

THE MORAY COUNCIL
MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE FLOOD ALLEVIATION SUB COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2014
COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN

PRESENT

Councillors G. Alexander (Chair), J. Divers, G. Leadbitter, A. McLean, M. Shand and R. Shepherd.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors J. Allan, L. Creswell, P. Paul, A. Skene 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 Technical Support Officer (Consultancy) and Mr D. Westmacott, Committee Services Officer as Clerk to the meeting.

1. DECLARATION OF GROUP DECISIONS AND MEMBER'S INTERESTS

In terms of Standing Order 20 and the Councillors' 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 Members' interests in respect of any item on the agenda.

2. 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. 23 for the Scheme for September to end of October 2014 was provided as Appendix 1 to the report.

Following consideration, the Sub-Committee agreed to:-

- (i) note Monitoring Report No. 23 for the Elgin Flood Prevention Scheme 2007 for September to end of October 2014, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (ii) report progress to the Council.

3. FORRES (RIVER FINDHORN AND 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 and Pilmuir) Flood Alleviation Scheme. A copy of Monitoring Report No. 13 for the Scheme for September 2014 was provided as Appendix 1 to the report.

Following consideration, the Sub-Committee agreed to:-

- (i) note Monitoring Report No. 13 for the Forres (River Findhorn and Pilmuir) Flood Alleviation for September 2014, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (ii) report progress to the Council.

4. 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 advising of key factors affecting costs of schemes. A summary sheet of actual costs and commitments for all Schemes to end of October 2014 was provided as Appendix 1 to the report.

Following consideration, the 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 £2,258,000 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 £5,500,000 under budget; and
- (iv) the forecast out-turn costs for the Rothes Scheme remains at £2,397,000 below budget.