



MINUTES OF MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held within the Council Chamber, Kilncraigs, Greenside Street, Alloa, FK10 1EB, on THURSDAY 10 MAY 2018 at 9.30 am.

PRESENT

Provost Tina Murphy (In the Chair)
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor Martha Benny
Councillor Dave Clark
Councillor Kenneth Earle
Councillor Phil Fairlie
Councillor Ellen Forson
Councillor Darren Lee
Councillor Helen Lewis
Councillor Graham Lindsay
Councillor Kathleen Martin
Councillor Bill Mason
Councillor George Matchett, QPM
Councillor Les Sharp
Councillor Mike Watson

IN ATTENDANCE

Elaine McPherson, Chief Executive
Nikki Bridle, Depute Chief Executive
Garry Dallas, Executive Director
Stephen Coulter, Head of Resources and Governance
Stuart Crickmar, Head of Strategy and Customer Services
Anne Pearson, Chief Education Officer
Paula Tovey, Acting Chief Accountant
Chris Alliston, Service Manager (Human Resources)
Derek Barr, Procurement Manager
Lindsay Thomson, Service Manager (Legal and Democracy) (Clerk to the Council)
Gillian White, Committee Services (Legal and Democracy)

The Provost welcomed Paula Tovey, Acting Chief Accountant along to her first meeting of the Council.

The Provost intimated that an item of urgent business had been submitted by Councillor Ellen Forson. The Motion, submitted by Councillor Forson, was regarding the ten year anniversary of the re-opening of the rail passenger service from Alloa to Stirling. In terms of Standing Order 11.6, the Provost agreed to accept this item onto the agenda as the last item of business. The reason for accepting the item of urgent business was to allow the Council to consider the Motion prior to the anniversary.

CC.112 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Chris Dixon, Councillor Craig Holden and Councillor Derek Stewart.

CC.113 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

**CC.114 MINUTES OF MEETING OF CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL
12 APRIL 2018**

The minutes of the meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on 12 April 2018 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on 12 April 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Provost.

**CC.115 COMMITTEE MEETINGS CONVENED SINCE THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL
MEETING ON 12 APRIL 2018**

The Council agreed to note the Committee meetings that had taken place since the last ordinary meeting on 12 April 2018.

- (i) Scrutiny Committee on 19/04/18
- (ii) Clackmannanshire Licensing Board on 24/04/18
- (iii) Planning Committee on 26/04/18

CC.116 APPOINTMENT TO CLACKMANNANSHIRE LICENSING BOARD

The report, submitted by the Head of Resources and Governance, asked Council to note the resignation of a member of the Licensing Board and approve the appointment of a new member of the Board.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Phil Fairlie.

Decision

The Council agreed to:

1. Note the resignation of Councillor Holden from the Licensing Board; and
2. Approve the nomination of Councillor Balsillie for appointment to the Licensing Board.

Action

Head of Resources and Governance

CC.117 BUDGET STRATEGY UPDATE

The report, submitted by the Depute Chief Executive, maintained Council's regular update on the approved Budget Strategy. The report provided an update on the fiscal outlook and provided an update on key financial publications over the last few months.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Phil Fairlie. Seconded by Councillor Helen Lewis.

Decision

The Council agreed to note:

- a. The fiscal outlook and information on the UK Chancellor's Spring Statement set out in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.7 of the report;
- b. The key messages from the three recent reports by the National Audit Office and the Scottish Accounts Commission on the challenges and performance of English and Scottish Councils respectively (paragraphs 3.8 to 3.18 of the report);
- c. The revised financial planning assumptions set out in Table 5 and the consequential high, median and low financial planning scenarios having applied this range of assumptions (Paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 and Tables 6 to 8 of the report); and
- d. Current work to implement 2018/19 approved Budget and early work to support the further development of the Council's medium term priorities and aligned financial plans (paragraphs 4.5 to 4.7 of the report).

CC.118 EXTERNAL GRANT FUNDING

The report, submitted by the Chief Executive, asked Council to agree governance protocols for applications for external grant funding and to brief Council on the return of a grant which had been previously awarded to the Council.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Graham Lindsay. Seconded by Councillor Les Sharp.

Decision

The Council agreed:

- a) The governance protocols for future applications for external grant funding as set out at section 5 of the report;
- b) That these protocols should be incorporated into the Council's Financial Regulations; and
- c) That grant of circa £151,000 previously drawn down by the Council to fund floodlighting at Lornhill Academy athletics track should be returned to Sportscotland.

Action

Chief Executive

CC.119 PROCUREMENT STRATEGY REPORT

The report, submitted by the Head of Resources and Governance, advised that following on from the interim procurement strategy approved by Council on 15th December 2016, approval was sought from Council to adopt the procurement strategy to cover the period from 2018/19 to 2020/21 to comply with the requirements of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Forson advised that following a briefing on the Procurement Strategy, cross-party discussions identified that the strategy should focus more on the community benefits to local organisations and the employment of local people. It was therefore agreed that the Procurement Strategy would be the subject of a short term working group to take the strategy forward in that direction.

In terms of Standing Order 11.6, the Provost agreed to defer consideration of this item pending the outcome of the short term working group.

Action

Head of Resources and Governance

CC.120 HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

The report, submitted by the Head of Resources and Governance, invited Council to approved the revised Health and Safety Policy.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Donald Balsillie. Seconded by Councillor Phil Fairlie.

Decision

The Council agreed to approve the new Health and Safety Policy.

Action

Head of Resources and Governance

CC.121 HR POLICIES

The report, submitted by the Head of Resources and Governance, sought approval of the HR policies which have been developed in consultation with the management and trade union policy group. It is intended that the policies shall apply to all staff.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Phil Fairlie. Seconded by Councillor Helen Lewis.

Decision

The Council agreed to approve the revised staff PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups), Overseas Criminal Checks, Flexible Retirement and Casual Workers (Relief) policies.

Action

Head of Resources and Governance

CC.122 NOTICE OF MOTION IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 11.5 – URGENT BUSINESS

A notice of motion in terms of Standing Order 11.5 was submitted by Councillor Ellen Forson. The motion had been accepted as urgent by the Provost to allow the Council to consider the Motion prior to the ten year anniversary of the opening of the rail passenger service from Alloa to Stirling.

Motion

That Council notes that the 19th May 2018 is the ten year anniversary of the re-opening of the rail passenger service from Alloa to Stirling and beyond; recognises the success of the service with passenger numbers more than double to initial estimates of 155,000 per year, each year since 2008; welcomes the benefits this vital transport link has brought to communities across Clackmannanshire; and looks forward to the improvements to local services that the electrification programme will deliver.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Dave Clark.

Decision

The Council agreed unanimously to support the motion.

Ends: 10.30 am

