



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Kilncraigs, Alloa, on MONDAY 19 DECEMBER 2022 at 9.30 am.

PRESENT

Councillor Phil Fairlie, Convener (Chair)
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor Martha Benny (Via Teams)
Councillor Denis Coyne
Councillor Ellen Forson
Councillor Wendy Hamilton
Councillor Scott Harrison
Councillor Fiona Law
Councillor Graham Lindsay
Councillor Kathleen Martin
Councillor Jane McTaggart
Councillor Bryan Quinn
Councillor Janine Rennie (Via Teams)

IN ATTENDANCE

Nikki Bridle, Chief Executive
Stuart Crickmar, Strategic Director (Partnership and Performance)
Lorraine Sanda, Strategic Director (People)
Pete Leonard, Strategic Director (Place)
Lindsay Sim, Chief Finance Officer (Partnership & Performance) (Via Teams)
Cherie Jarvie, Senior Manager, Partnership and Transformation (Partnership & Performance)
Chris Alliston, Senior Manager, HR and Workforce Development (Partnership & Performance)
Ewan Murray, Chief Finance Officer, Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Partnership (Via Teams)
Emma Fyvie, Senior Manager, Development
Cherie Jarvie, Senior Manager, Partnership and Transformation
Murray Sharp, Senior Manager, Housing
Abbie Scrimgeour, Communications Officer (Partnership & Performance) (via Teams)
Colin Bruce, Chief Education Officer (People)
Sharon Robertson, Chief Social Work Officer (Via Teams)
Lee Robertson, Senior Manager, Legal and Governance (Partnership & Performance) (Clerk to the Council)
Melanie Moore, Committee Services (Partnership & Performance)

CC(22)53 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Kenneth Earle, Councillor Darren Lee and Councillor Mark McLuckie.

CC(22)54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

CC(22)55 PLACE BASED INVESTMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director, Place, provided an update to Members on activity around the Council's Place Based Investment Programme. The paper described the process that Council Officers have undertaken to create a plan for the appropriate use of the Scottish Government's Place Based Investment Fund ("PBIF") for the year 2022/23 and a strategy for future based funds.

Motion

To agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Graham Lindsay.

Decision

The Council agreed to note:

1. The work that has been undertaken to give a robust view on the place based capital projects that are achievable within the timescales for the 2022/23 fund. (Appendix 1);
2. The strategy put forward to focus Council activity when planning for anticipated capital funding opportunities in forthcoming years. (Appendix 2); and
3. The work that will be undertaken this year through the investment Working Group to co-ordinate and prepare for significant investment for transformational capital projects with the intention of bringing an investment strategy to a future Council meeting.

The Council agreed to approve:

1. The allocation of the Place Based Investment Fund 2022/23 for projects set out in Appendix 1; and
2. The carrying forward of projects that are not able to be committed within the timeframe for the 2022/23 allocation of PBIF, and that any resulting underspend for this year (2022/23) is used for the Council's playpark replacement programme.

Action

Strategic Director, Place

CC(22)56 COST OF LIVING IN CLACKMANNANSHIRE

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director, Partnership and Performance, updated Council on the current cost of living pressures affecting families in Clackmannanshire. It set out the actions already taken to provide additional assistance this year and proposes further initiatives to help mitigate unfolding impacts of the costs of living crisis. The report recognised that a significant amount of work is already in place aimed at supporting families and mitigating the worst impacts at a local and national level, and, along with our partners in Clackmannanshire, seeks to build on work to date whilst identifying gaps and seek solutions to address these.

Motion

To agree the recommendations as set out in the report

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Graham Lindsay.

Decision

The Council agreed to:

1. Note the actions already taken by the Council and partners, to support families impacted by the cost of living crisis, set out at paragraph 3.7;
2. Note the further work being developed by the Clackmannanshire Alliance to support communities impacted by the costs of living crisis, set out a paragraph 3.9;

3. Approve an allocation of £7000 from within the existing Partnership and Performance budget to support local organisations to provide practical cost of living support for families in immediate need, see paragraphs 3.11 for details;
4. Note that further cost of living update reports will be brought to Council in early 2023, and regularly thereafter.

Action

Strategic Director, Partnership and Performance

The Convenor thanked everyone for their help and assistance. He wished everyone and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ends: 9:57 hours

