



MINUTES OF MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held within the Council Chamber, Patons Building, Kilncraigs, Alloa, FK10 1EB, on THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2015 at 10.00 am.

PRESENT

Provost Tina Murphy (In the Chair)
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor Janet Cadenhead
Councillor Alastair Campbell
Councillor Archie Drummond
Councillor Kenneth Earle
Councillor Ellen Forson
Councillor Irene Hamilton
Councillor Craig Holden
Councillor Kathleen Martin
Councillor George Matchett, QPM
Councillor Walter McAdam, MBE
Councillor Bobby McGill
Councillor Les Sharp
Councillor Jim Stalker
Councillor Derek Stewart
Councillor Graham Watt
Councillor Gary Womersley

Rev Sang Y Cha, Appointed Member (Church of Scotland) (Item 5)
Father Michael Freyne, Appointed Member (Roman Catholic Church) (Item 5)

IN ATTENDANCE

Elaine McPherson, Chief Executive
Nikki Bridle, Depute Chief Executive
Garry Dallas, Executive Director
Stephen Coulter, Head of Resources and Governance
Stuart Crickmar, Head of Strategy and Customer Services
David Leng, Head of Education
Val de Souza, Head of Social Services
Gordon McNeil, Head of Development and Environment
Andrew Wyse, Team Leader, Legal Services - Clerk to the Council
Gillian White, Business Support to the Council - Minutes

CC.280 APOLOGIES

None

CC.281 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

**CC.282 MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL HELD
ON 18 DECEMBER 2014**

The minutes of the Meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on Thursday 18 December 2014 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on Thursday 18 December 2014 were agreed as a correct record of proceedings and signed by the Provost.

**CC.283 MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2015**

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on Tuesday 24 February 2015 were submitted for approval.

Amendment

The Clerk advised that there had been some amendments to the dates listed on **CC.278 General Services and HRA Revenue and Capital Budget 2014/15**. An updated copy had been circulated to members.

9. a 0% increase in the level of Council Tax for **2014/15**, resulting in Band D remaining at £1,148 (paragraph 5.5) - **the dates in bold should be 2015/16**;
18. the financing limits placed on capital investment for **2014/15** - 2019/20 based on the underpinning assumptions in Table 7 and paragraph 8.11 - **the dates in bold should be 2015/16**;
19. the General Services Capital Budget for **2014-2020** (Appendix M) - **the date in bold should be 2015**;
20. the HRA Capital Budget for **2014-18** based on the HRA Financial Business Plan (Appendix N), having taken account of the amendments set out in Appendix O - **the date in bold should be 2015**;

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Councillor Donald Balsillie.

Decision

Subject to the above amendments, the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on Tuesday 24 February 2015 were unanimously agreed as a correct record of proceedings and signed by the Provost.

**CC.284 COMMITTEE MEETINGS CONVENED SINCE THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL
MEETING ON 14 AUGUST 2014**

The Council agreed to note the committee meetings that had taken place since the last Council meeting on 18 December 2014:

- (a) Enterprise and Environment Committee 15/01/15
- (b) Licensing Board 20/01/15 & 03/03/15
- (c) Regulatory Committee 27/01/15
- (d) Housing, Health and Care Committee 29/01/15
- (e) Education, Sport and Leisure Committee 05/02/15
- (f) Resources and Audit Sub Committee 18/02/15
- (f) Resources and Audit Committee 26/02/15

CC.285 ABERCROMBY PRIMARY SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT - OPTION APPRAISAL

The report, submitted by the Head of Education, informed members of the results of the initial Abercromby Primary School options appraisal exercise and sought Council permission for the Education Service to carry out informal public consultation on three of the appraised options.

Religious Representatives on the Education, Sport and Leisure Committee - Reverend Sang Y Cha and Father Michael Freyne were in attendance as voting members for this item.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Councillor Ellen Forson.

Decision

The Council and Religious Representatives unanimously agreed to undertake an informal public consultation in relation to appraisal options 5, 7 and 9 for a new school(s) including the option to include civic centre provision on the site of the existing civic centre and adjoining land.

Action

Head of Education

Reverend Sang Y Cha and Father Michael Freyne withdrew from the meeting prior to the following item of business.

