

THE MORAY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE FLOOD ALLEVIATION SUB COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY, 2015

COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN

PRESENT

Councillors G. Alexander (Chair); J. Allan; L. Creswell; J. Divers; G. Leadbitter; A. McLean; M. Shand; R. Shepherd and A. Wright.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors P. Paul and A. Skene.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Consultancy Manager, the Project Manager (Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme), the Project Manager (Forres (River Findhorn and Pilmuir) Flood Alleviation Scheme), the Technical Support Officer (Consultancy) and the Democratic Services Manager 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 the Monitoring Report No. 24 for the Scheme for November to end of December 2014 was provided as Appendix 1 to the report:

The Project Manager (Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme) provided the Meeting with a brief presentation on the progress which included some aerial photographs of the completed and ongoing construction works.

During discussion Councillor Shand stated that it would be useful if the photographs taken of all of the flood alleviation schemes could be saved as these would provide a very useful historic reference in the future and asked if this could be considered. This was agreed.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to:

- (i) note the Monitoring Report No 24 for the Elgin Flood Prevention Scheme 2007 for November to end of December 2014;

- (ii) report progress to the Council, and
- (iii) that the photographic history of the Scheme be retained for future use.

3. 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 the Monitoring Report No. 14 for the Scheme for November and December 2014 was provided as Appendix 1 to the report:

The Project Manager (Forres (River Findhorn & Pilmuir) Flood Alleviation Scheme) provided the Meeting with a brief presentation on the progress which included some aerial photographs of the completed and ongoing construction works.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to:

- (i) note the Monitoring Report No 14 for the Forres (River Findhorn & Pilmuir) Flood Alleviation for November and December 2014; 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 December 2014 was provided as Appendix 1 to the report.

The Consultancy Manager and the Technical Support Officer (Consultancy) provided the meeting with a brief summary of the key factors affecting the costs of the schemes.

During discussion clarification was sought in regard to the purpose of this Sub-Committee as each of the final two schemes come to completion and in response Councillor Wright stated that in his opinion monitoring of the schemes will revert to the Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee at the appropriate time.

Thereafter 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 £2,656,000 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 £7,823,000 under budget; and
- (iv) the forecast out-turn costs for the Rothes Scheme is now £2,531,000 below budget.
- (v) as the final two schemes come to completion monitoring reports will revert to the ED&I Committee at the appropriate time.