

MORAY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting of the Community Planning Board

Wednesday, 08 November 2023

Council Chambers, Council Office, High Street, Elgin, IV30 1BX

PRESENT

Mr Andrew Anderson, Mr George Burgess, Mr Roddy Burns, Mr Adam Coldwells, Councillor Tracy Colyer, Councillor John Divers, Councillor Amber Dunbar, Councillor Graham Leadbitter, Councillor Bridget Mustard, Councillor Kathleen Robertson, Mrs Susan Webb

SUBSTITUTES

Councillor Sonya Warren (for Councillor Juli Harris)
Chief Inspector Simon Reid (for Chief Superintendent Graeme Mackie)

APOLOGIES

Mr Murray Ferguson, Councillor Juli Harris, Mr David Hendry, Chief Superintendent Graeme Mackie, Mr Grant Moir, Mr David Reid, Mr Anthony Standing, Ms Caroline Webster

IN ATTENDANCE

The Depute Chief Executive (Economy, Environment and Finance); Depute Chief Executive (Education, Communities and Organisational Development); Head of Economic Growth and Development; Elizabeth Robinson, Consultant in Public Health; and Lindsey Robinson, Committee Services Officer.

1. Chair

Mr Adam Coldwells, as Chair of the Community Planning Board, chaired the meeting.

2. Minutes of the meeting held 20 September 2023

The minute of the meeting of 20 September 2023 was submitted and approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

With reference to those in attendance, Mrs Webb advised that Elizabeth Robinson had also been in attendance at the meeting. With reference to item 5 "North East Alliance Cost of Living Engagement" she further advised that the name should be "North East Population Health Alliance". The clerk advised she would update the minute.

Councillor Mustard sought clarification as to why there was no reference to the development day or a report back.

In response the Chief Executive advised that the information has been captured and will be brought back to the Board. He further advised that the time between

meetings has been spent with the Community Planning Officer Group (CPOG) and there has been a lot of activity by officers.

3. Proposed Schedule of Meetings to November 2024

The meeting had before it a report by the Depute Chief Executive (Education, Communities and Organisational Development) inviting the Board to agree the schedule of meetings for the period to November 2024.

During consideration, Councillor Robertson sought clarification as to why the proposed February meeting date was a Friday.

In response the Chair advised that he would check his diary and a new date for February would be circulated. He also advised that dates for development days would be looked at and circulated to members.

Following consideration the Board agreed the undernoted meeting dates for the next 12 months.

23 May 2024

21 August 2024

27 November 2024

The February date will be circulated after the meeting.

After the meeting 29 February was agreed upon as the date for the meeting for that quarter.

4. Town Centre Improvement Plans Update and Funding Opportunities

The meeting had before it a report by the Depute Chief Executive (Economy, Environment and Finance) informing the Board of the contents of the report submitted to the Planning and Regulatory Services Committee on 24 October 2023. During consideration the Chair sought clarification on how momentum could be generated by partners.

In response the Head of Economic Growth and Development advised that communities and partners are involved in the structure.

The Chair was of the opinion that this is something that should be taken to the development days.

Mrs Webb was of the opinion that this was a fantastic opportunity for partners to work together. She was further of the opinion that when reports come to the Board it would be good for partners to identify the central person within their organisation who would be involved.

The Depute Chief Executive (Economy, Environment and Finance) advised that when partner outcomes align with the LOIP they will be reported but when it is less clear it is left to the partners to report to the Board.

Councillor Mustard was of the opinion that this report should have included a covering paper to show the relevance to the Board.

Following consideration the Board unanimously agreed to note the contents of the report.

5. UK Government Our Long Term Plan for Towns

The meeting had before it a report by the Depute Chief Executive (Economy, Environment and Finance) informing the Board of a report submitted to a special meeting of Moray Council on 25 October 2023.

During consideration Councillor Warren raised concerns that representatives from throughout Moray and not just those local to Elgin might not be involved.

In response the Head of Economic Growth and Development advised that the creation of a Town Board is yet to happen as awaiting guidelines from the UK Government in terms of expectations and who should be included. At the moment a small group will be established to allow the process to begin and once confirmation on the make up of the Board is received, it will allow wider participation.

Following consideration the Board unanimously agreed to note the contents of the report.

6. Local Employability Partnership

The meeting had before it a report by the Chair of the Moray Pathways Local Employability Partnership informing the Board of the quarterly update report presented to the Moray Economic Partnership (MEP) in September 2023.

During consideration Mrs Webb sought clarification as to what was happening with childcare.

In response the Head of Economic Development and Growth advised that a case study was being undertaken into the possibility of private childcare providers using council premises outside of working hours.

Following consideration the Board unanimously agree to note the contents of the report.

7. Budget Update from meeting of Special Full Council held 25 October 2023

The Chief Executive (Moray Council) gave a verbal update on the Budget following the special meeting of Moray Council on 25 October 2023.

He advised that all partners should be prepared to come back to the Board with budget information to allow the Board to have an overview.

The Chair advised that this should go through CPOG first and then come to the Board,

The Chief Executive (Moray Council) responded that it did not need to be a full budget but should show a reasonable account of where savings can be made.

8. AOCB

The Board noted that there were no additional points raised.