

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL
TAIN 3-18 CAMPUS - STAKEHOLDER GROUP
Minute of Meeting No. 9 held on Tuesday 28th June 2022
at 7 PM Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:	<u>Highland Council - Members</u>	
	Derek Loudon, Chair	DL
	<u>School Representatives</u>	
	Eileen Henderson, Head Teacher, Craighill	EH
	Jane MacKay, Head Teacher, Knockbreck	JM
	Clare Whiteford, Head Teacher, St Duthus	CW
	<u>Parent Council Representatives</u>	
	Morven Fioretti	MF
	Lorna MacIver	LM
	Alan Mohan	AM
	Kirsteen Reekie	KR
	Chris Ross	CR
	Karin Wood	KW
	<u>Community Representatives</u>	
	Graham Nutt, Tain Youth Cafe	GN
	<u>Highland Council – Officials</u>	
	Mark Rodgers, Executive Chief Officer, Housing and Property	MR1
	Robert Campbell, Estate Strategy Manager	RC
	Susannah Holmes, Principal Estates Officer	SH
	Steven MacIver, Education Support Officer	SM
	Gordon Stewart, Education Advisor	GS
<u>High Life Highland</u>		
Rob Parkes, Youth Worker	RP	
June Robertson, Senior Resources Librarian	JR	
Simon Swanson, Head of Investment	SS	
<u>Kier Construction</u>		
Jeff Hedley, Senior Project Manager	JH	
Michael Robertson, Programme Manager	MR2	
<u>Stallan-Brand</u>		
Ian Harper, Associate	IH	

	WSP Mark Boyle, Project Manager	MB
Apologies:	Mark Jones, Councillor Sarah Rawlings and Councillor Alasdair Rhind.	
Minute:	Robert Campbell	
ITEM	DISCUSSION/COMMENT	ACTION
1	WELCOME	
1.1	DL welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
2.1	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.	
3	PROJECT UPDATE - PRESENTATION	
3.1	<p>RC shared a presentation updating on the current position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The planning application for the scheme was approved by the North Planning Applications Committee on 26th April. The cost of the project has increased significantly due to rising construction cost inflation and volatile market conditions. However, a report will be considered in private at the meeting of the Highland Council on 30th June seeking approval to proceed with the project. If approved, the team would work towards a contract award by the end of July, with a site start in late August. The contract duration would be 117 weeks which would result in a handover date of November 2024. 	
3.2	<p>CW asked for clarity about the reference in the presentation to transition of schools to the new building once open.</p> <p>RC advised that this subject will be considered more closely once the handover date was clearer.</p>	
3.3	<p>CR asked about the amount of the additional funding required.</p> <p>DL replied that it was not possible to disclose the amount of the additional funding required as the report will be heard in private but had been briefed by officers and that it was a sobering discussion.</p>	
3.4	JR and SS advised that High Life Highland had carried out the consultation exercise on the potential relocation of the Public Library to the new campus and it was with Highland Council to consider the next steps.	
3.5	<p>GN asked if the stakeholders could be informed of the outcome of the Council meeting on Thursday.</p> <p>RC agreed to update them and that it was likely that there would be a news release after the meeting.</p>	RC

3.6	<p>RP asked about the Shared Apprenticeship Scheme and opportunities for local contractors and small companies.</p> <p>GN advised that he had not had a response from Lindsey McNaughtan when he had enquired.</p> <p>MR2 replied that Kier did work to targets for all of these that are required through the construction framework contract and would check with Lesley and report back.</p>	MR2
3.7	<p>KW asked about the internal design of the classroom areas.</p> <p>JR also asked about the library layout.</p> <p>IH replied that the spirit of the images and animations that had previously been shared with the group had been retained. The furniture solution for the library would be part of a specialist fit out.</p> <p>SS confirmed that High Life Highland were involved in the design of the library furniture layouts on other projects.</p>	
3.8	<p>GN expressed his thanks to former Councillor Fiona Robertson and her work in chairing the Stakeholder Group and supporting the project.</p>	
3.9	<p>LM asked about the impact of the construction area on the adjoining Craighill Primary School and fence lines.</p> <p>MR2 replied that this had been indicated in one of the earlier design presentations but would be discussed closely with the school prior to construction work starting.</p>	
3.10	<p>There was a discussion about the limited opening hours of the swimming pool at Alness and DL agreed to look into this.</p>	DL
3.11	<p>DL thanked everyone involved for their efforts in moving the project forward under difficult circumstances.</p>	
4	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
4.1	Date set for Tuesday 23 rd August at 7 PM.	
5	AOCB	
5.1	There was no other business, so the meeting concluded at 8.02 PM.	