

THIS PAPER RELATES TO ITEM 3 ON THE AGENDA

MINUTES OF MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILNCRAIGS, ALLOA, on THURSDAY 1 MAY 2025 at 9.30 AM.

PRESENT

Councillor Denis Coyne (Convener)
Councillor William Keogh (Vice Convener)
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor Kenneth Earle (Via Teams)
Councillor Phil Fairlie (Via Teams)
Councillor Fiona Law
Councillor Jane McTaggart
Councillor Bryan Quinn

IN ATTENDANCE

Kevin Wells, Strategic Director, Place Lesley Baillie, Strategic and Performance Adviser Lee Robertson, Senior Manager, Legal and Governance (Clerk to the Committee) Rona Burns, Solicitor, Legal and Governance (Depute Clerk to the Committee) Melanie Moore, Committee Services, Legal and Governance (Minute) Delia Couper, Business Support Administrator

PLA(25)11 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Mark McLuckie and Councillor Martha Benny.

PLA(25)12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

PLA(25)13 CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 MARCH 2025

The minutes of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 13 January 2025 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 13 January 2025 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Prior to consideration of the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) Request, the Chair advised that there was a minor legal point to sort out regarding the application. The application was submitted in the name of the Alloa Community Shed and at the moment, legally, no such organisation exists. The company reference number on the application is that of Forth Valley Mens' Shed and according to OSCR(Scottish Charity Regulator), it is currently the title of the applicants. The Chair advised that the reference number with OSCR matches perfectly with that on Companies House. The Chair suggested that an amendment to the application paperwork should be made to substitute Forth Valley Men Shed for the Alloa. Community Shed. He advised that this would make no difference to the application as it's the same organisation.

The Clerk clarified that because the application is for a company that doesn't exist and the applicants are currently going through the legal process to change their name to the Alloa Community Shed which has not yet been finalised. She advised that as it's just a change of name which is currently going through the process, from a legal perspective in terms of the application, it should be kept as the Forth Valley Mens' Shed.

Prior to moving on to consider the CAT request, Councillor Balsillie advised Committee that he wanted to make a change to the previous minute on 13 March 2025 in terms of his agreed amendment relating to Carsebridge House. He requested that in paragraph IV of his amendment that a change is made to the wording "the proposed Community Campus" to read "for the proposed Carsebridge Cultural Campus". The Committee agreed to update the minute to reflect the change in wording.

PLA(25)14 COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER (CAT) REQUEST

The report, submitted by Strategic Director, Place, sought a decision in accordance with Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 ("the Act") on the Community Asset Transfer Request ("CAT Request") made by Alloa Community Shed ("ACS") for the purchase of Marshill House, Alloa (the "Property")

Motion

That Committee agrees the recommendations in the report.

Moved by Councillor Denis Coyne. Seconded by Councillor Jane McTaggart.

Decision

The Planning Committee agreed to:

- Give consideration to the requirements in the Act at sections 82 (3) and (4) ad the statutory guidance published in terms of section 96 of the Act;
- 2. determine the CAT Request for Marshill House made by ACS, as outlined in the appendix, by approving the application on the basis that following review and consideration, that there are no reasonable grounds for refusal, and
- 3. delegate authority to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, to issue a decision notice in terms of the Act.

Action

Clerk/Chair of the Planning Committee

Ends: 10.16