

THE MORAY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE FLOOD ALLEVIATION SUB-COMMITTEE

29 JUNE 2011

COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN

PRESENT

Councillors J Russell (Chair), L Bell, I Ogilvie, P Paul, M Shand and A Wright (Deputy Convener) (Ex-Officio).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors J Divers, J Hogg, D Ross, D Stewart and G McIntyre (Convener) (Ex Officio).

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Direct Services, the Consultancy Manager, the Senior Engineer (Consultancy), Ms S Weir (EC Harris), Ms B Hellett (Royal Haskoning), Mr A Russell, (Morrison Construction), Mr A McEachan, Principal Solicitor (Commercial and Conveyancing) and the Senior Committee Services Officer, Clerk to the meeting.

1. DECLARATION OF GROUP DECISIONS

In terms of Standing Order 20 and the Councillor's Code of Conduct the meeting noted 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

There were no written questions

3. ELGIN FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME: PROGRESS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Direct Services updating the Sub-Committee on the progress of the Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme. There was appended to the report a copy of the Monitoring Report No 01 covering the period January to 31 March 2011.

Following consideration the Sub-Committee agreed to:-

- (i) note Monitoring Report No 02 for the Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme 2007 for April 2011 to end of May 2011; and

- (ii) report progress to the Council.

4. FORRES (RIVER FINDHORN & PILMUIR) FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME: PROGRESS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Direct Services updating the Sub-Committee on the progress of Forres (River Findhorn & Pilmuir) Flood Alleviation Scheme.

During discussion the meeting noted that a response had been received from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth in the Scottish Government to the Convener's letter of 1 June 2011 which, as well as confirming the capital funding for the Elgin scheme, had also confirmed the previous arrangements in respect of the Forres (River Findhorn & Pilmuir) Flood Alleviation Scheme which will now become part of the Government's spending review due to be published in September 2011. It was also noted that the Council is continuing to press CoSLA as to how it will take Moray's case forward with the Scottish Government.

Following consideration the Sub-Committee agreed to:-

- (i) note the progress for Forres (River Findhorn & Pilmuir) Flood Alleviation Scheme; and
- (ii) report progress to the Council.

5. ROTHES FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEME: PROGRESS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Direct Services updating the Sub-Committee on the progress of Rothes Flood Alleviation Scheme. There was appended to the report a copy of the Monitoring Report No 16 covering the period April & May 2011.

Following consideration the Sub-Committee agreed to:-

- (i) note Monitoring Report No 16 for the Rothes Flood Alleviation Scheme for April and May 2011; and
- (ii) report progress to the Council

6. MORAY FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEMES: FINANCIAL MONITORING SUMMARY

There was submitted a report by the Head of Direct Services providing the Sub-Committee with a financial monitoring summary in respect of Moray Flood Alleviation Schemes, details of which were appended to the as Appendices 1 & 2.

During discussion the meeting noted a number of errors on the spreadsheet, due to an accountancy error, which would be corrected and the spreadsheet re-issued. The meeting also noted that it was proposed to produce a report on each of the workshop tables at the Elgin scheme communication and workshop day which will be circulated for comment and the outcome will form the basis of a communication strategy for the scheme.

Following discussions the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the estimated capital cost of schemes that accords with the approved Financial Plan as far as can be ascertained at this point;
- (ii) to note the changes to the profiling and categorisation of expenditure incurred in the financial years 2002/03 to 2009/10 as described in paragraph 3.2 and submitted at Appendix 2; and
- (iii) to note that compensation costs for the Forres (Burn of Mosset) Scheme remain a concern at this time and will be decided by the Lands Tribunal for Scotland.

7. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions raised.