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**THIS PAPER RELATES TO  
ITEM 03  
ON THE AGENDA**

**MINUTES OF MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held within the Council Chamber, Greenfield, Alloa, FK10 2AD, on THURSDAY 15 AUGUST 2013 at 10.00 am.**

## **PRESENT**

Provost Tina Murphy (In the Chair)  
Councillor Donald Balsillie  
Councillor Janet Cadenhead  
Councillor Alastair Campbell  
Councillor Archie Drummond  
Councillor Kenneth Earle  
Councillor Ellen Forson  
Councillor Irene Hamilton  
Councillor Craig Holden  
Councillor Kathleen Martin  
Councillor George Matchett, QPM  
Councillor Bobby McGill  
Councillor Les Sharp  
Councillor Jim Stalker  
Councillor Derek Stewart  
Councillor Graham Watt  
Councillor Gary Womersley

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Elaine McPherson, Chief Executive  
Garry Dallas, Director of Services to Communities  
Stephen Crawford, Head of Facilities Management  
Stuart Crickmar, Head of Strategy and Customer Services  
John Scott, Assistant Head of Joint Social Services - Strategy, Performance and Partnership  
David Thomson, Solicitor, Legal Services (Clerk to the Council)  
Julie Burnett, Senior Support Services Manager  
Ian Doctor, Regulatory Services Manager (items 7-10)  
Martin Dunsmore, Accountancy Manager

## **CC.141/122 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Walter McAdam, MBE.

## **CC.142 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**CC.143            MINUTES OF MEETING: THURSDAY 27 JUNE 2013**

The minutes of meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on 27 June 2013 were submitted for approval.

**Page 7 - In Attendance**

The Head of Education's name and title to be included in the list of officers in attendance.

**Page 17 - Exempt Information**

The heading to be amended to read "on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as detailed in Schedule 7A, Part 1, Paragraph 1."

**Decision**

Subject to the above amendments, the minutes of the meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on 27 June 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Provost.

**CC.144            COMMITTEE MEETINGS CONVENED SINCE THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING ON 27 JUNE**

The Council agreed to note the committee meetings that have taken place during the summer recess period since the last Council meeting on 27 June 2013.

Regulatory Committee    04 July 2013

Regulatory Committee    25 July 2013

**CC.145            LEADER'S BRIEFING**

A briefing report which informed elected members of a range of issues and activities and covered the period from the end of June-July 2013 was submitted by the Leader of the Council.

The Council agreed to note the information set out in the report.

**CC.146            BUDGET STRATEGY UPDATE**

A report which refreshed the Council's Budget Strategy and maintained Council's regular update on the medium term financial outlook and indicative funding gap was submitted by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services.

In line with previous years, the Council's Budget Strategy is reviewed during the recess period to ensure it remains fit for purpose and in preparation for the imminent budget round.

**Motion**

That Council notes the information set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Gary Womersley. Seconded by Councillor Craig Holden.

## **Decision**

The Council agreed to note:

- (i) The challenging financial outlook that faces the Scottish Public Sector over the coming years (detailed in section 3 of the report)
- (ii) The revised indicative funding gap to 2017/18 (Exhibit 1 of the report) based on the assumptions set out in paragraph 3.5 of the report.
- (iii) The apportionment of revised funding levels pro rata to the current level of Council expenditure to 2017/18 for individual Council services (Exhibit 2 of the report).
- (iv) The updated budget strategy (set out in paragraph 3.11 of the report) including the focus of activity outlined at paragraph 3.12 of the report.
- (v) Progress with Budget Challenge discussions and the planned all elected member briefing scheduled for the 27 August 2013.

## **CC.147 WELFARE REFORM UPDATE AND INITIAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

A report which provided an update on the Social Welfare Fund, rent arrears, the Benefits Cap, Personal Independence Payments (PIP) and the introduction of Universal Credit was submitted by the Senior Support Services Manager.

A report was submitted to Council on 16 May 2013 which detailed the changes in Welfare Reform. This paper identified the changes, forecast the impact of the changes and reported what action had been taken by the Council and its partners to mitigate the impact of the changes in local communities.

## **Motion**

That Council notes the information set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Gary Womersley. Seconded by Councillor Craig Holden.

