

1ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE** held in The Town and County Hall, Forfar on Wednesday 13 March 1996 at 5.50 pm.

Present: Councillors STEWART MOWATT, Mrs KATHLEEN RITCHIE, GEORGE ALLAN, HELEN ANGUS, IAN ANGUS, WILLIAM CROWE, FRANK ELLIS, IAN HUDGHTON, Mrs RENATE LAMONT, GLENNIS MIDDLETON, ROB MURRAY, RICHARD SPEIRS and THOMAS I N YOUNG.

Councillor STEWART MOWATT, Convener, in the Chair.

1. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 31 January 1996 was accepted as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES AND CHARGES - WEIGHING AND MEASURING EQUIPMENT

There was submitted Report No AC61/96 by the Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection detailing proposed fees and charges relating to testing and calibration of weighing and measuring equipment for 1996/97.

The Committee agreed that the fees and charges in the Schedule and Appendix to the Report be adopted by the Council for introduction on 1 April 1996.

3. APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORISED OFFICERS - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

There was submitted Reports No AC131/96 and 138/96 by the Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection seeking authorisation of the Council for certain officers in the Environmental Health Section and the Consumer Protection Section to enforce provisions in legislation where the Council had statutory responsibility.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) that Angus Council, with effect from 1 April 1996, authorise officers covered in the above mentioned reports to undertake the powers of inspection and enforcement as specified and as provided by statute, and instruct the Director of Law and Administration to issue in writing the necessary appointment of authorisation to these officers; and
- (ii) that Angus Council agree to indemnify any of its officers so authorised as above as regards any damages, costs or expenses, levied against an officer by way of a complaint and where the Council was satisfied that the action of the officer was within that officer's power and duty according to statute.

4. EXTENSION OF THE ANGUS SYSTEM FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE COLLECTION

There was submitted Report No AC133/96 by the Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection seeking authorisation for the current Angus District Scheme for commercial and industrial waste collection and charging to be introduced into Monifieth and other areas of Dundee District coming within the area of Angus Council.

After hearing members of the Committee express their wishes that the scheme should be introduced sensitively, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the introduction of a wheeled bin/container system for waste collection at commercial and industrial premises from 1 April 1996 in the areas of Dundee District Council coming under the jurisdiction of Angus Council;

- (ii) in connection with (i) above, to approve the exchange of 240 litre wheeled bins for commercial premises using sacks and the introduction of 1100 litre wheeled containers in place of the "Paladin" system;
- (iii) to the purchase by Angus District Council of the necessary wheeled bins and containers amounting to £15,000 from funding to be made available from rephasing of the General Services Capital Programme; and
- (iv) to levy the charges currently in force by Angus District Council for commercial and industrial waste collected in the areas coming within Angus Council jurisdiction.

5. VEHICLE HIRE CENTRE - OPERATOR'S LICENCE

There was submitted Report No AC134/96 by the Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection on the Council's statutory requirement to hold a Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to instruct the Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection to obtain and thereafter keep current a Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence from the appropriate Government agency on behalf of the Council; and
- (ii) to appoint the Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection as Transport Manager for the authority's fleet of vehicles.

6. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Committee resolved to exclude the public and press from the meeting during consideration of the following item so as to avoid the disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of Paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

7. WASTE DISPOSAL ARRANGEMENTS AND USE OF THE BALDOVIE WASTE TO ENERGY PLANT

There was submitted Report No AC142/96 by the Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection seeking consent to the main terms of the Agreement and the Arrangement being entered into by Angus District Council in respect of waste disposal.

The Director explained the areas covered by the Agreement including the provisions for the tonnage of waste, and the Convener reiterated his previous undertaking to carry out public discussion and presentation on the Council's waste management policies in due course.

After discussion, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the basic terms of the Agreement between Dundee Energy Recycling Limited (DERL) and Angus District Council and the terms of the Arrangement between Angus District Council and the City of Dundee District Council; and
- (ii) in terms of Section 55 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994, to consent to the Agreement and the Arrangement being entered into by Angus District Council.