



MINUTES OF MEETING of the EDUCATION, SPORT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE held within the Council Chamber, Greenfield, Alloa, FK10 2AD, on THURSDAY 24 APRIL 2014 at 10.00 am.

PRESENT

Councillor Ellen Forson, Convenor (In the Chair)
Councillor Alastair Campbell
Councillor George Matchett, QPM
Councillor Bobby McGill
Councillor Les Sharp
Councillor Jim Stalker
Councillor Gary Womersley (S)*

Father Michael Freyne, Appointed Member (Roman Catholic Church)
Pastor David Fraser, Appointed Member (Scottish Baptist Church)
Rev Sang Y Cha, Appointed Member (Church of Scotland)

IN ATTENDANCE

David Leng, Head of Education
Kevin Kelman, Assistant Head of Education
Alan Milliken, Assistant Head of Education
Sharon Johnston, Acting Assistant Head of Education
Michael Boyle, Education Business Support Manager
Tina O'Neill, Headteacher, St Bernadette's RC Primary School (Item 7)
Marjorie MacFarlane, Sports Development Manager
Janice McCrum, Solicitor, Legal Services (Clerk to the Committee)

ESL(14)76 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Walter McAdam, MBE and Councillor Irene Hamilton. *Councillor Gary Womersley attended as substitute for Councillor Irene Hamilton.

Councillor Womersley was present today as a substitute for Councillor Irene Hamilton and was not present in his capacity as a non-voting ex-officio member. As a substitute member, Councillor Womersley was eligible to vote.

ESL(14)77 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

ESL(14)78 MINUTES OF MEETING: 4 FEBRUARY 2014

The minutes of the meeting of the Education, Sport and Leisure Committee held on Tuesday 4 February 2014 were submitted for approval.

ESL(14)75

Councillor Bobby McGill queried ESL(14)75, as he understood that there were more than 4 members present. On checking it was agreed that 4 Elected Members and 2 Religious Representatives and were present during the role call vote. The minute is to be amended to include the abstention.

Decision

Subject to the above minor amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 February 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Convenor.

ESL(14)79 EDUCATION SERVICES QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE 2013/14 PROGRESS REPORT

A report which provided the Committee with an update for the fourth quarter (January-March 2014) on the progress made against the targets contained within the Business Plan for Education was submitted by the Head of Education.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

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

Decision

Having commented on and challenged the performance of the Education Services over the fourth quarter of the 2013-2014 plan, the Committee agreed unanimously to note the information set out in the report.

ESL(14)80 SPORT DEVELOPMENT UPDATE REPORT

A report which updated the Committee on a range of opportunities and programmes provided by the Sports Development Services, was submitted by the Sports Development Manager.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Gary Womersley.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the work and activities undertaken by the Sports Development Service towards Making Clackmannanshire Better.

ESL(14)81 COST OF INCREASED EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE ENTITLEMENT TO 600 HOURS

A report which provided the Committee the cost of implementing the first phase of the 600 hours of early learning and childcare entitlement for all 3 and 4 year old children from August 2014 was submitted by the Head of Education.

The report outlines the details of the funds provided by Scottish Government to Clackmannanshire Council for the purpose of local implementation of 600 hours of early learning and childcare.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

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

Decision

The Committee agreed unanimously to :

- (1) note the finances made available from Scottish Government to Clackmannanshire Council for year 1 (2014/2015) implementation of 600 hours of early learning and childcare for 3 and 4 year olds and Looked After 2 year olds and 2 year olds subject to Kinship Care Order.
- (2) agree the model and notes the costs associated with implementing the locally agreed model of delivery.
- (3) approve further work be undertaken to develop a more flexible model of delivery of 600 hours early learning and childcare for all 3 and 4 year olds as well as Looked After 2 year olds beyond August 2015 and within available resources.

Action

Head of Education

ESL(14)82 INSPECTION OF ST BERNADETTE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL - PUBLICATION OF EDUCATION SCOTLAND'S REPORT

A report which updated the Committee on the outcome of the recently published (17 December 2013) report by Education Scotland on their inspection of St Bernadette's RC Primary School was submitted by the Head of Education.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

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

Decision

Having had opportunity to put questions to the Head Teacher of St Bernadette's RC Primary School who was in attendance and having considered the outcome of the inspection and commented on the key findings identified in the published inspection report attached as Appendix 1, the Committee agreed unanimously to note the information set out in the report.

ENDS 11.25 am

