



MINUTES OF MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held within the Council Chamber, Kilncraigs, Greenside Street, Alloa, FK10 1EB, on THURSDAY 22 AUGUST 2019 at 9.30 am.

PRESENT

Provost Tina Murphy (In the Chair)
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor Martha Benny
Councillor Dave Clark
Councillor Chris Dixon
Councillor Kenneth Earle
Councillor Ellen Forson
Councillor Craig Holden
Councillor Darren Lee
Councillor Helen Lewis
Councillor Graham Lindsay
Councillor Kathleen Martin
Councillor George Matchett QPM
Councillor Jane McTaggart
Councillor Bill Mason
Councillor Les Sharp
Councillor Derek Stewart
Councillor Mike Watson

IN ATTENDANCE

Nikki Bridle, Chief Executive
Pete Leonard, Strategic Director (Place)
Fiona McOmish, Strategic Director (People)
Fiona Duncan, Chief Social Work Officer
Chris Alliston, Senior Service Manager (Partnership & Performance)
Cherie Jarvie, Senior Service Manager (Partnership & Performance)
Derek Barr, Procurement Manager
Murray Sharp, Service Manager, Revenues and Strategy
Owen Munro, Team Leader, Planned Works & Compliance
Elizabeth Hutcheon, Team Leader, Management Accountancy
Allan Finlayson, Team Leader, Planning and Building Standards)
Grant Baxter, Principal Planner
Gordon Smail, Audit Scotland
Lindsay Thomson, Senior Service Manager (Partnership & Performance) (Clerk to the Council)
Gillian White, Committee Services (Partnership and Performance)

The Provost welcomed the new Strategic Director (Place) along to his first meeting of Council.

The Provost advised Council of the recent death of Ian Fraser, Strategic Policy Manager in Economic Development. The Council stood for a minutes silence in remembrance.

CC.239 APOLOGIES

None.

CC.240 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

**CC.241 MINUTES OF MEETING OF CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL
27 JUNE 2019**

The minutes of the meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on 27 June 2019 were submitted for approval. The exempt part of the minute was a separate item on the Agenda.

Decision

The minutes of the meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on 27 June 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Provost.

**CC.242 COMMITTEE MEETINGS CONVENED SINCE THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL
MEETING ON 27 JUNE 2019**

The Council agreed to note the Committee meetings that had taken place since the last ordinary meeting on 18 April 2019.

- (i) Appointments Committees on 16 July 2019, 31 July 2019, 6 August 2019, 8 August 2019, 15 August 2019 and 20 August 2019.
- (ii) Education Appeals Committee on 23 July 2019
- (iii) Local Review Body on 13 August 2019

**CC.243 CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL BEST VALUE ASSURANCE
REPORT – ACTION PLAN**

The report, submitted by the Chief Executive, sought approval of an Action Plan to progress the recommendations contained in the Best Value Assurance Progress Report which was published by Audit Scotland in June 2019 and presented to Council at its meeting of 27 June 2019.

Gordon Smail from Audit Scotland presented the report and responded to questions about the content of the audit report.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Donald Balsillie.

Decision

The Council agreed:

1. To note the Accounts Commission findings and Audit Scotland's recommendations (Appendix A and paragraph 3.3); and
2. The action plan as set out in Appendix C to the report.

Action

Chief Executive

CC.244 ORGANISATIONAL REDESIGN: UPDATE

The report, submitted by the Chief Executive, updated Council on progress with implementing the organisational design it agreed as part of the 2018/19 Budget approved on 8 March 2018. The report aimed to provide information on the key actions to be prioritised within the broader framework of activity planned over the coming 12 – 18 months.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Donald Balsillie.

Decision

The Council agreed:

1. The range of planned activity which represents Phase 2 of the Council's organisational redesign (set out in Exhibit 2 and paragraph 3.8 of the report);
2. To note the timescale of phase 2 activity up to February 2021 and the intention to integrate sustainable service and financial planning in the medium term (set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report);
3. To note the intention to regularly update and refine the phase 2 plan to reflect contextual changes, new opportunities and learning, whilst updating Council on a regular basis (set out in paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 of the report);
4. To note the priority aspects of development work highlighted in paragraph 3.8 of the report; and
5. To note that the next update report for Council will present an updated plan with responsibilities and indicative timescales incorporated, alongside progress to date.

Action

Chief Executive

CC.245 CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL BUSINESS PLANS

The report, submitted by the Chief Executive, presented the Council's three business plans for Partnership and Performance; Place; and People Directorates for the 2019/20 reporting year.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Graham Lindsay. Seconded by Councillor Craig Holden.

Decision

The Council agreed to approve the business plans for 2019/20 and noted that progress on each will be reported through the service committees.

