THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

ALNESS ACADEMY REPLACMENT - STAKEHOLDER GROUP

Minute of Meeting No. 9 Thursday 2nd February 2018, 7PM Heritage Centre, Alness

Attendees:	Highland Council - Members	
	Chair: Caroline Wilson	CW
	Council Members	
	Pauline Munro	PW
	Mike Finlayson	MF
	Maxine Smith	MS
	Highland Council - Officials	
	Brian Porter, Head of Resources	BP
	Philip Shannon, Design Consultancy Manager	PS
	Derek Martin, Area Care and Learning Manager	DM
	Susannah Irvine, Estates Officer	SI
	School Representatives	
	Beth Brown, Head Teacher Alness Academy	BB
	Robert MacKay, Coulhill Parent Council	RMacK
	Mandy Robertson, Alness Academy Parent Council	MR
	Morag Wright, Coulhill Primary	MW
	Kelly Dallas, Bridgend Parent Council	KD
	Coreen MacRae, Alness Academy Parent Council	CMacR
	Darren Munro, Alness Parent Council	DM
	Katie Christie, Bridgend Parent Council	KC
	Kathy Sutherland	KS
	High Life Highland	
	Graeme Ross	GR
	Fiona Hampton	FH
	JM Architects	
	Stewart Davie	SD
	Kier Group	
	Kevin MacBeth	KM

	WSPB	
	Craig Paton	СР
	Community Representatives Brian Ross, Alness United Mary MacDonald, Alness Community Council Tommy Reagan, Alness Utd Football Club	BR MMacD TR
Apologies:	Robert Campbell, Gavin Allday	
Minute:	Susannah Irvine	
ITEM	DISCUSSION/COMMENT	ACTION
1	INTRODUCTION	
1.1	MS welcomed everyone to the meeting.	Note
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2.1	CW Confirmed significant savings had been made while still delivering all elements project complete with a 6 lane pool with floating floor just on a smaller sight. CW thanked FH for all her hard work in making a business case in order to secure the pool.	note
3	DESIGN PRESENTATION	
3.1	SD presented the site plan and building elevations.	Note
3.2	 SD talked through the site arrangement changes since the last presentation. The advanced works phase which would have seen one of the 3G pitches being constructed in advance has been dropped. This has helped the project bridge £1.9M of the affordability gap. All the pitches will now be constructed as the final phase. The building has shifted towards the existing school, allowing for a bigger play space / garden. This also improves the cut and fill of the site allowing large amounts of earth to stay on site if the form of a swale and an embankment. The plant room has moved from the joining 'knuckle of the plan' between the school and the sports block to the end of the sports block away from the ASN unit. Making servicing of the plant room more straight forward. 	Note

3.3	SD Presented some alternative material samples following some concern of the blockwork that was proposed last time. The overall feedback on the new products was positive. The group struggled to come to a decision on the colour combination that was best. KM said Keir could make up two sample boards, allowing the group to see the block work with grout adjacent to the panel which would sis above. It was agreed this larger format would be helpful to make a decision at the next meeting. SD confirmed JM could produce 3D rendered imaged of the two sample options to accompany the panels.	Note
4	PROJECT UPDATE	
4.1	 SI gave a brief Project update: Work has begun on stage 2 which will give greater clarity on costs. The planning committee are due to consider the application at the April 18th committee. The project is on target for March 2020, it is a tight program and Keir are looking at options to ease pressure on meeting this deadline through an enabling works package likely to include demolition of the axillary buildings and ground works. Work should be visible on the site from May 2018. 	Note
5	AOB	
5.1	TR Noted how upset the football club were they are not getting there enabling pitch. The club are being made homeless on the 20 th of April with no alternative place to go. It was agree the council would meet with the football club the following week to agree a solution for the club until the 3G pitches are built.	Note
6	DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING	
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6.1	A date and time for the next meeting was not finalised, but will be communicated in due course.	Note