

**CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTE OF MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held within the Council Chamber, Greenfield, Alloa, on THURSDAY 11TH MARCH 2010 at 9.30 am.**

**PRESENT**

Provost Derek Stewart (Chair)  
Councillor Donald Balsillie  
Councillor John Biggam  
Councillor Janet Cadenhead  
Councillor Eddie Carrick  
Councillor Kenneth Earle  
Councillor Craig Holden  
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  
Rev. Mairi Lovett

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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)  
John Gillespie, Head of Housing, Property and Benefit Advice  
Jim Goodall, Head of Schools  
Gordon Stewart, Head of Property Services

Prior to the start of business, the Council made presentations to Hannah Douglas, Apprentice Joiner (1st Year APSE Apprentice of the Year and Overall APSE Apprentice of Year) and Darren Hammond, Apprentice Joiner (Finalist - APSE Apprentice of the Year)

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**CC.103 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Alastair Campbell, Councillor Mark English and Councillor Irene Hamilton.

**CC.104 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **CC.105 MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 2010**

The Council approved the minute of the meeting held on Thursday 28 January 2010 as a correct record of proceedings. The minute of the meeting was signed by the Provost.

#### **CC.106 MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2010**

Councillor Craig Holden advised that he had submitted his apologies to Members' Services for the Special Council meeting on 11 February 2010, but they were not recorded in the minute.

Subject to the above amendment, the Council approved the minute of the meeting held on Thursday 11 February 2010 as a correct record of proceedings. The minute of the meeting was signed by the Provost.

#### **CC.107 SUBSTITUTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

The report, submitted by the Chief Executive, advised Council of the need to make substitution arrangements in respect of the Appointments Committee.

##### **Motion**

That the Council agree to the nomination of Councillor Alistair Campbell to act as a substitute on the Appointments Committee in respect of the one place allocated to the non-SNP Opposition, with Councillor John Biggam acting as a substitute for Councillor Campbell.

The Council also invites all members who may be interested in participating in the work of the Appointments Committee and who have not already undergone relevant training in respect of the recruitment process for senior appointments, to volunteer for the appropriate training.

Moved by Councillor Janet Cadenhead. Seconded by Councillor Kenny Earle.

##### **Decision**

The Council unanimously agreed that Councillor Alistair Campbell will act as a substitute on the Appointments Committee in respect of the one place allocated to the non-SNP Opposition, with Councillor John Biggam acting as a substitute for Councillor Campbell.

The Council also agreed that any members who may be interested in participating in the work of the Appointments Committee and who have not already undergone relevant training in respect of the recruitment process for senior appointments, volunteer for the appropriate training.

##### **Action**

Chief Executive

#### **CC.108 AMENDMENT TO SCHOOL CLOTHING GRANT QUALIFYING CRITERIA**

A report which sought Council's approval to amend its current Clothing Grant qualifying criteria to draw them into line with the Education (School Lunches) (Scotland) Regulations 2009 Act, was submitted by the Director of Services to People.

##### **Motion**

That the Council approve an amendment to the Clothing Grant qualifying criteria which is that all parents should now qualify automatically for a School Clothing Grant if they meet the criteria for the award of free school meals.

Moved by Councillor George Matchett QPM. Seconded by Councillor Harry McLaren.

## **Decision**

The Council unanimously agreed to amend the Clothing Grant qualifying criteria so that all parents should now qualify automatically for a School Clothing Grant if they meet the criteria for the award of free school meals.

## **Action**

Director of Services to People

- *Councillor Walter McAdam joined the meeting at this point in the proceedings (9.50 am)*

## **CC.109 INTRODUCING HOUSING WITH CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN CLACKMANNANSHIRE**

The report, submitted by the Director of Services to People, informed the Council of the principles of Housing with Care, presenting proposals from the work to be undertaken by the Services of Older People Delivery Group on accommodation to meet the future needs of older people in Clackmannanshire.

## **Motion**

That the Council endorses the model of care as set out in the report and approves a proposal for the provision of accommodation with care services at West Lodge Gardens, Alloa. This will be a trial partnership scheme between Clackmannanshire Council and Trust Housing Association.

That the Council notes that further options will be developed for additional Housing with Care provision for older people in Clackmannanshire, and instructs officers to bring forward further proposals to Council in due course.

Moved by Councillor Rev. Sam Ovens. Seconded by Councillor Harry McLaren.

## **Decision**

The Council unanimously agreed to:

Endorse the model of care as set out in the report and approve a proposal for the provision of accommodation with care services at West Lodge Gardens, Alloa as a trial partnership scheme between Clackmannanshire Council and Trust Housing Association.

Note that further options will be developed for additional Housing with Care provision for older people in Clackmannanshire, and instructs officers to bring forward further proposals to Council in due course.

## **Action**

Director of Services to People

Councillor Rev. Ovens agreed to circulate a copy of the Scottish Office Circular relating to Clackmannanshire.

## **CC.110 CLACKS TELECARE SERVICE**

The report, submitted by the Director of Services to People, sought approval from the Council for the implementation of a major telecare programme for people in Clackmannanshire.

### **Motion**

That Council approves the implementation of the Clacks Telecare Service as described within the body of this report.

Moved by Councillor Rev. Sam Ovens. Seconded by Councillor Kenny Earle.

### **Amendment 1**

"That Council approves the implementation of the Clacks Telecare Services subject to a further Council paper and presentation to elected members on these key issues:

- a) The final procurement options/arrangements
- b) A cost benefit analysis of call handling options
- c) Further explanation and identification of savings and implications for our clients and customer service delivery."

Moved by Councillor Donald Balsillie. Seconded by Councillor Tina Murphy.

At 10.45 am, Members called for the meeting to be adjourned for an opportunity to consider the amendment. The Provost agreed to a 5 minute adjournment.

The meeting reconvened at 10.50 am.

### **Amendment 2**

"That Council approves the implementation of the Clacks Telecare Service. There will be a further Council paper and presentation to elected members on the key issues of:

- a) Final procurement options/arrangements
- b) A cost benefit analysis of call handling options
- c) A further explanation and identification of savings and implications for our clients and customer service delivery."

Moved by Councillor Craig Holden. Councillor Donald Balsillie withdrew his original amendment 1 and seconded amendment 2.

Councillor Rev. Sam Ovens accepted amendment 2 into his original motion.

### **Decision**

The Council unanimously approved the implementation of the Clacks Telecare Service as described within the body of the report. There will be a further Council paper and presentation to elected members on the key issues of:

- a) Final procurement options/arrangements
- b) A cost benefit analysis of call handling options
- c) A further explanation and identification of savings and implications for our clients and customer service delivery.

### **Action**

Director of Services to People

**CC.111 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NURSERY CLASS OF PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
AND THE CLOSURE OF TOWER NURSERY SCHOOL**

The purpose of the report, submitted by the Director of Services to People, was to seek approval to conduct a public consultation on a proposal by Education and Community Services to close Tower Nursery School and to re-establish the service as the nursery class of Park Primary School.

**Motion**

That Council approve the proposal by Education and Community Services to conduct a public consultation on closing Tower Nursery and to re-establish it as the nursery class within Park Primary School.

Moved by Councillor George Matchett QPM. Seconded by Councillor Kenny Earle.

**Decision**

The Council unanimously agreed to approve the proposal by Education and Community Services to conduct a public consultation on closing Tower Nursery and to re-establish it as the nursery class within Park Primary School.

**Action**

Director of Services to People.

Ends: 11.30 am

