

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 Wednesday, 13 August 2008 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mr W Fernie
Mr L Fraser

Mr A M Millar (Local Member for Appeals 04 and 05/08)
Mrs E McAllister

Local Member also present

Mr R Durham (Appeal 06/08)

Officials in attendance:

Mr R MacKenzie, Head of Support Services, Education, Culture and Sport
Mr H MacLeod, Area Business Support Officer, Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross
Mr I Jackson, Area Business Support Officer, Ross, Skye and Lochaber
Ms R Bell, Assistant Area Business Support Officer, Ross, Skye and Lochaber
Miss L Burgess, Clerical Assistant, Education, Culture and Sport
Mr J Allison, Principal Administrator, Chief Executive's Office
Miss J MacLennan, Committee Administrator, Chief Executive's Office

BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Mr B Gormley.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

The Committee **AGREED**, having been duly proposed and seconded, that Mr A M Millar, as Vice Chairmen of the Education, Culture and Sport Committee, be appointed Chairman of the Education Transport Appeals Committee.

3. 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.

As Mr A M Millar was a Local Member for Appeals ETR04 and ETR05/08, Mr W Fernie took the Chair for Items 3a and 3b.

(a) Transport Appeal No 04/08

There was circulated Report No ETR0408 by the Area Business Support Officer, Ross, Skye and Lochaber setting out the detail on an appeal for the provision of year-round school transport from home to the pick-up point in respect of a primary school pupil living at Herbusta, Kilmuir, Isle of Skye and travelling to Kilmuir Primary School. The report gave details of the circumstances involved and the views of Local Members were heard.

After discussion of the circumstances, the Committee **AGREED** that the appeal be dismissed and that the Committee's previous decision that transport be provided during the period running from the first day after the October holidays to the last day before the Easter holidays until the child reached the age of 8 years old remain in place.

(b) Transport Appeal No 05/08

There was circulated Report No ETR5/08 by the Area Business Support Officer, Ross, Skye and Lochaber on an appeal for the provision of home to school transport in respect of a primary school pupil living at Skeabost Bridge, Isle of Skye and travelling to MacDiarmid Primary School. The report gave details of the circumstance involved and the views of the Local Members were heard.

Following discussion, the Committee **AGREED** that the appeal be upheld on the grounds that there were particular road hazards at specific points along the route.

(c) Transport Appeal No 06/08

There was circulated Report No ETR 6/08 by the Senior Education Officer, Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross on an appeal for the provision of school transport in respect of a primary school pupil living at South Balkeith, Tain and travelling to Knockbreck Primary School. The report gave details of the circumstance involved and the view of the Local Member present was heard.

Following discussion, the Committee **AGREED** that the appeal be dismissed.

The meeting closed at 2.45 p.m.