

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORT COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of the Education,
Transport Appeals Committee held in
Committee Room No 3, Council
Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road,
Inverness on Tuesday, 6 November 2007
at 3.30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mr W Fernie
Mr B Gormley

Mr L Fraser

Local Members also present

Mr R Greene (Appeal 14/07)
Mrs J Urquhart (Appeal 14/07)

Officials in attendance:

Mr H Fraser, Director of Education, Culture and Sport Services
Mr R MacKenzie, Head of Support Services, Education, Culture and Sport
Mr H MacLeod, Education Administrator, Ross, Skye and Lochaber Area
Miss J MacLennan, Committee Administrator, Corporate Services

Mr B Gormley in the Chair

BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr A Millar, Mrs B McAllister, Mrs I Campbell and Dr A Sinclair.

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.

(a) Transport Appeal No 13/07

There was circulated Report No ETR13/07 by the Education Officer, Ross, Skye and Lochaber on an appeal for the provision of school transport in respect of a secondary school pupil living at Balloan, Conon Bridge and travelling to the bus pick-up point in Culbokie. The report gave details of the circumstances involved and the views of Local Members supporting the appeal were provided.

Following discussion, the Committee **AGREED** that the Appeal be upheld on the grounds of road traffic safety in relation to the crossing of the A9 at a point where there was additional width due to the deceleration lanes and the proximity of the associated junctions.

The Committee also **NOTED** that a re-organisation of this particular route would be investigated with a view to avoiding such a crossing being required in future.

(b) Transport Appeal No 14/07

There was circulated Report No ETR14/07 by the Education Officer, Ross, Skye and Lochaber on an appeal for the provision of school transport in respect of a secondary school pupil living at Urray, Muir of Ord and travelling to the bus pick-up point in Marybank. The report gave details of the circumstances involved. The views of Local Members were heard, together with letters from those unable to be present, all in support of the appeal.

Following discussion of the circumstances involved, the Committee **AGREED** that the Appeal be dismissed but **NOTED** that, during the time a weight restriction was in place on the Moy Bridge and the bus was re-routed, the pupil would be given a concessionary place from the requested pick-up point.

Mr Greene, Local Member, asked that his disappointment at the decision to dismiss the appeal be recorded.

The meeting closed at 4.05 p.m.