



MINUTE OF MEETING of the EDUCATION, SPORT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE held within the Council Chamber, Greenfield, Alloa, FK10 2AD, on THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2013 at 10.00 am.

PRESENT

Councillor Ellen Forson, Convenor (In the Chair)
Councillor Gary Womersley (S)*
Councillor George Matchett
Councillor Les Sharp
Councillor Jim Stalker
Councillor Bobby McGill
Councillor Alastair Campbell
Councillor Irene Hamilton

Pastor David Fraser, Scottish Baptist Church (Appointed Member)
Father Michael Freyne, Roman Catholic Church (Appointed Member)
Rev Sang Y Cha, Church of Scotland (Appointed Member)

IN ATTENDANCE

Belinda Greer, Head of Education
Michael Boyle, Education Business Support Manager
Kevin Kellman, Assistant Head of Education
Janice McCrum, Solicitor, Legal Services (Clerk to the Committee)
Alan Milliken, Assistant Head of Education
Julie Hamilton, Development Services Manager
Marjorie MacFarlane, Sports Development Manager
Sharon Johnston, Service Manager
Steve Swindall, Sports Development Officer (Item 10)

ESL(13)31 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Walter McAdam, MBE. *Councillor Gary Womersley attended as substitute for Councillor McAdam, MBE.

Councillor Womersley was present today as a substitute for Councillor Walter McAdam, MBE and was not present in his capacity as a non-voting ex-officio member. As a substitute member, Councillor Womersley was eligible to vote.

ESL(13)32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

ESL(13)33 MINUTES OF MEETING: THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2013

The minutes of the meeting of the Education, Sport and Leisure Committee held on Thursday 5 February 2013 were submitted for approval.

Councillor Gary Womersley advised that he attended as a substitute for Councillor Walter McAdam, MBE and not in his capacity as ex-officio member.

Decision

Subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5 February 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Convenor.

ESL(13)34 EDUCATION - FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

A report which provided the Committee with information on the Education Service budget for 2012/13 based on actual spend to 28 February 2013 and projected spend to 31 March 2013 was submitted by the Head of Education.

Motion

That Committee notes, comments on and challenges the current financial position.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Irene Hamilton.

During debate Councillor Jim Stalker declared an interest as a Supply Teacher with Stirling Council.

Decision

The Committee agreed unanimously to note the report while commenting on and challenging the current financial position.

ESL(13)35 PROPOSED CLACKMANNANSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A report which provided the Committee with an update of the Proposed Clackmannanshire Local Development Plan was submitted by the Head of Community and Regulatory Services. The report describes the process undertaken to date and steps required before the publication of the Proposed Local Development Plan and the process thereafter to allow representations from the public and other interested parties.

The main areas of relevance to the Education Sport and Leisure Committee were summarised in paragraphs 3.13 - 3.31 of the report.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Irene Hamilton.

Decision

The Committee agreed unanimously to :

- (a) Note the progress made on the Proposed Local Development Plan and accompanying documents,

- (b) Raise such comments or views on the Proposed Local Development Plan and accompanying documents in so far as they relate to the remit of the Education, Sport and Leisure policy and proposals for consideration prior to finalisation for presentation to Council.

Action

Head of Community and Regulatory Services

ESL(13)36 SCOTTISH QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY - 2012 POST-APPEAL RESULTS

A report which provided the Committee with data for the 2012 post-appeal SQA examination results for Clackmannanshire schools and to highlight the changes from previously reported pre-appeal figures was submitted by the Head of Education.

Motion

That the Committee notes the post appeal performance of Clackmannanshire schools in the Scottish Qualifications Authority examinations, 2011/12, within the context of pre-appeal results.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Irene Hamilton.

Decision

The Committee agreed unanimously to note the post appeal performance of Clackmannanshire schools in the Scottish Qualifications Authority examinations, 2011/12, within the context of pre-appeal results.

ESL(13)37 WORKING TOWARDS A STRATEGY TO RAISE ATTAINMENT IN CLACKMANNANSHIRE

A report which provided the Committee with an update on the progress made in developing a strategy to raise attainment in Clackmannanshire was submitted by the Head of Education.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Irene Hamilton.

Decision

The Committee agreed unanimously to :

1. Note the progress made by the Education Service and the learning communities towards developing a strategy to raise attainment in Clackmannanshire Council.
2. Endorse the approach taken and the outline framework (Appendix 1).
3. Note that the strategy will be presented at a future Education Committee outlining actions and measures.

ESL(13)38 ORGANISATION OF LEARNING

A report which provided information for Committee about the Education Service's Policy on the Organisation of Learning was submitted by the Head of Education.

In addition to providing details of the Service policy, this document sets out national advice and the local context for the organisation of learning, and summarises the results of the recent, related consultation exercise involving all primary school head teachers.

Motion

That Committee endorse the policy document at Appendix One :'Organisation of Learning with the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Education Service'.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Irene Hamilton.

Decision

The Committee agreed unanimously to endorse the policy document at Appendix One: 'Organisation of Learning within the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Education Service'.

Councillor Matchett asked for a breakdown of all responses from Headteachers to ascertain the percentage of responses from Headteachers in Clackmannanshire.

Action

Head of Education

ESL(13)39 PRIMARY AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD) PROVISION

A report which provided the Committee with information on current educational provision for children and young people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in Clackmannanshire, and to seek endorsement to further enhance the current provision including the establishment of an ASD specialist provision within a primary school was submitted by the Head of Education.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Irene Hamilton.

Decision

The Committee agreed unanimously to :

- (a) Note the information on current educational provision for children and young people with ASD in Clackmannanshire.
- (b) Endorse the enhancement and strengthening of the current provision, including the set up of an authority-wide specialist ASD provision within Alva Primary School.
- (c) Endorse the prioritisation of the required adaptations to Alva Primary School within the agreed Capital Budget.

ESL(13)40 THE PATHWAYS FOR SPORTS IN CLACKMANNANSHIRE

A report which provided the Committee with information about the sporting pathways from grassroots to participation at local club, regional and national level and how this is supported and enhanced by various partnerships was submitted by the Head of Education. The Committee heard a presentation by the Sports Development Manager and had the opportunity to ask questions of the officer.

Motion

That the Committee note and comment on the current provision for key sports, the integrated approach for Physical Education, Sport and Physical Activity and the benefit for pupils, school staff, communities and residents from being part of local and regional sports partnerships.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Bobby McGill

Decision

The Committee agreed unanimously to note and comment on the current provision for key sports, the integrated approach for Physical Education, Sport and Physical Activity and the benefit for pupils, school staff, communities and residents from being part of local and regional sports partnerships.

ENDS 11.53 am

