

CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held within the Council Chamber, Greenfield, Alloa, FK10 2AD, on THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2010 at 9.30 am.

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 George Matchett QPM
Councillor Walter McAdam MBE
Councillor Bobby McGill
Councillor Harry McLaren
Councillor Tina Murphy
Councillor Reverend Sam Ovens
Councillor Janis Paterson
Councillor Gary Womersley

IN ATTENDANCE

Angela Leitch, Chief Executive
Grahame Blair, Director of Services to People
Garry Dallas, Director of Development and Environmental Services
Peter Broadfoot, Head of Administration and Legal Services (Clerk to the Council)
Barry Dickson, Head of Business Improvement and Technology Services
John Gillespie, Head of Housing Property and Benefit Advice
Susan MacKay, Finance Manager

CC.98 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Reverend Mairi Lovett (Religious Representative).

CC.99 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

Prior to debate on agenda item 3 (General Services Revenue Budget 2010/11), Councillor Balsillie asked that the meeting be adjourned for one hour to allow Opposition members further time to consider the savings provided by services for financial year 2010/11; the paper had been issued to elected members two days previously on 9 February 2010.

The Chief Executive advised the Council that, as part of the member/officer round table budget discussions, it had been agreed that the papers would be issued in advance to allow members the opportunity to consider the content prior to today's meeting. The information presented two days previously is broadly similar to the detailed papers that had been available to the round table discussions and, as a matter of courtesy, was issued in advance of today's meeting as soon as this became available.

The meeting did not adjourn.

Councillor Balsillie asked that the concerns of the SNP Group regarding the late delivery of this paper (Savings Provided by Services for Financial Year 2010/11) be recorded in the minute.

- *Councillor Walter McAdam joined the meeting at this point in the proceedings (9.35 am)*

CC.100 GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE BUDGET 2010/11

A report was submitted by the Finance Manager, the purpose of which was to present the Council's General Services Revenue Budget for 2010/11. The budget was summarised in Appendix 1 of the report.

The budget process for preparing the 2010/11 General Services Revenue budget involved input from all budget holders and Senior Officers with discussion involving Elected Members on savings being offered. The savings provided by services for financial year 2010/11 were issued to elected members on 9 February 2010.

The main assumptions included within the budget are:

- Inflation has been determined at 1%
- Council Tax rates remain frozen at 2009/10 levels
- with all PPP schools operational, full year costs are reflected in line with the funding model.

Motion

That Council approves the recommendations set out in the report at paragraph 2.1.

Moved by Councillor Janet Cadenhead. Seconded by Councillor Harry McLaren.

Voting

Councillor Balsillie asked for a roll call vote. The Council agreed that a vote be taken by calling the roll and at this stage there were 17 Members present who were eligible to vote.

On the roll being called the Members present voted as follows:

For the motion (9)

Provost Derek Stewart
Councillor George Matchett
Councillor Reverend Sam Ovens
Councillor Janet Cadenhead
Councillor Bobby McGill
Councillor Kenneth Earle
Councillor Harry McLaren
Councillor Eddie Carrick
Councillor Alastair Campbell

Against the motion (7)

Councillor Walter McAdam
Councillor Tina Murphy
Councillor Irene Hamilton
Councillor Janis Paterson
Councillor Mark English
Councillor Gary Womersley
Councillor Donald Balsillie

Abstain (1)

Councillor John Biggam

Decision

Accordingly, on a division of 9 votes to 7 with one abstention, the Council agreed to support the motion to:

- Approve the General Services Revenue Budget for 2010/11
- Approve the savings necessary to allow a balanced budget for 2010/11
- Approve the level of Council Tax for 2010/11 (rates remain frozen at 2009/10 levels)
- Note the indicative budgets for 2011/12 and 2012/13.

Action

Chief Executive

CC.101 GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/11 TO 2014/15

A report was submitted by the Finance Manager, the purpose of which was to present the General Services Capital Programme for the years 2010/11 to 2014/15 for approval.

The programme listed the individual projects included in the five year plan including significant developments and continued investment in roads and footways, flood prevention schemes, primary and nursery schools.

