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THIS PAPER RELATES TO ITEM 3 ON THE AGENDA

MINUTES OF MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Kilncraigs, Alloa, on Thursday 25 June 2026 at 9.30 am.

PRESENT

Councillor Phil Fairlie, Convener (Chair)
Provost Donald Balsillie
Councillor Martha Benny
Councillor Denis Coyne
Councillor Ellen Forson
Councillor Wendy Hamilton
Councillor Scott Harrison
Councillor Fiona Law
Councillor Graham Lindsay
Councillor Kathleen Martin
Councillor Mark McLuckie (Via Teams until 11.18 am)
Councillor Jane McTaggart
Councillor Bryan Quinn
Councillor Janine Rennie

IN ATTENDANCE

Nikki Bridle, Chief Executive
Lorraine Sanda, Depute Chief Executive and Director of Wellbeing
Kevin Wells, Director of Place and Economy
Chris Alliston, Head of Corporate Services
Colin Bruce, Chief Education Officer (Wellbeing)
Sharon Robertson, Chief Social Work Officer (Wellbeing) (Via Teams after 1.10 pm)
Lindsay Sim, Chief Finance Officer (Corporate Services)
Adrienne Aitken, Improving Outcomes Team Leader (Wellbeing) (Via Teams)
Veronica Cully, Senior Manager, Partnership and Inclusion (Wellbeing) (Via Teams & Chambers)
Kate Fleming, Housing Strategy Officer (Place & Economy) (Via Teams & Chambers)
Alastair Hair, Senior Manager (Corporate Services)
Cherie Jarvie, Senior Manager, Partnership & Transformation (Corporate Services)
Sarah Langsford, Senior Manager (Corporate Services) (Via Teams)
Wilson Lees, Homelessness and Supporting People Manager (Place & Economy) (Via Teams & Chambers)
Amy McDonald, Interim CFO for Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP)
Ross McGuire, Team Leader, Wellbeing Hub (Wellbeing)
Melanie Moore, Committee Services (Corporate Services)
Madeline Muirhead, Strategic Lead, Community, Collaboration and Redesign (Wellbeing)
Karen Payton, Team Leader Communications & Marketing (Corporate Services) (Via Teams)
Lee Robertson, Senior Manager, Legal and Governance (Corporate Services) (Clerk)
Katie Roddie, Team Leader, Housing Business Management (Place & Economy) (Via Teams)
Ben Watson, Team Leaver, Revenues (Corporate Services) (Via Teams & Chambers)
David Webster, Emergency and Resilience Officer (Corporate Services)
Gillian White, Committee Services (Corporate Services) (Minute)

CC(26)047 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Craig Holden, Councillor Kenneth Earle, Councillor Darren Lee and Councillor William Keogh.

CC(26)048 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Janine Rennie declared a non-financial interest in Item 7 Annual Review of Debtors 2025/26 and Item 8 Corporate Debt & Write-off Policy, as she works with Money Advice Scotland. Councillor Rennie advised that she would withdraw from the meeting during these items of business.

CC(26)049 MINUTES OF MEETING OF CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL – 21 MAY 2026

The minutes of the meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on 21 May 2026 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the meeting of Clackmannanshire Council held on 21 May 2026 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

Action
Clerk to the Council

CC(26)050 MAJOR EMERGENCY INCIDENT, COALSNAUGHTON

The report, submitted by the Chief Executive, provided Council with an update on the Coalsnaughton major incident following the emergency evacuation of homes, including the response to date, the support provided to affected residents and the ongoing response actions, while outlining how the Council is meeting its statutory duties in terms of the Civil Contingency legislation as a Category 1 responder details of which were provided in the report.

Carl Banton, Chief Operation Director, Mining Remediation Authority, was present to provide an update to Council and was available to answer questions.

Motion

To agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Scott Harrison.

Decision

The Council noted the update.

In line with Standing Order 10.23, the Convener adjourned the meeting at 11.20 am for a comfort break. When the meeting resumed at 11.30 am, 13 members remained present, Councillor Mark McLuckie having withdrawn from the meeting during the break.

