



**MINUTES OF MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held via MS Teams, on
THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2021 at 9.30 am.**

PRESENT

Provost Tina Murphy (In the Chair)
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor Martha Benny
Councillor Dave Clark
Councillor Denis Coyne
Councillor Kenneth Earle
Councillor Ellen Forson
Councillor Craig Holden
Councillor Darren Lee
Councillor Helen Lewis
Councillor Graham Lindsay
Councillor Kathleen Martin
Councillor George Matchett
Councillor Jane McTaggart
Councillor Les Sharp
Councillor Derek Stewart
Councillor Mike Watson

IN ATTENDANCE

Nikki Bridle, Chief Executive
Pete Leonard, Strategic Director (Place)
Stuart Crickmar, Strategic Director (Partnership & Performance)
Lorraine Sanda, Strategic Director (People)
Chris Alliston, Senior Manager (Partnership & Performance)
Lindsay Sim, Chief Finance Officer
Elizabeth Hutcheon, Team Leader, Management & Accountancy, (Partnership & Performance)
Michael Hilarion, Senior Manager - Property (Place)
Murray Sharp, Senior Manager - Housing (Place)
Lindsay Thomson, Senior Manager (Partnership & Performance) (Clerk to the Council)
Gillian White, Committee Services (Partnership and Performance)

CC.363 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Chris Dixon.

CC.364 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

**CC.365 MINUTE OF MEETING OF CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL
10 DECEMBER 2020**

The minutes of the meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on 10 December 2020 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on 10 December 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

CC.366 COMMITTEE MEETINGS CONVENED SINCE THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING ON 10 DECEMBER 2020

The Council agreed to note the Committee meetings that had taken place since the last ordinary meeting on 10 December 2020.

- (i) Appointments Committees 17 December 2020 and 15 January 2021
- (ii) Local Review Body 21 January 2021
- (iii) Planning Committee 21 January 2021
- (iv) Regulatory Committee 2 February 2021
- (v) Audit Committee 4 February 2021

CC.367 MEMBER APPOINTMENT

The report, submitted by the Senior Manager, Legal and Governance, proposed one change to an external appointment.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Donald Balsillie.

Decision

The Council agreed that Councillor Les Sharp should be appointed as Clackmannanshire Council's representative on CoSLA's Community Wellbeing Board in place of Councillor Jane McTaggart.

Action

Senior Manager, Legal and Governance

CC.368 TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020

The report, submitted by the Chief Finance Officer, presented an update of Treasury Management activity for the period to 30th September 2020.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Donald Balsillie.

Decision

Having commented on and challenged the report, the Council agreed to note the report.

CC.369 HOUSING RENT SETTING 2021/22

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director (Place), asked the Council to consider the output from the recent housing rent consultation and sought approval the rent for 2021/22, taking into account the feedback received.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Craig Holden. Seconded by Councillor Jane McTaggart.

Decision

Having noted the outcome of the consultation, the Council agreed to a one year rent freeze for all council tenants.

Action

Strategic Director (Place)

CC.370 LEARNING ESTATE: PROGRESS REPORT

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director (Place) and the Strategic Director (People), provided an update on the progress of works on the Council's learning estate and set out immediate next steps for taking forward the strategy that was set out in the paper to Council on 19 December 2019.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Graham Lindsay. Seconded by Councillor Craig Holden.

Decision

The Council agreed to note the report.

The following item of business had been circulated as an exempt report and had been marked as "Not for publication by virtue of Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973".

The Council resolved in terms of Section 50(a) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973, that the press and public would not be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business.

CC.371 LEISURE PROVISION IN CLACKMANNANSHIRE

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director (Partnership and Performance), provided an update on the current position with the Alloa Leisure Bowl, including negotiations on the Management Agreement with Wasp Leisure Limited, and developments since the ongoing COVID pandemic outbreak. The report sought agreement to cease leisure provision at Alloa Leisure Bowl and terminate the current Management Agreement and Lease Agreement pending an options paper to be brought to Council.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Craig Holden. Seconded by Councillor Graham Lindsay.

Procedural Motion

As set out in Standing Order 15.13, the item of business is carried over to the next meeting of Clackmannanshire Council.

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

Voting on the procedural motion

For the procedural motion	5 votes
Against the procedural motion	11 votes
Abstain from voting	1 vote

The procedural motion was defeated by 11 votes to 5 with 1 abstention.

Voting on the motion

For the motion	12 votes
Against the motion	5 votes
Abstain from voting	0 votes

The motion was carried by 12 votes to 5 with no abstentions.

Decision

On a division of 12 votes to 5, the Council agreed:

1. To note the progress of negotiations with Wasp Leisure Limited on a short term solution prior to the Covid pandemic, and support provided since March 2020;
2. To note that there are a number of significant Covid-19 and other property issues associated with the Alloa Leisure Bowl facility that need to be addressed in the context of a wider review of leisure provision in Clackmannanshire;
3. To note that the impact of the pandemic on the current operating environment, combined with escalating property costs means that the current leisure operating model and service provision are no longer considered financially sustainable;
4. That current leisure provision from Alloa Leisure Bowl should cease;
5. That officers enter into negotiations with Wasp Leisure Limited to effect termination of the current Management Agreement and Lease Agreement for the Alloa Leisure Bowl;
6. That officers continue to further develop a leisure provisions option appraisal as a matter of priority, with recommendations for sustainable future provision, including access to swimming pool provision for Clackmannanshire in the short and long term;
7. That officers bring an update report and options paper (referred to at 2.7 in the report) back to Council for consideration by 31 March 2021;
8. To note the intended options outlined Table 1 set out in the report; and
9. To note the indicative timetable outlined at Table 2 set out in the report.

Ends: 12:00 noon