



MINUTES OF MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Kilncraigs, Alloa, on Thursday 21 March 2024 at 9.30 am.

PRESENT

Councillor Phil Fairlie, Convener (Chair)
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor Martha Benny
Councillor Denis Coyne
Councillor Kenneth Earle (via Teams)
Councillor Ellen Forson
Councillor Wendy Hamilton
Councillor Scott Harrison
Councillor Craig Holden
Councillor William Keogh
Councillor Fiona Law (via Teams)
Councillor Graham Lindsay
Councillor Kathleen Martin (via Teams)
Councillor Mark McLuckie
Councillor Jane McTaggart
Councillor Bryan Quinn

Mr George Marcinkiewicz, Religious Representative, Roman Catholic Church (Items 6 to 9)

IN ATTENDANCE

Stuart Crickmar, Strategic Director (Partnership and Performance)
Lorraine Sanda, Strategic Director (People)
Pete Leonard, Strategic Director (Place)
Colin Bruce, Chief Education Officer (People)
Sharon Robertson, Chief Social Work Officer (People) (Via Teams)
Chris Alliston, Senior Manager, HR and Workforce Development (Partnership & Performance)
Cherie Jarvie, Senior Manager, Partnership & Transformation (Partnership & Performance) (via Teams)
Lee Robertson, Senior Manager, Legal and Governance (Partnership & Performance) (Clerk to the Council)
Carla MacFarlane – Communications Officer (Partnership & Performance)
Michael Boyle, Improving Outcomes Business Manager (People)
Robbie Stewart, Senior Manager, Sport and Leisure (People)
Veronica Cully, Senior Manager, Partnership and Inclusion (People)
Emma Fyvie, Senior Manager – Development (Place) (via Teams)
Wendy Robertson, Senior Manager Transformation (Via Teams)
Lesley Robertson, Business Support, Wellbeing Hub (People) (via Teams)
Ross McGuire, Team Leader, Sports, Leisure and Libraries (People) (via Teams)
Evelyn Paterson, Senior Governance Officer (Partnership & Performance) (via Teams)
Jane Burrridge, Transformation Officer (Transformation) (via Teams)
Alison Mackie, Team Leader, Sports, Leisure and Libraries (People)
Forbes Maginnes, Head Teacher, Primary and Secondary (People)
Mhairi Miller, Solicitor (Partnership & Performance)
Gillian White, Committee Services (Partnership & Performance)
Melanie Moore, Committee Services (Partnership & Performance)

CC(24)014 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Janine Rennie, Councillor Darren Lee and Reverend Sang y Cha, Religious Representative, Church of Scotland.

CC(24)015 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

CC(24)016 MINUTES OF CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL – 1 FEBRUARY 2024

The minutes of the meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on 1 February 2024 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the meeting of Clackmannanshire Council held on 1 February 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

**CC(24)017 MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL –
29 FEBRUARY 2024**

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on 29 February 2024 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the Special Meeting of Clackmannanshire Council held on 29 February 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

CC(24)018 BE THE FUTURE UPDATE, MARCH 2024

The report, submitted by the Chief Executive, provided the latest update in respect of the Council's Be the Future Target Operating Model (BtF TOM) and associated Transformation Programme. The report provided updates in respect of the BtF priority – Collaborative Community Models, as agreed in the statement of priorities by Council on 5 October and more recently on the 29 February Budget for 2024/25. It also provided additional information on how aspects of this work will be developed.

Lorraine Sanda, Strategic Director (People) advised that there was an error in the report at paragraph 2.1.2 where reference is made to (para 3.12) it should be (para 3.13).

Motion

To agree the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Graham Lindsay.

Decision

The Council approved:

1. The plans to progress a new investment model to support our commitment to Keep the Promise to our care experienced children and young people, and to start the development of a new children's provision for Clackmannanshire, noting this is part of our ongoing Family Wellbeing Partnership Approach (para 3.6); and
2. The next steps (para 3.13) to further develop the governance model and processes to allow the funding to flow to the community, noting that Council will be provided with further updates in due course.

Action

Chief Executive

CC(24)019 POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES REVIEW – NEXT STAGE

The report, submitted by the Chief Executive, presented the proposals for the next stage in the Polling Districts and Polling Places Review.

Motion

To agree the recommendations set out in the report.

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

Decision

The Council agreed:

1. To approve delegation of authority to the Chief Executive (following consultation with all Councillors in the affected Ward) to approve any changes to the scheme which become necessary before the next formal review. The next formal review will take place during the period October 2028 and January 2030.
2. To note progress with the consultation process to date and that a further report will be presented for approval following completion of phase 2 of the consultation (paragraph 3.4)

Action

Chief Executive

CC(24)020 ST MUNGO'S RC PRIMARY – LEARNING ESTATES

The report, submitted by the Chief Education Officer, sought approval of Council to progress with a consultation to permanently relocate St Mungo's Primary to Alloa Academy.

Motion

To agree the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Graham Lindsay. Seconded by Councillor Wendy Hamilton.

Amendment

To add a further recommendation:

"2.2 It is further recommended that consultees' views are sought on a range of options set out in paragraph 3.8.1 in the report which have not been recommended."

Moved by Councillor Craig Holden.

The Convener agreed to adjourn the meeting at 11.04 am to allow the opportunity for legal advice to be sought on the potential amendment from Councillor Holden.

When the meeting resumed at 11.43 am, 16 elected members and 1 religious representative remained present.

~~The Convener advised that as the legislation refers to a single proposal, the Amendment submitted by Councillor Holden is not competent and as such would not be considered. This paragraph was amended at Council 16/05/2024 as set out below:~~

The Convener advised that the legislation required the council to consult on a single proposal and as the amendment would take the council outwith that requirement, the amendment was deemed not competent.