CC(26)051 TRANSFORMATION THROUGH COLLABORATION - UPDATE

The report, submitted by the Chief Executive, provided Council with an update on the progress achieved in delivering the Transformation through Collaboration (TtC) programme, following approval in November 2025 to commence joint working with Falkirk Council and other partners.

Motion

To agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

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

Decision

The Council:

1. Noted the progress and emerging outcome from the collaboration work with Falkirk Council and Stirling Council; and

2. Agreed that a further update on progress, outcomes and next steps is presented to Council in Quarter 3 2026/27.

Action
Chief Executive

CC(26)052 BE THE FUTURE UPDATE – CLACKMANNANSHIRE TRANSFORMATION SPACE

The report, submitted by the Depute Chief Executive and Director of Wellbeing, provided the latest update in respect of the Council's Be the Future Target Operating Model (BtF TOM) and associated Transformation Programme. It provided an update on progress on the Clackmannanshire Transformation Space.

During the introduction of the report, a technical fault developed for those attending on-line. The Convener adjourned the meeting at 12.10 pm for a meal break and to allow the opportunity to bring the meeting back on-line. When the meeting resumed at 12.40 pm, the fault had been rectified and 13 members remained present. Councillor Janine Rennie withdrew from the meeting in the Council Chamber and re-joined the meeting on-line. However, Councillor Rennie became unable to attend on-line and was not present for this item of business.

Motion

To agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Wendy Hamilton.

Decision

The Council:

1. Noted the progress of the Clackmannanshire Transformation Space in delivering voice led transformation contained in sub paragraphs 3.0 to 3.14.;

2. Noted the investment which has been made in Clackmannanshire through the Transformation Space to improve outcomes for residents as outlined in Appendix One;

3. Noted the findings of the Year Zero End of Year Learning Report, Appendix Two, which evidences early impact, system change, and strong community engagement, alongside identifying key areas for development in Year One, contained in sub paragraphs 3.18 – 3.19;

4. Approved the continuation of the Clackmannanshire Transformation Space for a further three years, up to March 2029, based on the evidence provided that the Transformation Space model demonstrates effectiveness in delivering community-led, preventative and outcomes-focused change; and

5. Approved the transfer of identified council funding for 2026/27, subject to a revised legal agreement, into the Transformation Space noted in 3.17.

Action
Depute Chief Executive and Director of Wellbeing

Councillor Janine Rennie was not present for the following items of business, having earlier declared a non-financial interest.

CC(26)053 ANNUAL REVIEW OF DEBTORS 2025/26

The report, submitted by the Chief Finance Officer, provided Council with an annual update on income collection and seek approval to write off irrecoverable debts.

Motion

To agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

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

Decision

The Council:

1. Noted the trends in income collection for 2025/26;

2. Approved the proposed debt write-off of £4,298,263 (paragraph 6.2 & Appendix B);

3. Approved the write-off of school meal debt held within Schools of £9,624 (paragraph 4.6 & Appendix C); and

4. Noted and commented as appropriate on the other matters raised in the report.

Action
Chief Finance Officer

CC(26)054 CORPORATE DEBT AND WRITE-OFF POLICY

The report, submitted by the Chief Finance Officer, invited Council to review and agree the updated Corporate Debt & Write off Policy.

Motion

To agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

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

Decision

The Council reviewed and approved the updated Corporate Debt & Write off Policy (Appendix 1).

Action
Chief Finance Officer

Councillor Janine Rennie re-joined the meeting following consideration of the previous two items of business.

CC(26)055 LOCAL GROWTH FUND INVESTMENT

The report, submitted by the Director of Place and Economy, provided Council with an update on the UK Government's new Local Growth Fund (LGF) which was published on the 23 March 2026. Its intention is to provide strategic and flexible investment to drive economic growth and more productive regional economies. The UK Government has awarded Forth Valley £9.8m, which comprises the Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling Local Authority areas.

Motion

To agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Scott Harrison.

