

THE MORAY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE FLOOD ALLEVIATION SUB-COMMITTEE

12 MARCH 2014

COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN

Present

Councillors G. Alexander (Chair), J. Allan, L. Creswell, J. Divers, A. McLean, M. Shand, A. Skene and A. Wright.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors G. Leadbitter, P. Paul and R. Shepherd.

In Attendance

The Consultancy Manager, the Project Manager (Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme), the Project Manager (Forres (River Findhorn & Pilmuir) Flood Alleviation Scheme), the Quality Management Systems Officer, the Technical Support Officer (Consultancy) and Mr D. Westmacott, Committee Services Officer as Clerk to the meeting.

1. DECLARATION OF GROUP DECISIONS

In terms of Standing Order 20 and the Councillor's Code of Conduct, 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 or any declarations of Member's Interest in respect of any item on the Agenda.

2. WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Committee noted that no written questions had been submitted.

3. ELGIN FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME: PROGRESS

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director (Environmental Services) updating the Sub-Committee on the progress of Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme. A copy of Monitoring Report No. 19 for the Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme for December 2013 to end of January 2014 was provided as Appendix 1 to the report.

Following consideration, the Sub-Committee agree to:-

- (i) note Monitoring Report No. 19 for the Elgin Flood Prevention Scheme for December 2013 to end of January 2014, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (ii) report progress to the Council.

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

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director (Environmental Services) updating the Sub-Committee on the progress of Forres (River Findhorn & Pilmuir) Flood Alleviation Scheme. A copy of Monitoring Report No. 9 for the Forres (River Findhorn & Pilmuir) Flood Alleviation Scheme for December 2013 to end of January 2014 was provided as Appendix 1 to the report.

Following consideration, the Sub-Committee agreed to:-

- (i) note Monitoring Report No. 9 for the Forres (River Findhorn & Pilmuir) Flood Alleviation for December 2013 to end of January 2014, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (ii) report progress to the Council.

5. MORAY FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEMES: FINANCIAL MONITORING SUMMARY

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director (Environmental Services) updating the Sub-Committee on the Moray Flood Alleviation Schemes in respect of financial monitoring and advise of key factors affecting costs of schemes. A summary sheet of actual costs and commitments for all Schemes to end of January 2014 was provided as Appendix 1 to the report.

Following consideration, the Sub-Committee agreed to note that:-

- (i) the estimated capital cost of Schemes accords with the approved Financial Plan as far as can be ascertained at this point, with the exception of Forres (Burn of Mosset);
- (ii) following further review of risk and forecast construction and other costs, the out-turn for the Elgin Scheme is forecast to be £2,529,000 under budget;
- (iii) following further review of risk and forecast construction and other costs, the out-turn for the Forres (River Findhorn & Pilmuir) Scheme is forecast to be £6,038,000 under budget; and
- (iv) the forecast out-turn costs for the Rothes Scheme remains £2,403,000 below budget.

6. CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT

Under reference to paragraph 7 of the minute of this Sub-Committee dated 7 September 2011, there was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director (Environmental Services) informing the Sub-Committee about the recent Moray Flood Alleviation Public Exhibitions in Forres and Elgin, updating the public on the process of construction works, works still to be carried out and to provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and feed back their opinions on the two schemes.

In response to a query from the Sub-Committee, the Consultancy Manager agreed to liaise with the PPR and Communications Officer to form a press release in relation to the positive response to the Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme Public Exhibition.

Thereafter, the Sub-Committee agreed to note:-

- (i) the Customer Engagement report on the public exhibitions held in Forres and Elgin, as detailed in Section 3 and Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (ii) that the Consultancy Manager would liaise with the PPR and Communications Officer to form a press release in relation to the positive response to the Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme Public Exhibition.

7. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions raised.