

THE MORAY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE FLOOD ALLEVIATION SUB-COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL 2015

COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN

PRESENT

Councillors G. Alexander (Chair), J. Allan, J. Divers, A. McLean and R. Shepherd.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors L. Creswell, G. Leadbitter, P. Paul, M. Shand, A. Skene and A. Wright.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Consultancy Manager, the Project Manager (Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme), the PPR and Communications Officer 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. MINUTE OF MEETING DATED 11 FEBRUARY 2015

The Minute of the Meeting of the Flood Alleviation Sub-Committee dated 11 February 2015 was submitted and approved.

3. ELGIN FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME: PROGRESS

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director (Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure) updating the Sub-Committee on the progress of Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme. A copy of the Monitoring Report No. 25 for the Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme 2007 for January to the end of February 2015 was provided as Appendix 1 to the Report.

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

Following consideration, the Sub-Committee agreed to:-

- (i) note the Monitoring Report No. 25 for the Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme 2007 for January to the end of February 2015; and
- (ii) report progress to Council.

4. MORAY FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEMES: FINANCIAL MONITORING SUMMARY

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director (Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure) updating the Sub-Committee of the financial monitoring of the Moray Flood Alleviation Schemes and advising of key factors affecting costs of schemes.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to note:-

- (i) that 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 £2,981,000 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 remains forecast to be £7,823,000 under budget; and
- (iv) the forecast out-turn costs for the Rothes Scheme remains £2,531,000 below budget.

5. FUTURE OF THE FLOOD ALLEVIATION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Chair advised that as the Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme neared completion, the future of the Flood Alleviation Sub-Committee would require to be considered. He noted that the June meeting would be the last required meeting of the Sub-Committee and that the matter would be referred to next meeting of The Moray Council for consideration.