

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL
TAIN 3-18 CAMPUS - STAKEHOLDER GROUP
Minute of Meeting No. 10 held on Tuesday 23rd August 2022
at 7 PM Via Microsoft Teams.

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| Attendees: | <u>Highland Council – Members</u> | |
| | Derek Loudon, Chair | DL |
| | <u>School Representatives</u> | |
| | Eileen Henderson, Head Teacher, Craighill Primary | EH |
| | Mark Jones, Head Teacher, Tain Royal Academy | MJ |
| | Jane MacKay, Head Teacher, Knockbreck Primary | JM |
| | Clare Whiteford, Head Teacher, St Duthus | CW |
| | <u>Parent Council Representatives</u> | |
| | Morven Fioretti | MF |
| | Lorna MacIver | LM |
| | Chris Ross | CR |
| | Fifi Sutherland | FS |
| | Karin Wood | KW |
| | <u>Community Representatives</u> | |
| | Graham Nutt, Tain Youth Cafe | GN |
| | Alison Taylor, Neighbour | AT |
| | <u>Highland Council – Officials</u> | |
| | Robert Campbell, Service Lead – Capital Planning/Estate Strategy | RC |
| | Susannah Holmes, Principal Estates Officer | SH |
| | Derek Martin, Area Education and Learning Manager | DM |
| | Callum Sinclair, Estates Officer | CS |
| Gordon Stewart, Education Advisor | GS | |
| <u>High Life Highland</u> | | |
| Julie Corcoran, Head of Libraries | JC | |
| Rob Parkes, Youth Worker | RP | |
| Simon Swanson, Head of Investment and Programme Management | SS | |
| <u>Kier Construction</u> | | |
| Lindsey McNaughtan, Social Responsibility Manager | LMN | |

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| Apologies: | Philip Shannon, Cllr Sarah Rawlings, Cllr Alasdair Rhind, Alan Mohan, Kirsteen Reekie, Mark Boyle, Ian Harper, Paul Stallan, June Robertson. | |
| Minute: | Callum Sinclair/Robert Campbell | |
| ITEM | DISCUSSION/COMMENT | ACTION |
| 1 | WELCOME | |
| 1.1 | DL welcomed everyone to the meeting. | |
| 2 | MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING | |
| 2.1 | Item 3.6: LMN advised that Kier are working on community engagement and have set up meetings with the community and key stakeholders. | |
| 2.2 | Item 3:10: SS advised that the Alness Swimming Pool was used by the school only during school hours, with community use taking place outwith these hours. | |
| 2.3 | The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. | |
| 3 | PROJECT UPDATE | |
| 3.1 | <p>RC shared a presentation updating on the current position on the new build.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting of the Highland Council on 30th June approved a recommendation to proceed with the project. • It had been advised at the previous meeting in June that the aim would be to award the contract up to 4 weeks after the Council meeting. However, more time has been required to resolve all the remaining technical and financial risk issues. • Based on an award of contract by the end of August and a four-week mobilisation period, construction work would start on site in late September with a building handover in late December 2024. • The operational dates for the schools from the new building will require further consideration. • Members will consider the proposed relocation of the Public Library, along with the one in Nairn, in due course. • Work has commenced on the business case comparing the whole life capital and revenue costs of a new swimming pool with retaining and upgrading the existing facilities; this will need to be completed in time for the review of the capital programme that is underway. | |
| 3.2 | RC will arrange a meeting with Ward Members once the final cost of the project is confirmed. | RC |
| 3.3 | <p>CR Asked if with budgets being tight and costs increasing would there be any major design cutbacks or changes.</p> <p>RC: There will be no major design changes, the project had been reviewed to identify any potential savings without reducing the scope of the project.</p> | |

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| 3.4 | <p>CR asked about the impact on the swimming pool business case due to increasing costs.</p> <p>RC: The business case will reflect the increases in capital and revenue costs due to current market conditions and other factors.</p> | |
| 4 | EDUCATION/SCHOOL MATTERS | |
| 4.1 | <p>EH asked for an update on the boundary line for Craighill Primary's playground whilst the construction works take place.</p> <p>LMN/SH will give an update this week waiting on Jeff Hedley to finalise the levels within the proposed boundary lines.</p> | LMN/SH |
| 4.2 | DM advised that there will be an update on the proposed new school management structure at a future meeting. | |
| 5 | DATE OF NEXT MEETING | |
| 5.1 | To be confirmed. | |
| 6 | AOCB | |
| 6.1 | <p>CW is retiring as Head Teacher of St Duthus and Lee Williams will be taking over.</p> <p>DL thanked CW for all her efforts and wished her a happy retirement on behalf of the stakeholder group.</p> | |
| 6.2 | DL concluded the meeting at 19.34. | |