## **Decision**

The Council agreed to note:

- (i) the continued impact of the Welfare Reform changes on Clackmannanshire communities
- (ii) the forecast impact of the Welfare Reforms on the financial position of Clackmannanshire Council in 2013/14
- (iii) the positive impact of the allocations of the Discretionary Housing Policy as agreed in May 2013.

#### **CC.148            MAKING CLACKMANNANSHIRE BETTER**

A report which provided the Council's regular update on the establishment, development and implementation of "Making Clackmannanshire Better (MCB)", the Council's business transformation programme, was submitted by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services. There were linkages between this paper and the Budget Strategy Update paper which had been considered previously as agenda item 6.

#### **Motion**

That Council notes the information set out in the report and endorses the programme workstreams set out in Exhibit 1 of the report.

Moved by Councillor Gary Womersley. Seconded by Councillor Craig Holden.

#### **Decision**

The Council agreed unanimously to :

- (i)        Note the progress made since the last update report and the planned activity in the coming months: and
- (ii)      Endorse the Programme workstreams set out in Exhibit 1 of the report

#### **Action**

Director of Finance and Corporate Services

#### **CC.149            ALLOA FOOTBALL AND ATHLETIC CLUB LTD - REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

A report which advised Council of a request for sponsorship from Alloa Football and Athletic Club Ltd and sought a decision from Council on this request was submitted by the Chief Executive.

In August 2011 Council agreed sponsorship totalling £12,000 over the two seasons 2011-12 (£7,000) and 2012-13 (£5,000). That sponsorship agreement has now expired.

#### **Motion**

That Council takes the following view:

- To fund the football club today to the tune of £5,000 which gives immediate assurance in terms of this season's sponsorship:
- This sum to be ring fenced for use by the Club for the purposes of youth football
- That in order to stop the football club requiring to come back every year (or at whatever relevant interval) - and consistent with the Council's overall current policy in respect of funding of external bodies - the Council seeks to rationalise all separate funding streams currently paid to the football club and enters into one - consolidated Service Level Agreement, in respect of all activities and funding, with a view to being able to give both the Council and the football club clarity, certainty and long-term assurance as to the position in future years.
- Should for whatever reasons, the above SLA not be completed/agreed within the season, Council commits a further £5,000 for the following season.

Moved by Councillor Gary Womersley. Seconded by Councillor Bobby McGill.

### **Decision**

The Council agreed unanimously:

- To fund Alloa Football and Athletic Club Ltd as of today to the tune of £5,000 which gives immediate assurance in terms of this season's sponsorship:
- This sum to be ring fenced for use by the Club for the purposes of youth football
- That in order to stop the football club requiring to come back every year (or at whatever relevant interval) - and consistent with the Council's overall current policy in respect of funding of external bodies - the Council seeks to rationalise all separate funding streams currently paid to the football club and enters into one consolidated Service Level Agreement, in respect of all activities and funding, with a view to being able to give both the Council and the football club clarity, certainty and long-term assurance as to the position in future years.
- Should for whatever reasons, the above SLA not be completed/agreed within the season, Council commits a further £5,000 for the following season.

### **Action**

Chief Executive

### **CC.150            VARIATION OF NOISE CONTROL PERIOD APPLIED UNDER PART 5 OF ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ETC (SCOTLAND) ACT 2004**

A report which asked Council to approve a variation to the existing Noise Control Period specified in the resolution made by Council on 6 November 2008, to align the periods within which the Council may issue fixed term penalty notices for noise nuisance with the reconfigured practices agreed by Council earlier this year, was submitted by the Director of Services to Communities.

### **Motion**

That Council agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Gary Womersley. Seconded by Councillor Craig Holden.

### **Decision**

The Council agreed unanimously to make the following resolution :

"Clackmannanshire Council ("the Council") resolves in terms of Section 42(1)(c)(ii) of the Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004 that with effect from 01 November 2013 the noise control period for the purposes of the Resolution passed by the Council on 6 November 2008 shall be 0800 hours to 2359 hours Monday to Sunday for every week in the year."

### **Action**

Director of Services to Communities

ENDS 12.10 pm

