



MINUTE OF MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held within the Council Chamber, Greenfield, Alloa, FK10 2AD, on THURSDAY 27 JANUARY 2011.

PRESENT

Provost Derek Stewart (Chair)
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor John Biggam
Councillor Janet Cadenhead
Councillor Eddie Carrick
Councillor Kenneth Earle
Councillor Mark English
Councillor Irene Hamilton
Councillor Craig Holden
Councillor George Matchett, QPM
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
Stephen Crawford, Head of Facilities Management
John Gillespie, Head of Community and Regulatory Services (Items 1-4)
Elaine McPherson, Head of Strategy and Customer Services (Items 1-3)
Lesley Robertson, Interim Head of Education
David Thomson, Legal Services Manager (Clerk to the Council)

Presentation of Award: Services to Communities

Before the start of business, a presentation was made to representatives from Services to Communities. On behalf of the Council, Councillor Eddie Carrick (Sustainability Portfolio Holder) congratulated Services to Communities on being awarded the Customer Service Excellence Accreditation Certificate.

CC.77 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Alastair Campbell, Councillor Walter McAdam MBE, and Father Michael Milton (Religious Representative)

CC.78 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

CC.79 MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2010

A minute of the meeting held on Thursday 16 December 2011 was submitted for approval by Council

The Provost pointed out a typographical error on page 2 of the minute (CC.60 Minute of Meeting). The heading at CC.60 to be amended to read, "Minute of Meeting held on Thursday 4 November 2010".

Subject to the above amendment, the minute of the meeting held on Thursday 16 December 2010 was agreed as a correct record and signed by the Provost.

CC.80 CLACKMANNANSHIRE LOCAL PLAN 1ST ALTERATION (HOUSING LAND) FINALISED PLAN - REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

A report which summarised the representations received following the publication of the Local Plan 1st Alteration Finalised Plan, and the proposed Council responses was submitted by the Director of Services to Communities.

The Local Plan 1st Alteration is concerned only with the allocation of housing land - other policies and issues which are still relevant to housing will continue to be addressed by existing Local Plan policies until such time as the new Local Development Plan is approved. The Alteration includes 'Development Guidelines' in the Schedule of Sites.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Eddie Carrick. Seconded by Councillor Donald Balsillie.

Decision

The Council agreed unanimously to:

- Approve the responses to the representations set out in Appendix 1 to the report and the associated changes to the Alteration text.
- Note that the outstanding representations will be submitted to the Scottish Ministers for examination.

Action

Director of Services to Communities.

CC.81 ST. JOHN'S AND CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOLS - CONSULTATION

A report which sought approval from Council to undertake a new, formal consultation regarding proposals to deal with issues relating to the buildings of St John's and Claremont Primary Schools was submitted by the Interim Head of Education.

The proposals included an option to merge the schools into a single new school on a site known as the 'Redwell Site'. A proposal document included as Appendix 1 provided details about the consultation process as well as the options which have been appraised.

The Interim Head of Education pointed out the following amendments to the text of the proposal document:

Page 69 (Paragraph 4) - An advertisement will be placed in local newspapers on 2 February 2011. The consultation will run thereafter until close of business on 22 March 2011.

Page 71 (Paragraph 12.4) - Responses should be made to the proposal no later than close of business on Tuesday 22 March 2011.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations set out in the report subject to the amendment to the text at pages 69 and 71 (above).

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

The Council agreed to adjourn at 10.12 am to consider an amendment submitted by Councillor Craig Holden.

The meeting resumed at 10.20 am.

Amendment

In the event of either options 1 or 2 being preferred, Claremont Primary School maintenance will be undertaken as part of the schools maintenance programme.

Moved by Councillor Craig Holden. Seconded by Councillor Janet Cadenhead

Decision

The Council agreed unanimously to support the motion as amended to:

- (a) Approve the 'Proposal Document' (as amended at pages 69 and 71) including an educational benefits statement to allow the formal public consultation exercise on the four options to be established.
- (b) Authorise officers to undertake the public consultation beginning in February 2011 such that a report on the outcome of the exercise is presented to the Council no later than 18 August 2011.
- (c) In the event of either options 1 or 2 being preferred, Claremont Primary School maintenance will be undertaken as part of the schools maintenance programme.

Action

Interim Head of Schools

ENDS 10.42 am

