Rescue for the use of facilities at Aberfeldy Fire Station.

Resolved:

Tayside Fire and Rescue enter into a User Agreement with Tayside Mountain Rescue for the use of facilities at Aberfeldy Fire Station.

9. TOWARDS A SAFER TAYSIDE 2011/2012 – CONSULTATION PROCESS

There was submitted a report by the Chief Fire Officer (FB/10/37) seeking approval for the publication and distribution of the Towards a Safer Tayside 2011/2012 consultation document which will inform key stakeholders of proposed changes to the services delivered by Tayside Fire and Rescue and the way in which the services will be delivered.

Resolved:

The Towards a Safer Tayside 2011/2012 consultation document appended to Report FB/10/37 be approved for publication and distribution to key stakeholders.

10. CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED BEST VALUE AUDIT OF FIRE AND RESCUE

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Fire Officer and the Clerk (FB/10/38) advising of, (1) a consultation paper issued by the Accounts Commission on the proposed Best Value Audit of fire and rescue authorities and services and, (2) seeking approval to submit a response to Audit Scotland on behalf of the Board.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report FB/10/38 and the consultation paper attached as Appendix 1 to the report be noted.
- (ii) The Clerk be instructed to submit the response to the consultation, attached as Appendix 2 to Report FB/10/37, to Audit Scotland.

11. PROCUREMENT OF AERIAL RESCUE PUMP

There was submitted a report by the Chief Fire Officer (FB/10/39) seeking approval to amend the method of procurement agreed at the previous Special Meeting of the Board on 4 October 2010 for a third aerial rescue pump for Tayside Fire and Rescue.

Resolved:

The procurement of a third aerial rescue pump for Tayside Fire and Rescue utilising the Firebuy Framework Agreement for the supply of Aerial Appliances as detailed in Report FB/10/39 be approved.