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Comhairle Siorrachd
Chlach Mhanann

Kilncraigs, Greenside Street, Alloa, FK10 1EB (Tel.01259-450000)

Special Meeting of the People Committee

Tuesday 19 February 2019 at 1.00 pm

**Venue: Council Chamber, Kilncraigs,
Greenside Street, Alloa, FK10 1EB**

Date	Time
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People Committee

The remit of the People Committee is:

- (1) To determine policies for the promotion of care and protection, education and learning, community support and health and well-being
- (2) To set standards for service delivery in the abovementioned areas
- (3) To secure best value in the provision of these services
- (4) To monitor performance in the delivery of services including consideration of:
 - quarterly service performance reports
 - inspection or other similar reports
 - financial performance
- (5) To keep under review the impact of the Committee's policies on Clackmannanshire

Note - As the People Committee will be advising the Council on education matters and discharging functions of the Council in relation to education matters, the committee must also include among its membership:

- one member nominated by the Church of Scotland
- one member nominated by the Catholic Church
- one member nominated by a further denominational body or church (taking account of the comparative strength of all the churches and denominational bodies having duly constituted charges or other regularly appointed places of worship)

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A SPECIAL MEETING of the PEOPLE COMMITTEE will be held within the Council Chamber, Kilncraigs, Greenside Street, Alloa, FK10 1EB, on TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2019 at 1.00 PM.



NIKKI BRIDLE
Chief Executive

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People Committee – Committee Members (Membership 8 - Quorum 4)

Councillors

Wards

Councillor	Graham Lindsay (Convenor)	5	Clackmannanshire East	SNP
Councillor	Les Sharp (Vice Convenor)	1	Clackmannanshire West	SNP
Councillor	George Matchett, QPM	1	Clackmannanshire West	LAB
Councillor	Darren Lee	1	Clackmannanshire West	CONS
Councillor	Donald Balsillie	2	Clackmannanshire North	SNP
Councillor	Helen Lewis	2	Clackmannanshire North	SNP
Councillor	Martha Benny	2	Clackmannanshire North	CONS
Councillor	Kathleen Martin	5	Clackmannanshire East	LAB

Appointed Members (3)

Rev Sang Y Cha	Church of Scotland
Father Michael Freyne	Roman Catholic Church
Pastor David Fraser	Scottish Baptist Church

The Council's Religious Representatives (Appointed Members) only have voting rights on matters relating to the discharge of the authority's function as education authority.



ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS:

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PEOPLE COMMITTEE TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 1.00 PM

The format of the Special Meeting of the People Committee is as follows :

1. The Convenor will ask if there any apologies from Committee Members.
2. The Convenor will check if any Committee Member wishes to declare an interest in any of the items being discussed.
3. The Convenor will outline the procedure that will be followed.
4. The Monitoring Officer will present her report to the Committee.
5. At this point in the proceedings, as there are multiple petitions, each petition will be taken in turn in the order they were received:
 - Alloa Leisure Bowl
 - Fishcross Primary School
 - Coalsnaughton Primary School
6. The petitioners will each have 5 minutes (approximately) to present their petition. The timing is at the discretion of the Convenor.
7. The Committee will listen to the views of the petitioners and ask questions to help decide on the most appropriate course of action.
8. The Convenor will bring the meeting to a close by advising all petitioners that the Committee's decision will be notified in writing to the Principal Petitioner from each group within 7 working days. All petitioners will then be asked to withdraw from the meeting.
9. The Committee will debate and decide on the most appropriate course of action. Council officers will be present and the Committee can ask officers questions to inform their decision making.
10. The Committee will report on every petition, in respect of which it has heard representations, to Council with its recommendation on how the petition should be disposed of, which could include:
 - Agreeing that the issue raised does not merit further action at this stage
 - Instructing an officer to complete an investigation and submit a report with recommendations on the disposal of the petition to a future Council meeting.

