

**THE MORAY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE FLOOD ALLEVIATION SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST 2007**  
**COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN**

**PRESENT**

Councillors G McIntyre (Chairman), A Bisset, L Bell, J Divers, I Ogilvie, P Paul, J Russell and M Shand.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Consultancy Manager, Peter Haslam, Senior Engineer (Flooding and Coastal Protection), Barbara Hellett, Scheme Manager (Elgin) (Royal Haskoning), Ian Thomson, Morrison Construction, A McEachan, Senior Solicitor (Commercial & Conveyancing) and the Principal Committee Services Officer, Clerk to the meeting.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor J Hogg.

**ALSO PRESENT**

Councillor I Young.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr J Lister, Scottish Water

**1. DECLARATION OF GROUP DECISIONS**

In terms of the relevant Standing Order 20 and the Councillor's Code of Conduct the meeting noted that there were no declarations from Group Leaders or spokespersons in regard to any prior decisions taken on how members will vote on any item on the agenda.

**2. WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The Meeting that there were written questions.

**3. MORAY FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEMES PROGRESS**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Environmental Services to update the Sub-Committee on the progress of Moray Flood Alleviation Schemes.

Following consideration the Sub Committee noted the progress for the period ending 31 July 2007 in relation to the undernoted Schemes:-

- (i) Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme - Noted

In response to a query by Councillor Stewart relating to whether there were any proposals for the Seatown area of Lossiemouth, the Consultancy Manager stated that the proposals for Elgin have no impact on this area and that no studies had been carried out specifically in regard to this. He further advised that any flooding events, which are reported in this area are recorded but that no direction from the Council had been given to undertake studies.

Thereafter It was agreed that the Consultancy Manager discuss this issue further with Councillor Stewart following the meeting.

(ii) Forres (Burn of Mosset) Flood Alleviation Scheme - Noted

(iii) Forres (Findhorn & Pilmuir) Flood Alleviation Scheme – Noted

In response to Councillor Young's concerns regarding the protection of properties at Broom of Moy, the Consultancy Manager advised that Paul Winfield, Scheme Manager was looking at a proposal to protect these properties and that it would form part of the future maintenance of the Scheme.

(iv) Rothes Flood Alleviation Scheme – Noted

(v) Tyock Burn Culvert Replacements – Noted

In response to concerns raised by Councillor Divers in respect of the culvert at Wards Road/Edgar Road junction it was agreed that the Consultancy Manager would investigate this issue further and report the outcome to the Environmental Services Committee.

(vi) Kingston Coast Protection Scheme – Noted

(vii) Garmouth Flood Alleviation Scheme - Noted

#### **4. MORAY FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEMES: MONITORING OF ESTIMATED COSTS TO BRING SCHEMES TO CONSTRUCTION START STAGE FOR FINANCIAL YEARS 2006 – 2009**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Environmental Services which updated the Sub-Committee on the development of Moray Flood Alleviation Schemes to construction start stage for the period 2006 – 2009 in respect of financial monitoring.

Following consideration the Sub-Committee agreed to note the actual expenditure to 31 July 2007 for 2007 – 2008 against estimates and that Public Local Inquiry (PLI) and advance property acquisition costs are additional.

#### **5. ROTHES FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME**

There was submitted a report asking the Committee to recommend to Environmental Services Committee, in principle, a revised programme for design and construction for the Rothes Flood Alleviation Scheme based on a phased approach.

Following consideration the Sub-Committee agreed to recommend to the Environmental Services Committee that, subject to detailed programmes being produced and submitted to the Committee with appropriate recommendations, a phased approach is adopted.

The Meeting further agreed that the Convener write to Royal Haskoning to reiterate the view that no slippage in the Flood Alleviation Programmes will be tolerated by this Council.

#### **6. KINGSTON COASTAL PROTECTION SCHEME: ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL RISK APPRAISAL UPDATE**

There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Environmental Services advising asking the Sub-Committee on the consultation with environmental stakeholders to date in this

interim report, and that further consultation with the Fisheries Research Service is underway.

## **7. PROGRESS OF SCOTTISH WATER'S DRAINAGE AREA STUDIES FOR ROTHES, FORRES & ELGIN**

There was submitted a report updating the Sub-Committee on the progress of Scottish Water's Drainage Area Studies for Rothes, Forres and Elgin.

On the invitation of the Chairman, Mr Lister, Scottish Water addressed the meeting and stated that he had little to add to the report but that he was happy to answer any questions the Sub-Committee may have.

Councillor Paul stated her concern regarding surface drainage problems affecting the New Street area of Rothes and sought assurance that these issues are being taken into account by Scottish Water.

In response, Mr Lister advised that they were and that flow measuring devices were in place and that the recent flooding situation had given Scottish Water a good opportunity to see flows during a flood event.

In response to a query by The Chairman as to whether Scottish Water had any plans to extend this programme to other areas of Moray, Mr Lister advised that this was the case but that the main concern for Scottish Water is flooding from sewers rather than land flooding. He further advised that a log of all reports of flooding from the public is maintained but reiterated the view that surface water flooding is not the responsibility of Scottish Water.

Thereafter the Sub-Committee noted the progress for the period ending 27 July 2007.

## **8. QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from Members.