

THE MORAY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD

THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2011

ELGIN

PRESENT

Councillor A Wright (Chairman)	Moray Council
Councillor J Divers	Moray Council
Councillor J Hamilton	Moray Council
Councillor G McDonald	Moray Council
Councillor E McGillivray	Moray Council
Councillor P Paul	Moray Council
Councillor J Russell (Substituting for Councillor G. McIntyre)	Moray Council
Calum MacPherson	HIE Moray
Anne Lindsay (Substituting for Mike Devenney)	Moray College
Mark Cooper	Grampian Police
Alistair Kennedy (Substituting for Eileen Bush)	VAM
Charles Muir	NHS Grampian

APOLOGIES

Apologies for Absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor G McIntyre, Mike Devenney (Moray College) and Eileen Bush (VAM).

ALSO PRESENT BY INVITATION

Councillors S. Cree, L Creswell, G Coull, G Leadbitter, J MacKay, A McKay, F Murdoch, J Sharp and D Stewart, N Skelton (Rodger Tym and Partners), P McTernan (SLR Consulting), J Royan (Moray Economic Partnership Board), D Herron (Findhorn Foundation), M Duncan and P Hamilton (Federation of Small Businesses), H Rutherford (Montagu Evans), M Scott (MACE), D Siddle (Colin Buchanan Transportation), Dr J Hutt (Board of Management of Moray College) and S Chalmers (Skills Development Scotland).

IN ATTENDANCE

The Acting Chief Executive, the Head of Development Services, the Planning & Economic Development Manager, the Libraries and Museums Manager, D Duncan, Principal Planning Officer (Development Planning), R Milburn, Planning Officer (Economic Development), P Harty, Planning Officer

(Development Planning), the PPR & Communications Officer, the Project Development Officer and Darren Westmacott, Committee Services Officer, all of Moray Council.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Alistair Merril, Shane Rankin and Lynn Peterson, all of Scottish Government.

1. THE MORAY ECONOMIC STRATEGY AND ELGIN – CITY REGION FOR THE FUTURE - FINAL REPORTS

Under reference to Paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of the Board dated 12 May 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 Final Reports on the 'Moray Economic Strategy' and 'Elgin – City Region for the Future' projects.

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.

During discussions, it was agreed that J Royan (Moray Economic Partnership Board) would liaise with Moray Council Officers in arranging a meeting with Moray Tourism Development Ltd. following a decision made at the Wealthier and Fairer Group on 23 June 2011. The object of the meeting would be to gain a better understanding of what stage the MTD Ltd. were at in terms of their policy implication.

During further discussions on the subject of consultations, D. Duncan Principal Planning Officer (Development Planning) advised that the final draft reports would be published on the Community Planning Partnership website accompanied by a press release. It was noted that consultation workshops will be organised for late August/early September in Buckie, Keith, Forres, Lossiemouth, Craigellachie and a workshop in Elgin for each document to which a wide range of community groups and local interest groups will be invited to attend. It was also noted that funding for these events was still to be finalised and agreed. Following a motion by the Chair, it was agreed that the Community Engagement Group would be approached to aid with the organisation and running of workshops.

Following consideration, the Board agreed:-

- (i) that in accordance with the recommendation of the special meeting of the Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee of the Moray Council held on 14 June 2011, the project title for 'Elgin – City Region for The Future' should revert to 'Elgin – City for the Future'.

- (ii) to endorse the Final Draft Reports on both 'The Moray Economic Strategy' and 'Elgin – City for the Future' projects subject to the removal of workshop feedback which would be provided as a supplement and consideration by a wider community engagement.
- (iii) the proposals for wider community engagement as undernoted:-
 - (a) final draft reports would be published on the Community Planning Partnership website accompanied by a press release;
 - (b) consultation workshops will be organised for late August/early September in Buckie, Keith, Forres, Lossiemouth, Craigellachie and a workshop in Elgin for each document to which a wide range of community groups and local interest groups will be invited to attend;
 - (c) funding for these events was still to be finalised and meetings will be held with partners; and
 - (d) the Community Engagement Group would be approached to aid with the organisation and running of workshops.
- (iv) to note that the responses from this community engagement will be subject of a further report to a special meeting of the Community Planning Board, subsequent to the community engagement agreed in recommendation (iii) above;
- (v) to authorise Officers to finalise presentational elements of the Final Draft Reports prior to their publication; and
- (vi) that the Steering Group look into the possibility of establishing a Single Purpose Vehicle as a way of keeping all related projects together.