

**The Highland Council**

Minutes of **Special Meeting** of the **City of Inverness Area Committee** held remotely on **Thursday, 8 March 2022** at 9.00am.

**Present:**

Mr C Aitken	Mr A Graham
Mr R Balfour	Mr J Gray
Mr B Boyd	Mr A Jarvie
Mr I Brown	Mrs I MacKenzie
Mrs C Caddick	Mr D Macpherson
Miss J Campbell	Mr R MacWilliam
Mrs H Carmichael	Mrs B McAllister
Mrs M Davidson	Mrs T Robertson
Mr D Fraser	

**Officials in Attendance:**

Ms A Clark, Head of Policy & Reform  
Mr D Haas, Inverness City Area Manager  
Miss J MacLennan, Democratic Services Manager  
Mrs O Bayon, Committee Officer

**An asterisk in the margin denotes a recommendation to the Council. All decisions with no marking in the margin are delegated to Committee.**

**Mrs H Carmichael in the Chair**

**Business**

**1. Apologies for Absence  
Leisgeulan**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair, Mr A Christie, Mr K Gowans, Ms E Knox, Ms E Roddick and Mr C Smith.

**2. Declarations of Interest  
Foillseachaidhean Com-pàirt**

The Committee **NOTED** the following connections to this item and the Members concerned confirmed that they would leave as necessary –

Mrs M Davidson – Trustee of Glen Urquhart Rural Community Association  
Mr D Fraser – Trustee of Glen Urquhart Rural Community Association  
Mrs Carolyn Caddick – Inshes Park Community Association  
Mr J Gray – connection to Crown Church  
Mrs I MacKenzie – connection to Crown Church

### 3. **Placed Based Investment Programme** **Prògram Tasgaidh Stèidhte air Àite**

There had been circulated Report CIA/16/22 dated 24 February 2022 by the Executive Chief Officer Infrastructure, Environment & Economy.

During discussion, it was confirmed that it was proposed that the Ness Hydro Scheme should be refused on this occasion due to the level of funding which had been requested but that there should be encouragement to reapply when further Place Based Investment Programme monies were made available.

Also, it was noted that the Active Botanical Community Garden project had been withdrawn but this was on the basis that the aim was to reapply in future years.

Thereafter, the Committee:-

- i. **AGREED** to invest £79,000 in the Victorian Market, Market Hall and Fish Market refurbishment project;
- ii. **AGREED** to invest £335,499 in the Inverness Campus Sports Development project; and
- iii. **AGREED** to allocate funds to the following projects up to the total of £225,934:-
  - a. Glen Urquhart Public Hall (Glen Urquhart Rural Community Association) £45,000;
  - b. Inshes Wheeled Sports Park (Inshes Community Association) £93,191;
  - c. Crown Church – a community resource (Church of Scotland) £74,343; and
  - d. Ardersier Outdoor Gym (Ardersier Community Hub) £13,400.

The meeting ended at 9.15am.