

MINUTES OF MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held within the Council Chamber, Patons Building, Kilncraigs, ALLOA, FK10 1EB, on THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2016 at 10.00 am.

PRESENT

Provost Derek Stewart (In the Chair)
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor Janet Cadenhead
Councillor Alastair Campbell
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 Tina Murphy
Councillor Jim Stalker
Councillor Graham Watt
Councillor Gary Womersley

IN ATTENDANCE

Elaine McPherson, Chief Executive
Garry Dallas, Executive Director
Stephen Coulter, Head of Resources and Governance
Stuart Crickmar, Head of Strategy and Customer Services
Ahsan Khan, Head of Housing and Community Safety
May Martindale, Assistant Head of Social Services (Child Care)
Gordon McNeil, Head of Development and Environment
Stuart McQueen, Solicitor, Clerk to the Council
Lindsay Sim, Chief Accountant
Chris Sutton, Service Manager, Social Services

Intimation

The Provost intimated that a Kirkin' of the Council Service has been arranged for Sunday 9 October 2016 at 11.00 am in Sauchie and Fishcross United Free Church. Elected Members will receive formal notification of arrangements in due course.

Late Report – City Deal

Before the start of business, in line with Standing Order 11.6, the Provost advised that due to special circumstances a late paper would be included in the agenda as agenda item 8 and would be considered as a matter of urgency.

CC(16)64 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Les Sharp.

CC(16)65 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

**CC(16)66 MINUTES OF MEETING OF CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL -
11 AUGUST 2016**

The minutes of the meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on 11 August 2016 were submitted for approval.

CC(16)57 Committee Matters and Spokespersons – Amendment to item (e)

Councillor Earle stated that he had nominated Councillor Jim Stalker as Spokesperson for Business and Enterprise and Councillor Janet Cadenhead as Spokesperson for the Voluntary Sector and had not nominated the positions of Depute Provost and Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee as indicated in the minutes.

Decision

Subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on 11 August 2016 were agreed as a correct record of proceedings and were signed by the Provost.

(Addendum to Minute Record: The records of the Clerk of the Meeting having been checked, signify that as part of the moving of the paper by Councillor McGill, seconded by Councillor Watt, recommendation (e) was agreed by the Meeting to the effect that the two new spokesperson roles created be carried out by the Depute Provost and the Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee respectively, as recorded in the original Minute. No separate motion nominating individual Councillors was put to that Meeting.)

**CC(16)67 COMMITTEE MEETINGS CONVENED SINCE THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL
MEETING ON 11 AUGUST 2016**

The Council agreed to note the Committee meetings that had taken place since the last ordinary meeting on 11 August 2016.

- (i) Scrutiny Committee on 18 August 2016
- (ii) Planning Committee on 25 August 2016
- (iii) Local Review Body on 25 August 2016
- (iv) Clackmannanshire Licensing Board on 30 August 2016

CC(16)68 BUDGET STRATEGY UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Depute Chief Executive which maintained Council's regular update on the Council's Budget Strategy. The report also provided an update on progress with the implementation of workforce related savings agreed in the Council's budget on the 23 February 2016, revisions to approved 2016/17 savings and the latest information on the timing of the Draft Scottish Budget announcement.

Motion

That Council notes the information set out in the report (recommendation 2.1 (a) to (f)) and approves the proposed amendments to the 2016/17 budget as detailed in paragraph 4.3 of the report (recommendation 2.2 of the report).

Moved by Councillor Bobby McGill. Seconded by Councillor Graham Watt.

Voting

Voting on recommendation 2.1

The Council agreed unanimously to support recommendations (a) to (f) set out at paragraph 2.1 of the report.

(i) Voting on recommendation 2.2 – proposed amendments to the 2016/17 Budget:

The Council agreed unanimously to support recommendation 2.2 as set out in paragraph 4.3 (bullet point 1) of the report to remove saving MCB061 (Home to school transport move to statutory school limits).

(ii) Voting on recommendation 2.2 – proposed amendments to the 2016/17 Budget:

On a division of 9 votes to 7, the Council agreed to support recommendation 2.2 as set out in paragraph 4.3 (bullet point 2) of the report to remove A9 (Heritage Improvements) from the approved Capital Programme.