CC.286 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

The report, submitted by the Chief Executive, sought Council approval of recommendations which were made by Committees during the December 2014 - February 2015 cycle of meetings.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Donald Balsillie. Seconded by Councillor Irene Hamilton.

Decision

The Council agreed unanimously to approve:

1. from the Enterprise and Environment Committee of 15th January, 2015 in relation to the report entitled "Clackmannanshire Local Employability Partnership Employability Strategy Final Report"
 - that the 2 key priority programmes for the Council to deliver under the employment strategy:
 - i) the expansion of a modern apprenticeship programme within the Council, employing 16-24 year olds throughout Council services.

- ii) to build on the positive destination programme for our school leavers, to increase the number of school leavers moving and sustaining positive employment, study and career destinations; and to note a further report detailing the proposed activity outcomes and objectives to deliver the 2 key programmes set out above will be brought back to a future Enterprise and Environment Committee.

Action

Chief Executive

CC.287 LEADER'S BRIEFING

A briefing report which informed elected members of a range of issues and activities which the Council Leader has been engaged with in the past quarter was submitted by the Leader of the Council. The intention of the report was to assist in raising awareness amongst elected members of a number of matters which affect the Council or the area and, as such, future workstreams.

The Council unanimously agreed to note the information set out in the report.

CC.288 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION SCHEME

The report, submitted by the Chief Executive, sought approval for the Draft Scheme for Health and Social Care Integration so that it can be submitted to the Scottish Government by the required deadline.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Donald Balsillie. Seconded by Councillor Janet Cadenhead.

Decision

The Council unanimously agreed to:

- a. approve the draft Integration Scheme (as appended to the report) for submission to the Scottish Government;
- b. note the position in respect of the recruitment of the Chief Officer; and
- c. note the work programme of the Integration Board in the coming year.

Action

Chief Executive

CC.289 REALIGNING CHILDREN'S SERVICES - PROPOSAL TO PARTICIPATE

The report, submitted by the Chief Executive, informed the Council of the Realigning Children's Services (RCS) Strategic Commissioning Programme and sought Council's approval for an application to be made to participate in the Programme.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Councillor Ellen Forson.

Decision

The Council unanimously agreed to:

- a. apply to participate in the RCS Programme;
- b. recommend to the Clackmannanshire Alliance its participation in the Programme; and
- c. note that the financial contribution required from the Council would be sources from the Council's existing Spend to Save fund.

Action

Chief Executive

CC.290 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODY

The report, submitted by the Head of Resources and Governance, provided information on the changes to governance arrangements by our pension fund provider, Falkirk Council, as they directly affect Clackmannanshire Council and recommended that an elected members takes up the Council's position on the new Pension Board due to be established on 1st April 2015.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations set out in the report and appoints Councillor Archie Drummond as the Council's representative on the new Pension Board with Councillor Donald Balsillie as substitute..

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Councillor Bobby McGill.

Decision

The Council unanimously agreed to:

1. note the changes to the governance arrangements for Falkirk pensions and the disestablishment of the Pension Panel;
2. appoint Councillor Archie Drummond as the Council's representative on the new Pension Board; and
3. nominate Councillor Donald Balsillie as a substitute representative on the new Pension Board.

Action

Head of Resources and Governance

CC.291 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT 2015-2016

The report, submitted by the Chief Accountant, presented the Council's Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2015/16.

Motion

To agree the recommendation as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Councillor Donald Balsillie.

Decision

The Council unanimously agreed to approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2015/16, attached as Appendix A to the report.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

The Council resolved in terms of Section 50(A) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as detailed in Schedule 7A, Part 1, Paragraph 9.

CC.292 PROPOSED SALE CLAREMONT PRIMARY, ALLOA

The report, submitted by the Head of Development and Environment, sought approval for the sale of the Claremont Primary School site.

The Chief Executive and Councillor Earle withdrew from the meeting during questions to the officers.

Motion

To defer consideration of the report subject to more detailed information being provided and a members' briefing being arranged for all members. The revised report will be brought back to a Special Meeting of the Council.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Councillor Bobby McGill.

Decision

The Council unanimously agreed to defer consideration of the report subject to more detailed information being provided and a members' briefing being arranged for all members. The revised report will be brought to a Special Meeting of the Council.

Ends: 12:55 pm