Councillor Balsillie asked that, as the local member for Ward 2 (Clackmannanshire North), his concerns regarding budget allocation being removed from the townscape improvements for Alva and the Johnstone Centre in total effectively £½m, be recorded in the minute.

Motion

That Council approves the General Services Capital Programme for the years 2010/11 to 2014/15.

Moved by Councillor Eddie Carrick. Seconded by Councillor George Matchett.

Voting

Councillor Cadenhead asked for a roll call vote. The Council agreed that a vote be taken by calling the roll and at this stage there were 17 Members present who were eligible to vote.

On the roll being called the Members present voted as follows:

For the motion (10)

Provost Derek Stewart
Councillor George Matchett
Councillor Reverend Sam Ovens
Councillor Janet Cadenhead
Councillor Bobby McGill
Councillor Kenneth Earle
Councillor Harry McLaren
Councillor Eddie Carrick
Councillor Alastair Campbell
Councillor John Biggam

Against the motion (0)

None

Abstain (7)

Councillor Walter McAdam
Councillor Tina Murphy
Councillor Irene Hamilton
Councillor Janis Paterson
Councillor Mark English
Councillor Gary Womersley
Councillor Donald Balsillie

Decision

Accordingly, the Council agreed by 10 votes to 0 with 7 abstentions to approve the General Services Capital Programme for the years 2010/11 to 2014/15.

Action

Chief Executive/Director of Development and Environmental Services

- *Councillor English withdrew from the meeting at this point in the proceedings (11.15 am)*

CC.102 HOUSING REVENUE BUDGET 2010/11 AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/16

A report was submitted by the Head of Housing and the Finance Manager, the purpose of which was to present the budget of income and expenditure for the Housing Revenue Account in the forthcoming financial year 2010/11.

The report highlighted the key factors influencing the budget and outlined the main income and expenditure assumptions of the budget setting. The report also considered the main issues that shape the 2010/11 to 2015/16 Housing Capital Programme and presented in outline the proposed annual capital programme for the coming year (2010/11), together with draft programmes for the next four years.

Motion

That Council approves the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Reverend Sam Ovens. Seconded by Councillor Kenneth Earle.

Decision

The Council agreed unanimously to approve:

- the budget on income and expenditure as set out in the report and Appendix 1 of the report.
- an increased level for Council house rents of 5.0% for financial year 2010/11.
- the same level of increase to be applied to charges for lock-ups, garage sites and the Travelling Persons' site.
- the proposed Housing (HRA) Capital Programme for 2010/11 as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

Action

Chief Executive/Director of Services to People

- *Councillor McAdam withdrew from the meeting at this point in the proceedings (11.35 am)*

CC.103 PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2010/11 TO 2012/13

A report which sought to update and revise the indicators approved by Council last year in the context of the Council's latest spending plans over the period 2010/11 to 2012/13 was submitted by the Finance Manager.

The capital budgets of the Council for 2010/11 to 2012/13 have been prepared under the self regulating Prudential Code. Local authorities are required by regulation to comply with the Prudential code in terms of meeting their statutory duty under Section 35(1) of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 to 'determine and keep under review the maximum amount which it can afford to allocate to capital expenditure'.

Motion

That Council approves the prudential indicators set out in the report for the years 2010/11 to 2012/13.

Moved by Councillor Bobby McGill. Seconded by Councillor Kenny Earle.

Voting

Councillor Cadenhead asked for a roll call vote. The Council agreed that a vote be taken by calling the roll and at this stage there were 15 Members present who were eligible to vote.

On the roll being called the Members present voted as follows:

For the Motion (10)

Provost Derek Stewart
Councillor George Matchett
Councillor Reverend Sam Ovens
Councillor Janet Cadenhead
Councillor Bobby McGill
Councillor Kenny Earle
Councillor Harry McLaren
Councillor Eddie Carrick
Councillor Alastair Campbell
Councillor John Biggam

Against the Motion (0)

None

Abstain (5)

Councillor Tina Murphy
Councillor Irene Hamilton
Councillor Janis Paterson
Councillor Gary Womersley
Councillor Donald Balsillie

Decision

Accordingly, the Council agreed by 10 votes to 0 with 5 abstentions, to approve the prudential indicators set out in the report for the years 2010/11 to 2012/13.

Action

Chief Executive

ENDS 12.00 pm