

**MINUTE OF MEETING of the
CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL
held within the Council Chamber,
Greenfield, Alloa, on THURSDAY 25th
SEPTEMBER 2008**

PRESENT

**Provost Derek Stewart (Chair)
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor John Biggam
Councillor Janet Cadenhead
Councillor Alastair Campbell
Councillor Eddie Carrick
Councillor Kenneth Earle
Councillor Mark English
Councillor Irene Hamilton
Councillor Walter McAdam
Councillor Bobby McGill
Councillor Harry McLaren
Councillor Tina Murphy
Councillor Reverend Sam Ovens
Councillor Janis Paterson
Councillor Gary Womersley**

IN ATTENDANCE

**Dave Jones, Chief Executive
Garry Dallas, Director of Development
and Environmental Services
Jeni Graham, Director of Corporate
Development Services
Stephen Bell, Head of Development
Services
Peter Broadfoot, Head of Administration
and Legal Services (Clerk to the Council)
Barry Dickson, Head of Business
Improvement and Technology Services
Ewart McAuslane, Head of
Environmental Services
Elaine McPherson, Head of Strategic
Policy
Muir Wilson, Head of Finance
Allan Gall, Team Leader, Land Services
and Burial Grounds
Mac West, Roads and Transportation
Manager**

Before the start of business, the Provost intimated that:

- (i) A Kirkin' of the Council Service will be held on Sunday 12th October 2008 in St Serf's Parish Church, Tullibody, at 11.00 am; elected members will receive written notification in due course.

(ii) As of 6th November 2008, the Council meetings will start at 9.30 am.

CC.162 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Craig Holden, Councillor George Matchett and Father Michael Milton (Religious Representative).

CC.163 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CC.164 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

(i) Minute of meeting held on Thursday 14th August 2008

There was submitted a minute of the meeting held on Thursday 14th August 2008, a copy of which had been circulated previously to each Member.

The minute of the meeting held on Thursday 14th August 2008 was agreed as a correct record and signed by the Provost.

(ii) Minute of special meeting held on Thursday 28th August 2008

There was submitted a minute of the special meeting held on Thursday 28th August 2008, a copy of which had been circulated previously to each Member.

The minute of the special meeting held on Thursday 28th August 2008 was agreed as a correct record and signed by the Provost.

CC.165 UPDATE ON TWINNING ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLANS

There was submitted a report by Dave Jones, Chief Executive, and Jane Adamson, Policy Officer, a copy of which had been circulated previously to each Member.

Councillor Carrick moved the recommendation set out in the report. Seconded by Councillor McGill.

The Council agreed to:

- Support the proposal to explore options to build on the expertise of Education and Youth Services to help organise and deliver the youth exchange programme.
- Support the proposal to invite delegations from France and Spain to Clackmannanshire to the 2009 event being arranged to celebrate the opening of the three new secondary schools.

- Support other twinning activities such as the facilitation of adult or family exchanges.

The Council also agreed to support the following proposals from Councillor Balsillie (1) and (2) and Councillor Biggam (3)

- (1) That officers look to expand the twinning initiative by engaging with Stirling Council on links with Nova Scotia.
- (2) That officers investigate the possibility of building on proposed Homecoming Scotland 2009 events.
- (3) That consideration is given to the appointment of a senior pupil twinning champion in each of the three secondary schools.

Action: Dave Jones, Chief Executive

CC.166 VENTURE FORTH LIMITED

There was submitted a report by Peter Broadfoot, Head of Administration and Legal Services, a copy of which had been circulated previously to each Member.

Councillor Cadenhead moved that Councillor Carrick be nominated to be a Director of Venture Forth Limited. Seconded by Councillor McLaren.

The Council agreed that Councillor Carrick be nominated to be a Director of Venture Forth Limited.

Action: Dave Jones, Chief Executive

CC.167 SALE OF DEVELOPMENT LAND, NORTH CASTLE STREET, ALLOA

There was submitted a report by Gordon Stewart, Head of Property Services, a copy of which had been circulated previously to each Member.

Councillor Carrick moved the recommendation set out in the report. Seconded by Councillor Balsillie.

The Council agreed to approve the sale of 0.25 acres of land at North Castle Street, Alloa, to Lithium Systems Limited for the purpose of constructing an office and warehouse building. The sale price to be at a figure to be determined by reference to the District Valuer.

Action: Garry Dallas, Director of Development & Environmental Services

CC.168 PRIVATE (UNADOPTED) ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

There was submitted a report by Mac West, Roads and Transportation Manager, a copy of which had been circulated previously to each Member.

Councillor Carrick moved the recommendation set out in the report. Seconded by Councillor Balsillie.

The Council agreed to approve the prioritised roads such that the Director of Development and Environmental Services can approach the affected frontagers to confirm whether a majority wish the roads to be adopted insofar as they would be prepared to fund the outstanding balance in proportion to their length of frontage.

The Council also agreed to note that any council funding would require to be approved subsequently as part of the Capital Programme.

Action: Garry Dallas, Director of Development & Environmental Services

CC.169 REVIEW OF THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION IN RELATION TO APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

There was submitted a report by Ian Duguid, Development Quality Team Leader, a copy of which had been circulated previously to each Member.

The Head of Development Services pointed out that paragraph 3.1 should make reference to the Council meeting of 21st June 2007 and not 24th June as indicated in the report.

Councillor Campbell moved the recommendation set out in the report. Seconded by Councillor Carrick.

The Council agreed to note the information set out in the report and to continue with the Scheme of Delegation as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

Action: Garry Dallas, Director of Development & Environmental Services

CC.170 CEMETERIES STRATEGY

There was submitted a report by Allan Gall, Land Services and Burial Grounds Manager, a copy of which had been circulated previously to each Member.

Councillor Carrick moved the recommendation set out in the report. Seconded by Councillor McGill.

The Council agreed to:

- (a) Approve the cemeteries strategy for future provision and continuation of investment in Clackmannanshire's cemeteries

- (b) Note that the required financial investment will be subject to formal approval as part of the council's general services capital programmes.

Action: Garry Dallas, Director of Development & Environmental Services

CC.171 BEST VALUE REVIEW OF HOUSING REPAIRS

Paper remitted from the Scrutiny Committee of 28th August 2008.

There was submitted a report by John Gillespie, Head of Housing, and Gordon Stewart, Head of Property Services, a copy of which had been circulated previously to each Member.

The Council agreed to defer this item to its meeting of 6th November 2008 and noted that a briefing session would be arranged for elected members during the week beginning 20th October 2008.

Action: Dave Jones, Chief Executive

The meeting concluded at 11.27 am.