Decision

Accordingly, the Council agreed to note recommendations (a) to (f) (paragraph 2.1):

- (a) the potentially revised timing of the Scottish Spending Review (as set out at paragraph 3.2 of the report)
- (b) early information on key aspects of the Scottish Spending Review and local government settlement (as set out at paragraph 3.3 of the report).
- (c) the intention to refresh financial planning assumptions and scenario planning for the 13 October 2016 Council meeting (as set out at paragraph 4.1 of the report).
- (d) progress with implementing 2016/17 planned savings (as set out at paragraph 4.2 of the report).
- (e) arrangements for reporting recent discussions with trade union representatives in respect of Redeployment Policies and Procedures and Unsocial Hours (as set out at paragraph 4.4 of the report).
- (f) the current position with regards both targeted voluntary redundancy and voluntary severance (as set out at paragraphs 4.5 to 4.7 and Exhibits 1-4 of the report);

and agreed to approve the proposed amendments to the 2016/17 Budget as detailed in paragraph 4.3 of the report to

- Remove saving MCB061 (Home to school transport move to statutory school limits) to reduce approved revenue savings of £139k in 2017/18 and £84k in 2017/18.
- Remove A9 (Heritage improvements) from the approved Capital Programme to reduce planned capital investment in the Alloa Cluster by £330I in 2016/17 and £11k in 2017/18.

Action

Depute Chief Executive

CC(16)69 CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

A report was submitted by the Chief Social Work Officer which provided an overview of the key priorities, challenges and achievements related to the delivery of Social Services in 2015-2016.

The Chief Social Work Officer Report is submitted annually to Council for consideration.

Motion

That Council notes the information set out in the Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2015-16.

Moved by Councillor Graham Watt. Seconded by Councillor Janet Cadenhead.

Decision

Having commented on and challenged the report, the Council agreed to note the information set out in the Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2015-16.

CC(16)70 ADVICE SERVICES

A report was submitted by the Head of Housing and Community Safety which recommended supporting the Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) to provide additional money advice services whilst reconfiguring the services provided by the Council to concentrate on early preventative work.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Janet Cadenhead. Seconded by Councillor Kathleen Martin.

Decision

The Council agreed unanimously to :

- (i) Transfer £17k from the Housing Revenue Account staffing budget to the CAB grant budget to enable CAB to further develop its money advice services; and
- (ii) Reconfigure Council services to focus on early intervention and prevention activities.

Action

Head of Housing and Community Safety

CC(16)71 CITY DEAL

A report was submitted by the Chief Executive as a late item of business. The purpose of the report was to bring to Council's attention some very recent developments in respect of Clackmannanshire Council's potential involvement in City Deal and to seek approval for Council engagement in the Initiative.

A copy of the report was made available to all elected members as a late item.

In terms of Standing Order 11.7, the Provost agreed to accept this item onto the agenda for the following reasons:

- (a) The City Deal initiative is fast moving and the Council needs to take a view on its involvement as soon as possible to allow meaningful and effective engagement.
- (b) Various meetings and discussions being led by other parties are taking place in the coming weeks and Council endorsement of the involvement of the Leader is important.
- (c) A delay of a further month until the next Council meeting could be detrimental to the area's prospects under City Deal.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Graham Watt. Seconded by Councillor Donald Balsillie

Decision

The Council agreed unanimously:

- (a) To work as an equal partner with Stirling Council and other relevant organisations on the City Deal Initiative.
- (b) That the Council Leader should be the Council spokesperson for City Deal and, as such, represent the Council politically on the matter.
- (c) To note that officers are having preliminary discussions with their counterparts in Stirling Council on the development of potential business cases under the auspices of City Deal.
- (d) To note that a member briefing is scheduled for 13 September 2016 which will provide fuller information on City Deal and the opportunities it could offer for new collaborative approaches to improving the regional economy of which Clackmannanshire is a part.
- (e) To note that a more detailed update report on City Deal will be brought to a future meeting of Council.

Action

Chief Executive

Ends 1205 hrs