In terms of Standing Order 14.7, Councillor Holden asked for a roll call vote. The Council agreed that a vote be taken by calling the roll and at this stage there were 17 members present (including one religious representative) who were eligible to vote. On the roll being called, the members present voted as follows:

Voting

For the Motion (15)

Councillor Phil Fairlie
Councillor Graham Lindsay
Councillor Mark McLuckie
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor Martha Benny
Councillor William Keogh
Councillor Fiona Law
Councillor Wendy Hamilton
Councillor Jane McTaggart
Councillor Kenneth Earle
Councillor Ellen Forson
Councillor Bryan Quinn
Councillor Scott Harrison
Councillor Denis Coyne
Councillor Kathleen Martin

Against the Motion (2)

Councillor Craig Holden
Mr George Marcinkiewicz

On a division of 15 votes to 2 with 0 abstentions, the Motion was carried.

Decision

The Council agreed that a consultation, under the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, be undertaken to permanently relocate St Mungo's Primary to its current accommodation within Alloa Campus (previously Alloa Academy sole use) and that a report on the outcome of the consultation be brought back to Council in Jan/Feb 2025.

Action

Chief Education Officer

CC(24)021 SPORT AND ACTIVE LIVING FRAMEWORK REFRESH

The report, submitted by the Senior Manager, Sport and Leisure, shared a refreshed version of the Clackmannanshire Alliance Sport and Active Living Framework 2018/28 and sought approval of the refreshed principles and priorities in order to develop and take forward implementation plans.

Motion

To agree the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Scott Harrison. Seconded by Councillor Graham Lindsay.

Decision

The Council agreed to approve the Sport and Active Living Framework 2024/28 Refresh as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

Action

Senior Manager, Sport and Leisure

CC(24)022 EDUCATION ACCESSIBILITY STRATEGY 2024-2027

The report, submitted by the Quality Improvement Officer: Additional Support for Learning (ASL), presented the Clackmannanshire Education Service Accessibility Strategy, which sets out how the service plans to improve access for all children and young people with disabilities.

Motion

To agree the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Graham Lindsay. Seconded by Councillor Jane McTaggart.

Decision

Having provided comment on and challenged the report, the Council agreed to approve the Education Accessibility Strategy.

Action

Quality Improvement Officer: Additional Support for Learning

Councillors Holden, Earle and Martin, withdrew from the meeting at this point in the proceedings (12:30 pm)

CC(24)023 WELLBEING HUB & LOCHIES SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE

The report, submitted by the Senior Manager, Sport and Leisure, provided Council with an update on the progress of the Wellbeing Hub & Lochies School project.

Motion

To agree the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Scott Harrison. Seconded by Councillor Graham Lindsay.

Decision

The Council noted the:

1. Key programme updates (set out in paragraphs 3.1-3.3);
2. Planning pre-application consultation programme. (set out in paragraphs 3.4-3.9);
3. Co-design update (set out in paragraphs 3.10-3.13);
4. Outdoor space design competition run in conjunction with the Futures Institute of Dollar Academy (FIDA) (set out in paragraphs 3.14-3.22)

CC(24)024 ALLOA INNOVATION CAMPUS

On 23 March 2023, Council considered a progress report on the joint work that has been taking place with the University of Stirling and others on two projects within the Innovation workstream of the Stirling and Clackmannanshire City Region Deal, and the Intergenerational Living Innovation Hub (ILIH).

Council endorsed a proposal for the creation of an Alloa Innovation Hub, encompassing SIEC Phase 2 and ILIH 1.3.

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director (Place), discussed a number of issues that are impacting on the overall Deal, and set out details of a revised proposal that mitigates these risks and optimises the investment earmarked for Clackmannanshire based projects to leverage economic and social benefit.

Motion

To agree the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Graham Lindsay.

Decision

The Council agreed to:

1. Note the impact that the current economic environment is having on the delivery of the Deal programme (paragraphs 3.1 to 3.4);
2. Note the proposal to mitigate these risks by consolidating the Clackmannanshire based projects into a single programme - the Alloa Innovation Campus (paragraphs 3.18 to 3.26);
3. Endorse the direction of travel and notes that officers will undertake further work to advance the proposal through Deal governance, including the formal Change Control process (paragraphs 3.34);
4. Note that further Council governance will be sought at various stages of the proposals further development (paragraph 3.35);
5. Note the risk presented by the indicative funding gap, together with the requirement to mitigate this risk via the preparation of a Funding Strategy (paragraphs 3.27 to 3.33), and;
6. Note the timetable of activity set out in paragraph 3.36, together with the intention to bring a further report to the Council meeting of 16 May 2024.

Action

Strategic Director (Place)

CC(24)025 HR POLICIES

The report, submitted by the Senior Manager, HR and Workforce Development, sought Council approval of the amendment to the Flexible Working and Work/ Life Balance policy.

Motion

To agree the recommendation set out in the report.

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

Decision

Having challenged and comment on the report, the Council agreed to:

1. Note that the Policy group met on the 27 February 2024 and discussions took place with both Trade Unions and Management colleagues at this meeting in relation to the legislative amendments to the Policy and Procedure;
2. Note that Tripartite were advised at its meeting of 13 March 2024 that the amended policy would be progressed to Council for formal approval; and
3. Approve the Flexible Working and Work/ Life Balance Policy and Procedure which was attached, with track changes, at Appendix 1.

Action

Senior Manager, HR and Workforce Development

Ends: 1:06 pm

