



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held within the Council Chamber, Patons Building, Kilncraigs, Alloa, FK10 1EB, on THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2015 at 10.00 am.**

**PRESENT**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Elaine McPherson, Chief Executive  
Nikki Bridle, Depute Chief Executive  
Garry Dallas, Executive Director  
Gordon McNeil, Head of Development and Environment  
Ahsan Khan, Head of Housing and Community Safety  
Andrew Wyse, Team Leader, Legal Services - Clerk to the Council  
Gillian White, Business Support to the Council - Minutes

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The Provost advised that under Standing Order 6.5 she had called the Special Meeting of the Council to consider the three items on the Agenda. She was satisfied that all three are items which require urgent decisions prior to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

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**CC.293            APOLOGIES**

Apologies were submitted by Councillor Alastair Campbell and Councillor George Matchett, QPM.

**CC.294            DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

## **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 items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as detailed in Schedule 7A, Paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 of the Act

### **CC.295 ACQUISITION OF LAND AT PRIMROSE STREET, ALLOA**

The report, submitted by the Head of Housing and Community Safety, sought Council approval for the acquisition of land at Primrose Street, Alloa, subject to due diligence measures. The acquisition will be fully funded by the Scottish Government's affordable housing and will contribute to the ongoing regeneration of Alloa Town Centre.

The Head of Housing and Community Safety advised that there was an error in paragraph 2.1.3 of the report. It should state "set out in 4.7 of the report" not 4.9.

#### **Motion**

To approve the recommendations set out in the report.

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

#### **Decision**

The Council agreed unanimously to:

1. approve the acquisition of the former Co-op site at Primrose Street, Alloa, as shown on the plan attached as Appendix 1, subject to due diligence measures;
2. approve the use of Scottish Government affordable housing supply budget to fund the acquisition of this site; and
3. note the risk to the Council, set out in 4.7 of the report.

#### **Action**

Head of Housing and Community Safety

### **CC.296 PROPOSED SALE OF FORMER CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL, ALLOA**

The report, submitted by the Head of Development and Environment, sought Council approval for an off-market sale of the Former Claremont Primary School site to Bellway Homes Limited in order that they can extend their adjoining housing development on the former Alloa Academy site.

#### **Motion**

That Council agrees to accept the unconditional offer from Bellway Homes Limited for the sale of the former Claremont Primary School site (as marked "A" on Appendix 1 Plan) on the terms and at the price detailed in the report.

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

## **Decision**

That Council agreed unanimously to accept the unconditional offer from Bellway Homes Limited for the sale of the former Claremont Primary School site (as marked "A" on Appendix 1 Plan) on the terms and at the price detailed in the report.

## **Action**

Head of Development and Environment

## **CC.297            PROPOSED SALE OF GREENFIELD HOUSE, ALLOA**

The purpose of the report, submitted by the Head of Development and Environment, was for Council to consider four expressions of interest which were submitted following a closing date on 30 January 2015.

## **Motion**

That Council considers the four valid bids summarised in Appendix 1 of the report and agree upon which party to confer preferred bidder status.

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

## **Decision**

The Council agreed unanimously to consider the four valid bids summarised in Appendix 1 of the report and agree upon which party to confer preferred bidder status.

The Provost agreed to adjourn the meeting at this point in the proceedings (11.10 am) to allow consideration the four valid bids. When the meeting resumed at 11.35 am, 16 members remained present.

The members put forward the following options for approval:

### **Option 2 (as set out in the table at 5.6 of the report) - Kapital Residential Limited**

To confer preferred bidder status on Kapital Residential Limited

Moved by Councillor Sharp. Seconded by Councillor Balsillie.

### **Option 1 (as set out in the table at 5.6 of the report) - Mr and Mrs A Bradie**

To confer preferred bidder status on Mr and Mrs A Bradie

Moved by Councillor McGill. Seconded by Councillor Stewart.

The Provost advised that, as there are two options for consideration, the matter would be put to the vote.

**Voting**

For Option 2 - Kapital Residential Limited            8 votes

For Option 1 - Mr and Mrs A Bradie                8 votes

On a division of 8 votes to 8, Option 2 - Kapital Residential Limited, was carried on the casting vote of Provost Tina Murphy.

**Decision**

On a division of 8 votes to 8, on the casting vote of the Provost, the Council agreed to confer preferred bidder status on Kapital Residential Limited and that officers proceed to negotiate a sale to the preferred bidder on the basis of the terms submitted in their bid.

Action

Head of Development and Environment

Ends: 12 noon