

THE MORAY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE FLOOD ALLEVIATION SUB-COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE 2015

COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors J. Allan and P. Paul.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all present to the final meeting of the Flood Alleviation Sub-Committee and noted that all future monitoring reports relating to flood alleviation will be submitted to the Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee.

2. 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.

3. MINUTE OF THE FLOOD ALLEVIATION SUB-COMMITTEE DATED 8 APRIL 2015

The Minute of the Meeting of the Flood Alleviation Sub-Committee dated 8 April 2015 was submitted and approved.

4. 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. 26

for the Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme 2007 for March to the end of April 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 aerial photographs of completed and ongoing construction works.

Following consideration, the Sub-Committee agreed to:-

- (i) note the Monitoring Report No. 26 for the Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme 2007 for March to the end of April 2015;
- (ii) the programme for additional works constituting the River Lossie Cycle Track between June and October 2015, as detailed in Paragraph 3.4 of the report; and
- (iii) report progress to Council.

5. 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.

The Sub-Committee joined Councillors Divers, Leadbitter and Shand in congratulating the Consultancy Manager, the Project Manager (Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme), the Project Manager (Forres (River Findhorn & Pilmuir) Flood Alleviation Scheme) and their teams for the work carried out on the Moray Flood Alleviation Schemes.

Following consideration, the Sub-Committee agreed to:-

- (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 £3,385,000 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 £7,765,000 under budget; and
- (iv) the forecast out-turn costs for the Rothes Scheme remains £2,516,000 below budget.

6. TRIBUTE

The Sub-Committee joined the Chair in expressing their thanks to all Officers, staff and Councillors – both past and present – for their contribution to the delivery of flood alleviation schemes in Moray.

7. MORAY FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEMES PRESENTATION

The Sub-Committee noted an informative presentation by the Consultancy Manager of progress and challenges experienced over the 15 years of developing the Moray Flood Alleviation Schemes.