



**MINUTES OF MEETING of the EDUCATION, SPORT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE held within the Council Chamber, Greenfield, Alloa, FK10 2AD, on THURSDAY 19 JUNE 2014 at 10.00 am.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Ellen Forson, Convenor (In the Chair)  
Councillor Janet Cadenhead (S)  
Councillor Alastair Campbell  
Councillor George Matchett, QPM  
Councillor Walter McAdam MBE  
Councillor Bobby McGill  
Councillor Les Sharp  
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)

Councillor Graham Watt, Local Member for Ward 3 (Item 3)  
Councillor Derek Stewart, Local Member for Ward 3 (Item 3)

**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  
Marjorie MacFarlane, Sports Development Manager  
Keith Chaplin, Principal Teacher, Physical Education, Lornshill Academy  
Bill Miller - Service Manager, Youth Services  
Janice McCrum, Solicitor, Legal Services (Clerk to the Committee)

**ESL(14)83      APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Irene Hamilton and Councillor Jim Stalker. Councillor Janet Cadenhead attended as substitute for Councillor Jim Stalker. 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)84      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

## ESL(14)85      CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS RE ARTWORK AT FAIRFIELD

The purpose of the report was to bring to the Committee two petitions which have been submitted in respect of artwork on the pavilion at Fairfield.

### **In attendance:**

Ms Joanna Wilkinson on behalf of Mr and Mrs McMillan, petitioners seeking the removal of the artwork.

Ms Sandra Gruar, petitioner seeking the retention of the artwork.

Councillor Graham Watt, Local Member for Ward 3 (Item 3)

Councillor Derek Stewart, Local Member for Ward 3 (Item 3)

The Committee heard representations from Ms Wilkinson, Ms Gruar, Councillor Watt and Councillor Stewart.

### **Motion 1**

That the current artwork be removed - but that further engagement is conducted by the Service with the whole community to explore the possibility of compensatory artwork, acceptable to the whole community.

Moved by Councillor Gary Womersley. **There was no seconder.**

### **Motion 2**

In regards to the Petition in respect of the Sauchie Fairfield Skate Park at this time we shall maintain the various artworks that have been applied. There should be further consultation with both the young people and youth and community and the residents of the locale who use the skate park, to try and find the solution that would hopefully satisfy all involved.

Moved by Councillor Bobby McGill. **There was no seconder.**

The Convener agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10.45 am to give members the opportunity to consider the two motions.

The meeting reconvened at 11.00 am.

Councillor Walter McAdam MBE withdrew from the meeting at this point in the proceedings, all other members and appointed member remained in attendance.

Following the adjournment, Councillor Womersley moved to defer the item of business to the next meeting of the Committee and asked that the matter be put to the vote. **There was no seconder.** The Convener, Councillor Forson, agreed that the matter be put to the vote.

### **Voting (10)**

For the motion to defer the item of business	4 votes
Against the motion to defer the item of business	4 votes
Abstain from voting	2 abstentions

On a division of 4 votes to 4 with 2 abstentions, the motion to defer was carried on the casting vote of the Convener.

### **Decision**

Accordingly, on the casting vote of the Convener, (Standing Order 14.4), the Committee agreed to defer the item of business until the next meeting of the Committee.

**ESL(14)86      MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON 24 APRIL 2014**

The minutes of the meeting of the Education, Sport and Leisure Committee held on 24 April 2014 were submitted for approval.

**Decision**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Convenor.

**ESL(14)87      EDUCATION SERVICES PERFORMANCE 2013/14 PROGRESS REPORT**

A report which provided the Committee with an update 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 Service 2013-14 plan, the Committee agreed unanimously to note the information set out in the report.

**ESL(14)88      EDUCATION SERVICE BUSINESS PLAN**

A report which updated the Committee on the Education Business Plan which had been presented in the form of a Strategic Plan across both Clackmannanshire and Stirling 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 Education Business Plan, the Committee agreed unanimously to note the information set out in the report.

**ESL(14)89      EXPANSION OF ENTITLEMENT TO 600 HOURS EARLY LEARNING AND  
CHILD CARE TO TWO YEAR OLD CHILDREN**

A report which provided the Committee with details of the proposed delivery plan within Clackmannanshire of 600 hours of early learning and childcare to entitled two year old children from August 2014 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 Gary Womersley.

## **Amendment**

An amendment had been tabled by David Leng, Head of Education to:

"Insert new bullet point three as follows:-

It is recommended that the Council approves:

- a. £300K of interim capital funding be allocated from the uncommitted element of the Making Clackmannanshire Better (MCB) Programme;
- b. the required capital works at the five properties detailed at paragraph 3.3;
- c. reimbursement of the MCB interim funding on receipt of confirmation of allocated capital funds from the Scottish Government.

Existing bullet point three becomes bullet point 4."

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

The amendment was unanimously carried.

## **Decision**

The Council agreed unanimously to approve the motion as amended:

- to note the steps taken by the Education Service as the lead agency in preparing for the delivery of the entitlement to identified two year olds from August 2014.
- to approve the Education Service's interim proposals in principal for the delivery as outlined within this paper, subject to further detailed information in subsequent reports.
- that the Council approves:
  - a. £300K of interim capital funding be allocated from the uncommitted element of the Making Clackmannanshire Better (MCB) Programme;
  - b. the required capital works at the five properties detailed at paragraph 3.3;
  - c. reimbursement of the MCB interim funding on receipt of confirmation of allocated capital funds from the Scottish Government.
- to note that a paper being brought to a future Education, Sport and Leisure Committee outlining full implementation costs associated with the expanded provision for two year olds.

## **Action**

Head of Education

**ESL(14)90 SCHOOL ESTATE REVIEW: 21ST CENTURY LIVING**

A report which provided the Committee with an update on the progress made in relation to the School Estate Review 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 Gary Womersley.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed unanimously to note the content of the report and the key considerations that will guide the review.

**ESL(14)91 COMMUNITY SPORTS HUB BASED AT LORNSHILL ACADEMY**

The report, submitted by the Head of Education, updated the Committee on the progress of the Community Sports Hub based at Lornshill Academy.

**Motion**

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

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Bobby McGill.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed unanimously to note the positive impact on local sports clubs, staff, pupils, local residents and the profile for Clackmannanshire created as a result of the Community Sport Hub.

**ESL(14)92 NOTICE OF MOTION IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 16.0 - REFERENDUM DEBATE**

A notice of motion in terms of Standing Order 16.0 was submitted by Councillor Ellen Forson:

**Motion**

"The Education, Sport and Leisure Committee notes that on 18 September 2014 a referendum will be held to determine the constitutional future of Scotland; recognises that for the first time 16 and 17 year olds in Scotland will be entitled to vote; welcomes that nearly 80 percent of eligible 16 and 17 year olds in Scotland have added their names to the electoral roll; believes that it is important that young people who are voting for the first time have access to a balanced account of the arguments both for and against the question "Should Scotland be an Independent Country?"; considers that organised debates can make an important contribution to political awareness and participation; and therefore recommends that the education service facilitates a balanced debate and questioner and answer session for young people in Clackmannanshire.

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

**Voting (10)**

For the motion	3 votes
Against the motion	5 votes
Abstain from voting	2 abstentions

**Decision**

On a division of 3 votes to 5 with 2 abstentions, the motion was defeated.

ENDS 12.45 pm