



**MINUTES OF MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held within the Council Chamber, Kilncraigs, Greenside Street, Alloa, FK10 1EB, on TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2017 at 9.30 am.**

**PRESENT**

Provost Tina Murphy (In the Chair)  
Councillor Donald Balsillie  
Councillor Martha Benny  
Councillor Dave Clark  
Councillor Chris Dixon  
Councillor Archie Drummond  
Councillor Kenneth Earle  
Councillor Phil Fairlie  
Councillor Ellen Forson  
Councillor Craig Holden  
Councillor Bill Mason  
Councillor George Matchett, QPM  
Councillor Les Sharp

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Elaine McPherson, Chief Executive  
Nikki Bridle, Depute Chief Executive  
Stephen Coulter, Head of Resources and Governance  
Stuart Crickmar, Head of Strategy and Customer Services  
Ahsan Khan, Head of Housing and Community Safety  
Lindsay Sim, Chief Accountant  
Lindsay Thomson, Service Manager, Legal and Democratic Services (Clerk to the Council)  
Margaret Summers, Committee Services

**Presentation – Callum Bonner, Modern Apprentice Painter and Decorator**

In August, 2017 Callum Bonner received notification from SkillBuild 2017 that he was one of the highest scoring competitors from the Regional SkillBuild Competition qualifiers and was invited to compete in the UK National Final of SkillBuild 2017 at the NEC Birmingham in November 2017. Callum has been selected as a member of the Squad UK which means that he is in the first stage of a journey that could see him representing the UK in Russia in 2019.

On behalf of the Council, the Leader of the Council congratulated Callum on his achievements and presented him with a certificate from Clackmannanshire Council.

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The Provost intimated that an item of urgent business had been submitted by Councillor Dave Clark. In terms of Standing Order 11.6, the Provost agreed to accept this item onto the agenda as the last item of business given the matter concerns the closure of bank branches in Clackmannanshire. The reason for accepting the item of urgent business was the potentially significant impact the intended closures could have on the public and business community of Clackmannanshire and the length of time until the next meeting of the Council on 8 February 2018.

## **CC.68 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Darren Lee, Councillor Graham Lindsay, Councillor Kathleen Martin, Councillor Derek Stewart and Councillor Mike Watson.

## **CC.69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

## **CC.70 MINUTES OF MEETING: CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL 9 NOVEMBER 2017**

The minutes of the meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on 9 November 2017 were submitted for approval.

### **Decision**

The minutes of the meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on 9 November 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Provost.

## **CC.71 COMMITTEE MEETINGS CONVENED SINCE THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING ON 9 NOVEMBER 2017**

The Council agreed to note the Committee meetings that had taken place since the last ordinary meeting on 9 November 2017.

- (i) Audit and Finance Committee on 16/11/2017
- (ii) Regulatory Committee on 21/11/2017
- (iii) Planning Committee on 23/11/2017
- (iv) Clackmannanshire Licensing Board on 28/11/2017

## **CC.72 TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

A report which presented an update of Treasury Management activity for the period to 30 September 2017 was submitted by the Chief Accountant. The mid-year report ensures the Council is implementing best practice in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management.

### **Motion**

That Council agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Phil Fairlie.

### **Decision**

Having agreed to note and consider the mid year review of the Council's Treasury Management activities, the Council agreed to approve a change to the Treasury Management Limits contained within the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2017 as detailed in paragraph 3.12 of the report.

### **Action**

Depute Chief Executive

### **CC.73 SCHEME FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

A report which provided Council with the outcome of the second consultation exercise on the content of a proposed new Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils was submitted by the Head of Strategy and Customer Services.

#### **Motion**

That Council approves the proposed new Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils attached as Appendix 1 to the report to go forward to the next stage of statutory consultation.

Moved by Councillor Phil Fairlie. Seconded by Councillor Ellen Forson.

#### **Decision**

The Council agreed to approve the proposed New Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils attached as Appendix 1 to the report and to go forward to the next stage of statutory consultation.

#### **Action**

Head of Strategy and Customer Services

### **CC.74 HOUSING NEED AND DEMAND ASSESSMENT**

A report which invited Council to approve an updated Housing Need and Demand Assessment (HNDA) was submitted by the Head of Housing and Community Safety. The HNDA sets out the research undertaken to identify housing needs in the area and the governance and consultation process needed to achieve 'robust and credible' status from the Scottish Government.

#### **Motion**

That Council approves the Housing Need and Demand Assessment (HNDA)

Moved by Councillor Craig Holden. Seconded by Councillor Donald Balsillie.

#### **Decision**

Having commented and challenged as appropriate, the Council agreed to approve the Housing Need and Demand Assessment (HNDA).

#### **Action**

Head of Housing and Community Safety

## **CC.75 STRATEGIC HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN 2018-2023**

A report which asked Council to approve the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) and to note the intention to consider appointing a preferred development partner was submitted by the Head of Housing and Community Safety. The SHIP sets out the policy framework for affordable housing development in Clackmannanshire over the next 5 years, establishing the investment priorities.

