

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL
TAIN 3-18 CAMPUS PROJECT - STAKEHOLDER GROUP
Minute of Meeting No. 8 held on Tuesday 22nd March 2018 at 6.30 PM
At Tain Parish Church

Attendees:	<u>Highland Council - Members</u>	
	Chair: Fiona Robertson	FR
	Alasdair Rhind	AR
	Alister Mackinnon	AM
	<u>Highland Council - Officials</u>	
	Brian Porter, Head of Resources	BP
	Robert Campbell, Estates Strategy Officer	RC
	Bruce Ross, Architect	BR
	Philip Shannon, Design Consultancy Manager	PS
	Susannah Irvine, Estates Officer	SI
	Gavin Allday, Project Co-ordinator	GA
	Derek Martin, Area Education Manager	DM
	<u>Schools Representatives</u>	
	Jane MacKay, Head Teacher Knockbreck & Inver	JM
	Thomas Agnew, Tain Royal Academy	TA
	Eileen Henderson, Head Teacher Craighill Primary	EH
	Jackie Robertson, Deputy Head Teacher Craighill Primary (<i>did not participate in site options discussion</i>)	JR
	Vadna Hannah, Knockbreck Parent Council	VH
	Wendy Hennem, Tain Royal Academy Parent Council	WH
	David Borand, Tain Royal Academy Parent Council	DB
	Samantha Ross, Craighill Parent Council (<i>had to leave before discussion on site options took place</i>)	SR
	Hazel Morrison, Inver Primary Parent Council (<i>had to leave before discussion on site options took place</i>)	HM
	Stina Sangster, Hilton of Cadboll Parent Council	SS
	Linzi Ross, Hilton of Cadboll Parent Council	LR
	Margo MacRae, Knockbreck Parent Council	MMacR
	<u>High Life Highland</u>	
	Kelly Skinner, Facilities Manager TRACC	KS
Susan Weir, Network Librarian	SW	
<u>Community Representatives</u>		
Karen Denoon, Community Representative	KD	
Morag Matheson, Community Representative	MM	

	Graham Nutt, Tain Youth Café YMCA Lachlan Stewart, Tain Civic Trust Sandra Skinner, Balintore & Hilton Community Council Veronica Morrison, Nigg and Shandwick Community Council <u>Other Members of the Public attending</u> Denzle Williams	GN LS SS VM DW
Apologies:	Clare Whiteford, St Duthus	
Minute:	Susannah Irvine	
ITEM	DISCUSSION/COMMENT	ACTION
1	INTRODUCTION	
1.1	FR welcomed stakeholders to the meeting.	Note
2	MINUTES of LAST MEETING and MATTERS ARISING	
2.1	At the last meeting the group had agreed that consultation would be done together as a group working together. Some members of the group expressed disappointment that some representatives had held their own consultation which may have been misconstrued in the community as part of the Council's consultations, supported by the stakeholders group. The group re-affirmed that the role of the Stakeholder group was to be the lead on the Campus project and consultation.	Note
2.2	It was also noted that there had been a number of press articles regarding the project which were not reflective of the discussions within the Stakeholder Group. It was agreed moving forward the group needed to all work together and support group decisions if the project is to succeed in the consultation process this time around.	Note
3	PROGRAMME AND BUDGET	
3.1	AM explained the difficult position the budget team were in with the Highland Councils total capital budget being reduced to £56.7M per annum across all capital projects (not just education) for the next 5 years. This represents roughly half what is has been in previous years. The Council had therefore been faced with difficult decisions and there were a number of projects the Council was not in a position to commit to funding at this time. Moving forward in order for the Tain 3-18 project to attract funding from the Highland Council and Scottish Government in future years the group and wider community were encouraged to reach a settled position on preferred location for a new	Note

	Campus.	
3.2	<p>BP confirmed no date had yet been set for phase 5 of Scottish Government/Scottish Futures Trust funding applications, although looking at previous rounds it likely to be around end of spring / beginning of summer. The further forward the project is when applications are called for the more viable the project will be in attract funding.</p> <p>The next committee date the project could go to for approval to start a new statutory consultation would be 30th May.</p>	Note
4	COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT	
4.1	<p>WH volunteered to act as a communication co-ordinator. She would act as a point of communication for all pupils and parents to raise issues with the group. WH's roll will create a new route for parents and pupils to engage with the process. The Group agreed to WH acting in this co-ordination role.</p>	Note
4.2	It was agreed a copy of the national community engagement guidelines would be attached to the minutes for information	Note
4.3	Following comments that some interested parties may be missing from the meetings, FR asked the Group whether there was a need to review the current list of stakeholder members. Through a show of hands those present felt the current make-up of the Group was representative and did not require review. The current list of members will be distributed with these minutes.	Note
5	SITE SELECTION	
5.1	<p>BR gave a comprehensive presentation of site analysis collated by the Highland Council officers in consultation with civil and structural engineers, transport engineers, planners, transport planners and safer routes to school. A summary sheet of this data will be attached to the minute.</p>	Note
5.2	<p>Having considered the presentation, and discussion on the site options, the Group were asked whether they felt in a position to provide a view on those options, and for the Council to move towards a short-list of preferred site options. It was noted certain stakeholders had not attended this evenings meeting, and had not sent alternative representation. The majority of stakeholders were in attendance, and on a show of hands the majority of the Group wished to move forward and give opinion on the site options tonight.</p> <p>16 were for giving views on site options tonight. 2 were for delaying. 1 abstention</p>	Note
5.3	Members of the group were asked to give views on the site options, with the prospect of narrowing down the list of 4 sites	Note

	<p>to a short-list for further analysis and consultation. Through a show of hands the opinions expressed were as follows:</p> <p>18 for Craighill 12 for TRA 4 for Kirksheaf 2 for Burgage 1 abstention</p> <p>Formal decision on site options, and the commencement of a new Statutory Consultation was the responsibility of the Council's Care Learning and Housing Committee. The current plan was to take reports to the 30 May Committee seeking to commence a new Statutory Consultation on the 3-18 Campus.</p>	
5	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
5.1	The next meeting will be Tuesday 24 th April in the Tain Parish Church at 6.30pm.	Note