

The Highland Council

Tain 3-18 Campus - Stakeholder Group

Minute of meeting No. 6 held on Monday 13 December 2021 at 7 pm

Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees	Initials
Highland Council - Members	
Fiona Robertson, Chair	FR
Derek Louden	DL
Alasdair Rhind	AR
School Representatives	
Eileen Henderson, Head Teacher, Craighill	EH
Mark Jones, Head Teacher, Tain RA	MJ
Jane MacKay, Head Teacher, Knockbreck	JM
Clare Moran Whiteford, Head Teacher, St Duthus	CMW
Parent Council Representatives	
Alan Mohan	AM
Lorna MacIver	LM
Kirsteen Reekie	KR
Chris Ross	CR
Morven Fioretti	MF
Community Representatives	
Graham Nutt, Tain Youth Café	GN
Lachie Stewart, Tin Civic Trust	LS
Highland Council - Officials	
Robert Campbell, Estate Strategy Manager	RC
Callum Sinclair, Estates Officer	CS
Derek Martin, Area Education Manager	DM
High Life Highland	
Rob Parkes, Youth Development Officer	RP
June Robertson, Senior Resources Librarian	JR
Julie Corcoran, Principal Library Manager	JC
Kier Construction	
Neil Armstrong, Pre-Construction Manager	NA
Michael Robertson, Keir Programme Manager	MR
Jeff Hedley, Kier Site Manager	JF
Lindsey McNaughton, CSR Manager	LMN
Stallan-Brand	
Ian Harper, Associate	IH
Paul Stallan, Director	PS
WSP	
Mark Boyle, Project Manager	MB
Apologies	
Susannah Holmes, Philip Shannon, Alan Garland	

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Item	Discussion and comment	Action
1.	Welcome	
1.1	Fiona Robertson welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	Minutes of previous meeting	
2.1	Options appraisal on swimming pool options – RC advised that this will be finalised by the end of the month.	RC
2.2	Meeting to be set up to discuss further engagement over the possible relocation of the public library with Ward Members.	RC
2.3	Comments from AR and RP supporting a new swimming pool on the campus.	
2.4	GN supported moving the public library to the new campus,	
2.5	MJ stated that pupils don't want a library that will be accessed by the public during the day. JC responded that public access to the library during the day has been managed successfully elsewhere.	
3.	Progress update	
3.1	RC: The planning application has been submitted with a determination deadline of 9th April – link to application on portal below. https://wam.highland.gov.uk/wam/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=R3HAF7IHLDW00	
3.2	RC: The Council website has been updated to include the project information.	
3.3	RC: The Council approved a report on 9th December with a revised 15-year capital investment programme. Several projects had previously approved budgets increased, including Tain.	RC
4.	Design update	
4.1	IH and PS went through the updated design presentations and animation.	
4.2	IH advised that a workshop with pupils has been arranged through RP.	
4.3	FR thanked Stallan-Brand for the presentations.	
4.4	DL commented on how much thought and care had gone into the design and that the building doesn't impose too much on the surroundings. He asked if compromises were being made due to the Passivhaus approach. IH highlighted that by using Passivhaus there were opportunities to improve on a number of factors, not just energy performance.	
4.5	CR asked how the design impacts on ventilation and recent issues arising from Covid. IH responded by saying Passivhaus improves the situation, particularly thermal comfort and air quality.	
4.6	MJ asked what the new campus will be called. FR asked for the naming of the campus to be discussed at a future meeting.	RC/CS
4.7	RP asked about the rugby pitch now being grass. IH: The larger pitch is now grass as it allowed more flexible use with the other two pitches having a synthetic surface (one full size and one 7-a-side).	
4.8	GN asked about cleaning and maintenance of the new building. IH responded by saying Council staff had been consulted throughout the design process.	
5.	Contractor update	

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5.1	MR gave an update on the current position with the planning application now submitted and on developing the work packages which are now out to the market for pricing.	
5.2	LMN delivered a presentation covering the potential community benefits of the construction project to Tain, such as Employment, Education and Community initiatives.	
5.3	DL mentioned he was looking forward to Keir working with the local workforce. He also asked would local contractors get some of the work packages, and would local business be able to supply materials. MR Kier focus on the local supply chain where possible and have experience of this approach on other Highland projects. However, certain work packages will need to be resourced from outwith the area. LMN Keir will include the local workforce when looking at employment opportunities.	
5.4	RP asked about joint apprenticeships, Keir and small local firms working together to create apprenticeships for young people of Tain. LMN/MR asked RP to email them the details to allow then to take it forward.	RP/LMN/ MR
5.5	MJ stated that the uptake in Craft, Design and Technology is very high and asked if it was possible to liaise with Kier to create educational opportunities. LMN asked MJ to drop her an email to move this forward.	MJ/LMN
5.6	KR asked that primary school pupils be involved with the construction process. LMN Agreed, primary school pupils will be involved throughout the process.	
5.7	DM enquired about making sure Gaelic and ASN pupils are involved. LMN will investigate this and respond in future.	LMN
6.	Transition	
6.1	RC: Kenny Murray is leaving the Council and a replacement Education Advisor will be in place in January. DM to move transition planning forward once the new appointment has been made and look at the school management structure then.	
7.	Tain library update	
7.1	Members had raised concerns and asked for a separate meeting to discuss the next steps for wider engagement.	RC
8.	AOCB	
8.1	DL highlighted the urgency of completing the swimming pool options report.	
8.2	The next meeting will be held Tuesday 15 February 7pm via Microsoft Teams.	