Report to Special Meeting of the People Committee

Date of Meeting: 19 February 2019

Subject: Public Petitions

**Report by: Senior Service Manager, Partnership and Performance
(Monitoring Officer)**

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. The report summarises the three petitions which have been received following the budget consultation process in respect of matters which fall within the remit of the People Committee. The full petitions do not accompany this report but the original petition will be available for inspection by the Committee.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Committee hear from the petitioners, seeking information from them as appropriate, and then prepare a report to Council on how each of the petitions are disposed of.

3.0 Considerations

3.1. Alloa Leisure Bowl

This petition is in paper form and has been verified with 1462 signatures of people living in the Clackmannanshire Council area. A number of signatures have been discounted as they are of people living outwith the Council area. It is understood that there is also a change.org petition (which has not been verified by at the time of writing) but contains 4715 signatures.

The name of the principal petitioner is David Clarkson. He meets the principal petitioner criteria. Mr Clarkson has been invited to attend the Committee.

The title of the petition is "Stop Clackmannanshire Council from closing the Leisure Bowl". The information contained in the petition statement is as follows:

"A notice of closure to Alloa Leisure Bowl has been proposed by Clackmannanshire Council.

The Leisure Bowl serves a wide community of all ages and ability. The leisure facility is vital to their physical and mental wellbeing and puts less strain on an already overstretched NHS.

The facility offers a full pool and exercise programme; in addition it offers bowling all year round and a full catering operation.

If the Leisure Bowl was allowed to close it would be a disaster for the community.

Did you know?

Drowning is the third highest cause of accidental death of children in the UK.

Shockingly more people drowned in the UK in the last year than in fire-related or drink-driving incident.

Please help us keep our leisure facility open.”

3.2 Fishcross Primary School

This petition is in paper form and has been verified with 979 signatures of people living in the Clackmannanshire Council area. A number of signatures have been discounted as they are of people living outwith the Council area. There is also a change.org petition which has been verified with 596 signatures of people living in the Clackmannanshire area. This is a total of 1575 signatories.

The name of the principal petitioner is Kari Smith. She meets the principal petitioner criteria. Ms Smith has been invited to attend the Committee.

The title of the petition is “Stop the Closure of Fishcross Primary School”. The information contained in the petition statement is as follows:

“Fishcross Parent Council would like Clackmannanshire Council to reconsider the proposal of closing Fishcross Primary School.”

3.3 Coalsnaughton Primary School

This petition is in paper form and has been verified with 1392 signatures of people living in the Clackmannanshire Council area. A number of signatures have been discounted as they are of people living outwith the Council area. There is also a change.org petition which has been verified with 702 signatures of people living in the Clackmannanshire area. This is a total of 2094 signatories.

The name of the principal petitioner is Cheryl Hughes. She meets the principal petitioner criteria. Ms Hughes has been invited to attend the Committee.

The title of the petition is “Save Coalsnaughton Primary School”. The information contained in the petition statement is as follows:

“Coalsnaughton Primary School has been at the heart of our community for generations. Clackmannanshire Council has put forward a proposal in their budget consultation to close our lovely school. We are calling on all elected

councillors at Clackmannanshire Council to reject any proposal that includes closing our school. Our children’s education should be their absolute priority and that means keeping education local and accessible. Failure to do so will be letting down the children of this community, the staff and the parents and carers. We cannot let that happen and we hope you will add your voice to our campaign to keep our school open.”

4.0 Sustainability Implications

4.1. This report has no direct sustainability implications. The report from the Committee, once the petitions have been heard, may make reference to financial or sustainability considerations.

5.0 Resource Implications

5.1. Financial Details

5.2. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes

5.3. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes

5.4. Staffing

6.0 Exempt Reports

6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box)

- Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all
- Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life
- Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential
- Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

8.0 Equalities Impact

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?

Yes No

Equality impact assessments have been carried out for all budget proposals.

9.0 Legality

9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

10.0 Appendices

10.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

None

11.0 Background Papers

11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes (please list the documents below) No

Petitions:

Alloa Leisure Bowl

Principal Petitioner: David Clarkson

Fishcross Primary School

Principal Petitioner: Kari Smith, Fishcross Primary School Parent Council

Coalsnaughton Primary School

Principal Petitioner: Cheryl Hughes, Coalsnaughton Primary School Parent Council

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