

## **The Highland Council**

Minutes of Meeting of the **Education Transport Appeals Committee** held in Committee Room 1, Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness on Tuesday 15 September 2009 at 3.00 pm.

### **Present:**

Mr W Fernie

Mr A M Millar (by video-conferencing) (also local Member for Appeals 12/09 and 13/09)

Mrs B McAllister

Mr L Fraser

Mr B Gormley (also local Member for Appeal 10/09)

### **Local Members also present:**

Mr S Black (Appeal 8/09)

Mr R Coghill (Appeals 9/09 and 11/09)

### **Officials in attendance:**

Mr R MacKenzie, Head of Support Services, Education, Culture and Sport

Mr D Summers, Transport Development Officer, Transport, Environmental and Community Services

Miss M Murray, Committee Administrator, Chief Executive's Office

### **Mr W Fernie in the Chair**

### **Business**

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **2. Education Transport Appeals**

The Appeals Committee **RESOLVED** that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government Scotland Act 1973 the public be excluded for discussion of the following items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

##### **(i) Transport Appeal No 8/09**

There was circulated Report No ETR 8/09 by the Transport Development Officer setting out the detail on an appeal for the provision of home to school transport in respect of a primary school pupil living at Allanroy, by Nethybridge and travelling to Abernethy Primary School. A supplementary paper had included correspondence relative to the Appeal and a School Route Assessment from the Policy Standards and Safety Team. The views of local Members in support of the Appeal were also heard.

Following discussion of the circumstances, the Committee **AGREED**

to defer determination of the Appeal pending further investigation into whether the application could be granted on medical grounds.

(ii) **Transport Appeal No 9/09**

There was circulated Report No ETR 9/09 by the Transport Development Officer setting out the detail on an appeal for the provision of home to school transport in respect of a primary school pupil living at Gothiegill Farm, Murkle, Caithness and travelling to Castletown Primary School. The report included a School Route Assessment from the Policy Standards and Safety Team. The views of the local Member present in support of the Appeal were also heard.

Following discussion of the circumstances, the Committee **AGREED** that the Appeal be dismissed.

(iii) **Transport Appeal No 10/09**

There was circulated Report No ETR 10/09 by the Transport Development Officer setting out the detail on an appeal for the provision of transport from home to the bus pick-up point in respect of a secondary school pupil living at Laudale, Ardgour and travelling to Ardnamurchan High School. The report included a School Route Assessment from the Policy Standards and Safety Team. The views of the local Member present were also heard.

Following discussion of the circumstances, the Committee **AGREED** that the Appeal be dismissed.

(iv) **Transport Appeal No 11/09**

There was circulated Report No ETR 11/09 by the Transport Development Officer setting out the detail on an appeal for the provision of transport from home to the bus pick-up point in respect of two secondary school pupils living at Stemster, by Halkirk and travelling to Thurso High School. A supplementary paper had included a School Route Assessment from the Policy Standards and Safety Team. The views of the local Member present in support of the application were also heard.

Following discussion of the circumstances, the Committee **AGREED** that the Appeal be dismissed.

(v) **Transport Appeal No 12/09**

There was circulated Report No ETR 12/09 by the Transport Development Officer setting out the detail on an appeal for the provision of home to school transport in respect of a primary school pupil living at Prabost, Skeabost Bridge, Skye and travelling to Macdiarmid Primary School. The report included a School Route Assessment from the Policy Standards and Safety Team. The views of the local Member present were heard.

Following discussion of the circumstances, the Committee **AGREED** that the Appeal be dismissed.

(vi) **Transport Appeal No 13/09**

There was circulated Report No ETR 13/09 by the Transport Development Officer setting out the detail on an appeal for the provision of home to school transport in respect of a primary school pupil living at Totescore, Kilmuir, Skye and travelling to Kilmuir Primary School. The report included a School Route Assessment from the Policy Standards and Safety Team and a supplementary paper had included additional correspondence relative to the Appeal. The views of the local Member present were also heard.

Following discussion of the circumstances, the Committee **AGREED** that the Appeal be dismissed.

The meeting concluded at 4.35 pm.