



MINUTE OF MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held within the Council Chamber, Greenfield, ALLOA, FK10 2AD, on THURSDAY 12 AUGUST 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 Irene Hamilton
Councillor Craig Holden
Councillor George Matchett, QPM
Councillor Walter McAdam, MBE
Councillor Bobby McGill
Councillor Harry McLaren
Councillor Reverend Sam Ovens
Councillor Janis Paterson
Councillor Gary Womersley

IN ATTENDANCE

Angela Leitch, Chief Executive
Nikki Bridle, Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Deirdre Cilliers, Head of Social Policy
Stephen Crawford, Head of Facilities Management
Garry Dallas, Director of Services to Communities
Elaine McPherson, Head of Strategy and Customer Services
David Thomson, Legal Services Manager (Clerk to the Council)

Before the start of business, the Provost reminded elected members of his intention to enforce Standing Orders more rigorously in the interests of well conducted, orderly meetings and the efficient dispatch of council business.

CC.23 PRESENTATION: SCOTTISH AWARDS FOR BUSINESS EXCELLENCE

On behalf of the Council, the Depute Leader made a presentation to staff from Strategy and Performance, Customer Services, IT and Procurement for achieving a 'Recognised for Excellence' award at the prestigious Scottish Awards for Business Excellence ceremony which was held in Glasgow in June 2010.

The Council congratulated the staff on a tremendous achievement and in demonstrating that Clackmannanshire Council's services are dedicated to the pursuit of excellence.

CC.24 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mark English, Councillor Tina Murphy and Father Michael Milton (Religious Representative).

CC.25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

CC.26 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

(i) Minute of Meeting held on 3 June 2010

A minute of the meeting held on 3 June 2010 was submitted for approval by the Council.

The minute of the meeting held on 3 June 2010 was agreed as a correct record and signed by the Provost.

(ii) Minute of Special Meeting held on 23 June 2010

A minute of the special meeting held on 23 June 2010 was submitted for approval by the Council.

The minute of the special meeting held on 23 June 2010 was agreed as a correct record and signed by the Provost.

(iii) Minute of Special Meeting held on 8 July 2010

A minute of the special meeting held on 8 July 2010 was submitted for approval by the Council.

Councillor Holden indicated that he had submitted apologies for the special meeting held on 8 July 2010 but these were not recorded in the minute.

Subject to the above amendment, the minute of the special meeting held on 8 July 2010 was agreed as a correct record and signed by the Provost.

CC.27 CLACKMANNANSHIRE ASSURANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN

A report which informed the Council of the publication in July 2010 of the shared Risk Assessment: Improvement and Assurance Plan 2010-13 for Clackmannanshire Council was submitted by the Chief Executive. The summary findings of the Plan were attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

Motion

That Council notes the recommendations set out in the report.

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

Decision

The Council agreed unanimously to :-

- (a) note the recent publication by Audit Scotland of the Shared Risk Assessment: Improvement and Assurance Plan 2010-13 for Clackmannanshire.
- (b) note the summary findings and summary of planned scrutiny activity to March 2013.
- (c) note that the Scrutiny Committee will consider the document in more detail and make comment as appropriate.

CC.28 AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS

A report seeking approval of amendments to Standing Orders was submitted by the Chief Executive. Standing Orders can only be changed or abolished when at a meeting of the Council there has been an indication that proposals to amend Standing Orders will be brought before the next Council meeting. A report to Council on 3 June 2010 approved changes to the Council's Scheme of Delegation, Contract Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and gave notice of consequent changes to Standing Orders.

Motion

That the Council approves the changes to Standing Orders set out in paragraph 2.3 of the report.

Moved by Councillor Janet Cadenhead. Seconded by Councillor Bobby McGill.

Decision

The Council agreed unanimously to approve the changes to Standing Orders set out in paragraph 2.3 of the report.

(For ease of reference, the consequent changes to Standing Orders were set out in the Appendix to the report).

Action

Director of Finance and Corporate Services

CC.29 BUDGET STRATEGY

A report which summarised the most up to date projections of Council funding for the period 2011-2014 and set out the main cost pressures identified so far was submitted by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services. The purpose of the report was to update the indicative General Services Revenue Budget 2010-2013 considered by the Council in February 2010 and to seek approval to put in place arrangements for the further development of the strategy, pending the outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review in Autumn 2010.

Motion

That Council approves the recommendations set out in the report.

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

Decision

The Council agreed unanimously to approve the recommendations set out in the report to:

- (1) Approve the recommended corporate savings targets for 2011-20124 as a basis for the preparation of three year provisional Revenue Budgets and detailed savings

options, subject to further announcements by the UK and Scottish Governments in the Autumn;

- (2) Agree the current planning assumptions in relation to the future year budget strategy;
- (3) Approve the framework for the budget strategy as set out in section 6 of the report.
- (4) Approve the consultation arrangements proposed to inform the development of detailed options appraisal by council officers;
- (5) Approve the creation of an Invest to Save Fund to cover non-recurring costs associated with business change projects;
- (6) Agree that officers will prepare a statement of principles and eligibility criteria to govern the allocation of the Invest to Save Fund; and
- (7) Agree to review the adoption of a budget carry forward scheme as part of the 2012/13 Budget setting process (Year 2 of the Comprehensive Spending Review period);

Action

Director of Finance and Corporate Services

CC.30 MEMBERSHIP OF SCOTLAND EXCEL

A report which provided the Council with the benefits and potential savings available from joining Scotland Excel was submitted by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services in order that the Council could consider a view on participation.

Council was also asked to appoint one councillor as the Clackmannanshire Council's representative on the Scotland Excel Joint Committee. Scotland Excel operate on the basis of a joint committee; each member authority is entitled to appoint one of its councillors as its representative.

Motion

That Council joins Scotland Excel in 2010/11 and allocates an annual budget of £46,317.

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

Voting

On a division, the motion was carried by 15 votes to 1.

Decision

Accordingly, the Council agreed:

- (1) To join Scotland Excel in 2010/11; and
- (2) To allocate an annual budget of £46,317.

Motion

That Councillor Bobby McGill be appointed as the Council's representative on Scotland Excel Joint Committee.

Moved by Councillor Janet Cadenhead. Seconded by Councillor George Matchett, QPM.

Decision

The Council agreed that Councillor Bobby McGill be appointed as the Council's representative on the Scotland Excel Joint Committee.

Action

Director of Finance and Corporate Services

ENDS 11.10 am