Decision

The Council:

1. Noted the introduction of the Local Growth Fund (Scotland), and its focus to support regional growth and opportunities across the Forth Valley from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029;

2. Considered and agreed the draft Forth Valley Local Growth Fund Investment Plan;

3. Noted that Falkirk and Stirling Councils will also require to approve the draft Forth Valley Local Growth Fund Investment Plan;

4. Should Falkirk and Stirling Councils also approve the Forth Valley Local Growth Fund Investment Plan, note that officers will submit this to the UK Government for approval;

5. Note that governance arrangements for the Local Growth Fund will be brought forward to Council as part of proposals to establish a Regional Partnership in autumn 2026; and

6. Note that Falkirk Council will act as Accountable Body for the administration of the Fund.

Action
Director of Place and Economy

CC(26)056 CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL HOMELESSNESS ACCOMMODATION PROJECT

The report, submitted by the Director of Place and Economy, sought approval from Council to progress the development of 10 temporary accommodation modular units and a support hub on a suitable site.

Motion

To agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Jane McTaggart. Seconded by Councillor Scott Harrison.

Decision

The Council:

1. Noted the model of homes being proposed and the advantages against traditional build outlined at 3.6;

2. Agreed to the recruitment of a project manager to deliver the project as provided for in paragraph 3.8;

3. Noted the identified need for additional homelessness accommodation provided for in paragraphs 3.11 to 3.14;

4. Agreed to public consultation on the location of the site as provided for in paragraph 3.19; and

5. Agreed to the progression of the business case and to submit a request for Rapid Rehousing funding of approximately £50,000 to support the necessary preliminary work as provided for in paragraph 3.20.

Action
Director of Place and Economy

In line with Standing Order 10.23, the Convener adjourned the meeting at 2.26 pm for a comfort break. When the meeting resumed at 2.35 pm, 11 members remained present, Councillor Scott Harrison and Provost Donald Balsillie having withdrawn from the meeting during the break.

CC(26)057 WELLBEING HUB AND LOCHIES SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE

The report, submitted by the Senior Manager, Sport and Leisure, provided Council with an update on the progress of the Wellbeing Hub and Lochies School project including the status of the social value and community benefit commitments.

Motion

To agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Graham Lindsay. Seconded by Councillor Fiona Law.

Decision

The Council noted:

1. The summary of progress of the community benefits programme up to May 2026 following Financial Close in October 2025. (See paragraphs 3.1 – 3.12); and

2. The summary of progress on the construction works up to May 2026 following Financial Close in October 2025. (See paragraphs 3.13 – 3.20).

CC(26)058 HOME SCHOOL TRANSPORT

The report, submitted by the Head of Service - Wellbeing, sought Council agreement to progress to the next stage in the review of the Home to School Transport Policy, including undertaking stakeholder consultation on proposed revisions, in line with the commitment made in August 2025 following completion of the Equality Impact and Fairer Scotland Assessment, and to ensure that the revised policy fully considers the associated financial, legal and equalities implications.

Motion

To agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Graham Lindsay. Seconded by Councillor Fiona Law.

Decision

The Council:

1. Noted the outcomes of previous reports and the EQIA;

2. Agreed that stakeholder consultation is undertaken on proposed revisions (2.3) to the Home to School Transport Policy;

3. Agreed, as part of that consultation, that the focus will be on the proposed revisions:

   - eligibility changes linked to catchments and new developments;
   - arrangements for denominational provision (including St Modan's);
   - placing request transport policy;
   - allocation of concessionary places, with a recommendation to prioritise available spaces for care experienced learners in line with Councils commitment to The Promise; and
   - allocation of concessionary places, with a recommendation to prioritise available spaces for children who have a Free School Meal entitlement.

4. Noted that consultation with stakeholders will be proportionate and in line with updated Scottish Government Guidance (non-statutory); and

5. Agreed that a further report will be brought back to Council, setting out the consultation findings and include a draft policy for consideration of the full implications before any final decision on the future policy.

EXEMPT ITEMS

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

CC(26)059 EXEMPT MINUTES OF MEETING OF CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL – 21 MAY 2026

The exempt minutes of the meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on 21 May 2026 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The exempt minutes of the meeting of Clackmannanshire Council held on 21 May 2026 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

Action
Clerk to the Council

Ends: 3.06 pm