An error in Appendix 1 was highlighted at paragraph 18.10; reference to "East Castle Street, Alva" should be amended to read "East Stirling Street, Alva".

### **Motion**

That Council agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Craig Holden. Seconded by Councillor Donald Balsillie.

### **Decision**

The Council agreed to:-

- (i) Approve the Strategic Housing Investment Plan for 2018-2023, including the 5 year programme of housing sites, detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report.
- (ii) Note the intention to carry out a process to appoint a Registered Social Landlord as preferred development partner.
- (iii) Note the remainder of the report having commented and challenged as appropriate.

### **Action**

Head of Housing and Community Safety

## **CC.76 URGENT CAPITAL WORKS**

A report which requested funding for proposals to deal with required capital works identified at the Speirs Centre and ABC Nursery was submitted by the Head of Housing and Community Safety.

### **Motion**

That Council agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Craig Holden. Seconded by Councillor Donald Balsillie.

### **Decision**

The Council agreed to:-

- (i) Approve an additional £20k of capital funding for additional heating in the Speirs Centre.
- (ii) Bring forward from 2020-21 to this year, the £102k of capital funding previously identified for works to ABC Nursery.
- (iii) Note the remainder of the report having commented and challenged as appropriate.

### **Action**

Head of Housing and Community Safety

## **CC.77 NOTICE OF MOTION IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 16.0 – UNSOCIAL HOURS**

A notice of motion in terms of Standing Order 16.0 was submitted by Councillor Dave Clark.

### **Motion**

This Council celebrates its staff and applauds their commitment to delivering services to the people of Clackmannanshire. It recognises, in humility, that they contribute 3% of their income voluntarily towards addressing the Council's financial difficulties. This Council, therefore, considers it abhorrent that their income is further attacked in the form of the withdrawal of the unsociable hours allowance paid to staff working antisocial hours and desists from implementing such a policy.

In doing so this motion proposes the reversal of the decision of Clackmannanshire Council of 27 March 2017 to remove the antisocial hours allowance as set out in paper 3 of the Council meeting of 27 March 2017, namely the general Services Revenue and Capital Budgets 2017/18.

Moved by Councillor Dave Clark. Seconded by Councillor Kenneth Earle.

### **Vote on the Motion**

In terms of Standing Order 14.7, Councillor George Matchett, QPM, asked for a roll call vote. The Council agreed that a vote be taken by calling the roll and at this stage there were 13 members present who were eligible to vote. On the roll being called, the elected members present voted as follows:

#### **For the motion (3 votes)**

Councillor Dave Clark  
Councillor Kenneth Earle  
Councillor George Matchett, QPM

#### **Against the motion (10 votes)**

Councillor Martha Benny  
Councillor Bill Mason  
Councillor Chris Dixon  
Councillor Craig Holden  
Councillor Phil Fairlie  
Councillor Donald Balsillie  
Councillor Archie Drummond  
Councillor Ellen Forson  
Councillor Les Sharp  
Provost Tina Murphy

### **Decision**

The motion was defeated on a division of 10 votes to 3.

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*The Provost adjourned the meeting for 15 minutes at this point in the proceedings (11.25 am).*

*Councillor George Matchett, QPM, withdrew from the meeting at adjournment.*

*When the meeting resumed at 11.40 am, twelve (12) members remained present.*

## **CC.78 NOTICE OF MOTION IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 11.5 – URGENT BUSINESS**

A notice of motion in terms of Standing Order 11.5 was submitted by Councillor Dave Clark. This motion had been accepted as urgent by the Provost.

### **Motion**

This Council condemns the announced closures of Alva's Bank of Scotland and Alloa's Royal Bank of Scotland branches given the impact these closures will have on members of the public and the business community.

It is proposed that Clackmannanshire Council, as the democratic representation of the people of Clackmannanshire, writes to the Head Office of both banks calling on them to reverse the decision of closure.

Moved by Councillor Dave Clark. Seconded by Councillor Kenneth Earle.

### **Amendment**

Delete the paragraph commencing "It is proposed etc" and insert a new paragraph:-

"Council instructs relevant officers to report on possible options to transfer investments by this Council to financial institutions and banks that continue to invest in our community."

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Councillor Archie Drummond.

### **Decision**

The motion as amended was agreed without division. Accordingly, the Council agreed to support the motion as amended:

This Council condemns the announced closures of Alva's Bank of Scotland and Alloa's Royal Bank of Scotland branches given the impact these closures will have on members of the public and the business community.

Council instructs relevant officers to report on possible options to transfer investments by this Council to financial institutions and banks that continue to invest in our community.

### **Action**

Depute Chief Executive

At this point in the proceedings, Councillor Les Sharp, Leader of the Council, gave notice under Standing Order 20.7 that proposals to amend standing orders would be brought before the next meeting of Council on 8 February 2018.

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The Provost thanked the Council and extended best wishes to all elected members and employees for a happy and healthy festive period.

Ends 11.50 am