

THE MORAY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE FLOOD ALLEVIATION SUB-COMMITTEE

7 MAY 2014

COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN

Present

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

Apologies

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

In Attendance

The Consultancy Manager, the Project Manager (Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme), the Project Manager (Forres (River Findhorn & Pilmuir) Flood Alleviation Scheme), the PPR & Communications Officer 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. CONGRATULATIONS

The Committee congratulated the Chair and his family following the safe arrival of his grandson that morning.

4. 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 20 for the Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme for February to end of March 2014 was provided as Appendix 1 to the report.

During discussion, a query was raised regarding progress of a '3G' football facility within Elgin. In response, the Clerk agreed to seek an update and advise the Sub-Committee accordingly.

Following consideration, the Sub-Committee agreed to:

- (i) note that the Clerk would provide an update on the potential '3G' football facility within Elgin;
- (ii) note Monitoring Report No 20 for the Elgin Flood Prevention Scheme 2007 for February to end of March 2014; and
- (iii) report progress to the Council.

5. 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 10 for the Forres (River Findhorn & Pilmuir) Flood Alleviation Scheme for February 2014 to end of March 2014 was provided as Appendix 1 to the report.

Following consideration, the Sub-Committee agreed to:

- (i) note Monitoring Report No 10 for the Forres (River Findhorn & Pilmuir) Flood Alleviation for February 2014 to end of March 2014; and
- (ii) report progress to the Council.

6. 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 March 2014 was provided as Appendix 1 to the report.

Following consideration, the Sub-Committee agreed to note:

- (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) that following further review of risk and forecast construction and other costs, the out-turn for the Elgin Scheme is forecast to be £2,771,000 under budget;
- (iii) that 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 £6,137,000 under budget; and

- (iv) the forecast out-turn costs for the Rothes Scheme has been reforecast at £2,397,000 million below budget.