

MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held within the Council Chamber, Greenfield, Alloa, on WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2010 at 9.30 am.

The Special Meeting was called in terms of Standing Order 6.1, the Head of Strategy and Customer Services having received a Notice signed by Councillors Womersley, English, Balsillie, Paterson and Murphy.

PRESENT

Provost Derek Stewart (Chair)
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor John Biggam
Councillor Alastair Campbell
Councillor Mark English
Councillor Irene Hamilton
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
Nikki Bridle, Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Garry Dallas, Director of Services to Communities
Lesley Robertson, Interim Head of Education
David Thomson, Legal Services Manager (Clerk to the Council)

CC.20 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillor Eddie Carrick
Councillor George Matchett, QPM
Councillor Janet Cadenhead
Councillor Kenneth Earle

Rev Mairi Lovett, Religious Representative

CC.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

CC.22 PRIMARY SCHOOL PROVISION IN ALLOA WEST - CONSULTATION WITH COMMUNITY

A report was submitted by Councillors Womersley and English. The report highlighted that a report submitted to Council on 3rd June 2010 on the outcome of a public consultation exercise regarding future primary school provision for the St John's and Claremont catchment areas was withdrawn on advice that the consultation exercise was not legally compliant. The report by Councillors Womersley and English sought to ensure that the consultation exercise is a full, open and non-predetermined engagement to ascertain the views and options preferred by the community.

Motion

- (1) That Council undertakes the latest tranche of consultation regarding the provision of primary education in Alloa West in a full and open manner and not restricted to one option only, ie a new school for a merged St John's and Claremont Primaries to be erected at the current Redwell playing fields in Alloa.
- (2) That such consultation seeks to pursue the community's view on all options stated in the original business case presented to Council and reports such views and any other views/preferences back to Council at a future date to allow Council, at that time, to make a decision, fully informed as to the expressed preferences of the community.

Moved by Councillor Gary Womersley. Seconded by Councillor Reverend Sam Ovens.

Decision

The Council agreed unanimously to support the motion.

Action

Interim Head of Education

ENDS 9.46 am