

THE MORAY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD

THURSDAY 12 MAY 2011

ELGIN

PRESENT

Councillor G McIntyre (Chairman)	Moray Council
Councillor J Divers	Moray Council
Councillor G McDonald	Moray Council
Councillor E McGillivray	Moray Council
Councillor P Paul	Moray Council
Councillor A Wright	Moray Council
Calum MacPherson	HIE Moray
Mike Devenney	Moray College
Hugh Mackie (substituting for M Cooper)	Grampian Police
Eileen Bush	VSP
Charles Muir	NHS Grampian

APOLOGIES

Councillor Hamilton, the Chief Executive, Moray Council and Mark Cooper, Grampian Police.

ALSO PRESENT BY INVITATION

Councillors L Bell, G Coull, L Creswell, B Jarvis, G Leadbitter, F Murdoch, D Ross, J Russell, M Shand & J Sharp, J Royan, Chairman of the Moray Economic Partnership Board, Claire Ross, HIE Moray, Lesley Parker, Chief Executive Moray Chamber of Commerce, Mike Duncan, Federation of Small Businesses and A Major, Vice Chair of the Moray College Board.

An apology was intimated on behalf of Councillor A McDonald.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Corporate Director (Corporate Services), the Corporate Director (Strategic Planning & Governance), the Head of Development Services, the Head of Direct Services, the Transportation Manager, the Corporate Policy Unit Manager, the Planning & Economic Development Manager, D Duncan, Principal Planning Officer (Development Planning), N Carlton, Estates Surveyor and the Senior Committee Services Officer, all of Moray Council.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Paul McTernan of SLR Consulting, Nick Skelton of Roger Tym and Partners, Hugh Rutherford of Montagu Evans, David Siddle of Colin Buchanan, Alastair Gordon of Bennetts Associates and Martin Scott of MACE Ltd representing the Board's two Consultancy Teams.

1. A NEW ECONOMIC STRAETEGY FOR MORAY AND ELGIN – CITY REGION FOR THE FUTURE DRAFT FINAL REPORTS

Under reference to Paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Board dated 31 March 2011 there was submitted a report by the Head of Development Services providing background information relating to presentations to be given by the consultancy teams commissioned by the Community Planning Partnership on the drafts of the Final Reports on the 'Moray Economic Strategy' and 'Elgin – City Region for the Future' projects. There was appended to the report as Appendix 1 a copy of the report submitted the Wealthier & Fairer Strategic Group on 3 March 2011 and a copy of the report submitted to the Board on 31 March 2011.

The meeting noted that subsequent to the meeting of the Board on 31 March 2011 a series of seminars led by the consultancy teams were undertaken in Elgin, Buckie, Forres, Keith, Lossiemouth and Speyside (Craigellachie) during the 5th-7th April 2011 and that copies of both draft reports had been forwarded, electronically, to those invited to attend the meeting in advance of the meeting.

On the invitation of the Chairman Nick Skelton of Roger Tym and Partners and Paul McTernan of SLR Consulting gave a presentation on the draft documents and thereafter, along with officers of the Council, responded to questions.

During discussion it was noted that it was proposed to circulate revised drafts of the documents, taking account of responses agreed at this meeting, on by 7th June 2011 in order for partnership bodies to consider and make comment on the revised drafts by 15th June 2011. Comments received would be collated and included, for consideration, in a Final Report to be submitted to a special meeting of the Board on 30 June 2011. It was also noted that revised drafts of the reports would be submitted, for the Council's interest, to a special meeting of the Council's Economic Development & Infrastructure Services Committee on 14 June 2011 to which all members of the Council would be invited to attend.

Following consideration the Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the presentations on the Draft final reports on both the 'Moray Economic Strategy' and 'Elgin – City Region of the Future' projects;

- (ii) that detailed comments on issues raised at the meeting be conveyed to David Duncan, Principal Planning Officer (Development Planning) Moray Council so that they can be considered, along with general comments noted at the meeting, for inclusion in the revised draft reports to be circulated to partnership bodies for comment prior to the submission of the Final Reports to the Board on 30th June 2011; and
- (iii) that consideration be given to combining the reports into one overarching document, taking into account the concerns expressed at the meeting and a report thereon to be submitted to the Board