Action

Chief Executive

CC.246 EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITIES

The report, submitted by Strategic Director, Partnership and Performance, sought agreement on a number of further innovations to support and empower our communities, including dynamic pricing arrangements.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Helen Lewis. Seconded by Councillor Les Sharp.

Decision

Having challenged and commented on the report, the Council agreed:

1. That innovations proposed at paragraph 3.6 of the report should be implemented on a trial basis during 2019/20;
2. To note proposals (as set out in paragraph 3.9 of the report) for the disbursement of £30,000 agreed by Council in March 2019 to support community groups that have recently taken on the management of former Council facilities ; and
3. To make consequential arrangements to the Council's Income and Charging Strategy and Register of Charges.

Action

Strategic Director, Partnership and Performance

CC.247 TOWN CENTRE CAPITAL FUND

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director (Place), informed Council of the process proposed to identify Town Centre Capital Projects which may be eligible for all or part of the £683,000 awarded to Clackmannanshire by the Scottish Government as part of its £50 million Town Centre Fund announced on 1 March 2019. The Town Centre Fund is supporting Councils to ensure their town centres are more diverse, sustainable and successful in the face of changing and evolving retail patterns.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendation as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Craig Holden. Seconded by Councillor Donald Balsillie.

Decision

The Council agreed:

1. To utilise the Town Centre Capital fund to deliver the initial projects (1-5, Table 1, paragraph 2.12 of the report) identified through the Town Centre Masterplanning process such that they are at least legally committed within the required timescale (31 March 2020); and
2. To explore other external funding opportunities with key stakeholders for projects emerging through the Masterplanning process to achieve wider town centre information.

Action

Strategic Director, Place

In line with Standing Order 10.24, the Provost adjourned the meeting at this point in the proceedings (12.25pm). When the meeting reconvened at 12.40pm, 18 members remained present.

CC.248 WEIR MULTICON NON TRADITIONAL HOUSE UPGRADE – CAROLINE CRESCENT, ALVA

The report, submitted but the Strategic Director (Place), provided the Council with an update on the upgrade of the 17 Weir Multicon homes located in Caroline Crescent, Alva as approved by Council in August 2018, and provided a further option for consideration following structural assessment. The report detailed the actions taken so far, recent developments and the next steps.

Councillor Darren Lee withdrew from the Chamber during questions (1.00 pm).

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendation as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Craig Holden. Seconded by Councillor Donald Balsillie.

Decision

The Council agreed:

1. To pursue a pilot scheme, involving a revised scheme of works towards the application of an external render system on two properties (subject to Building Control approval); and
2. To consider a further report, on completion of any pilot, prior to approving the upgrade of the remaining 15 properties.

Action

Strategic Director, Place

The Council resolved in terms of Section 50(a) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as detailed in Schedule 7A, Part 1, Paragraph 6.

CC.249 EXEMPT MINUTES OF MEETING OF CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL 27 JUNE 2019

The exempt minutes of the meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on 27 June 2019 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The exempt minutes of the meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on 27 June 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Provost.

The Council resolved in terms of Section 50(a) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as detailed in Schedule 7A, Part 1, Paragraph 1.

CC.249 POST PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director (Place) related to the full project evaluation of the Tron Court Improvement Project which was agreed at Council on 21 February 2019. The report and appendix were provided to members at the meeting.

Councillor Holden asked that the meeting was adjourned in accordance with Standing Order 10.23 to allow all political groups and individual members sufficient time to properly scrutinise the report. Councillor Holden requested that the adjournment last for no longer than one hour and as that exceeded the time period allowed under Standing Order 10.23, that Council agree to suspend Standing Orders to allow the Council to do this.

The Clerk advised that while the Provost had discretion under Standing Order 10.23 to allow an adjournment, under Standing Order 20.2, the suspension of Standing Orders to allow an adjournment of one hour would have to be agreed by a majority of at least two thirds of the votes of councillors present and eligible to vote at the meeting (11 members).

Procedural Motion 1

To adjourn the meeting for one hour to allow all political groups and individual members sufficient time to properly scrutinise the report.

Moved by Councillor Craig Holden. Seconded by Councillor Donald Balsillie.

Decision on Procedural Motion 1

The Council agreed to adjourn for a period of one hour to allow all political groups and individual members sufficient time to properly scrutinise the report.

The meeting adjourned at 1.25 pm. When the meeting reconvened at 2.30 pm, 13 members remained present. Councillors Matchett, Stewart, Watson and Martin withdrew during the adjournment.

Procedural Motion 2

That Council agrees to continue this item of business to the next meeting of Clackmannanshire Council. The Council further agrees that all elected members will be provided with a copy of the full report (non-redacted) to facilitate discussions with the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer in such an environment which protects the integrity of the report.

Moved by Councillor Craig Holden. Seconded by Councillor Dave Clark.

Decision on Procedural Motion 2

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Action

Strategic Director (Place)

Ends: 2.45 pm