

CABINET

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting on 29 October 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

Present

in County Councillors Martin Dowey (Chair), Alec Clark, Brian Connolly, Ian Davis,
Hall: William Grant and Martin Kilbride.

Present

Remotely: Councillor Bob Pollock.

Apologies: Councillors Hugh Hunter and Bob Shields.

Attending M. Newall, Chief Executive; K. Braidwood, Director of Housing, Operations and
in County Development; J. Bradley, Director of Communities and Transformation; C. Caves,
Hall: Chief Governance Officer; G. Hunter, Assistant Director – Communities; L. Reid,
Assistant Director – Transformation; K. Anderson, Assistant Director – Corporate
Policy, Strategy and Performance; M. Inglis, Head of Children’s Health, Care and
Justice Service; S. McCall, Service Lead – Transformation; K. Mullen, Service Lead
– ICT Operations; J. Tait, Service Lead – Thriving Communities; K. Hancox,
Committee Services Officer; and E. Moore, Committee Services Assistant.

Opening Remarks.

The Chair took the sederunt, confirmed to Members the procedures to conduct this meeting and advised that the meeting was being broadcast live; and

1. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Cabinet in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors’ Code of Conduct.

2. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of 25 September 2024 ([issued](#)) were submitted and approved.

3. Decision Log.

Following questions from Members of the Cabinet regarding entries within the Decision Log and having noted an update would be provided by the appropriate officer in relation to Proposed Ward Capital Projects – Update 2023 to 2025; and that Actions with incorrect dates would be resolved, the Cabinet

Decided:

- (1) to approve the [overdue actions](#);
- (2) to approve the actions listed with [revised due dates](#); and
- (3) to note the recently [completed actions](#).

Corporate and Strategic.

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4. Community Councils - Amendments to the Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 21 October 2024 by Director of Communities and Transformation seeking approval for officers to make amendments to the Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils.

Following discussion in relation to the consultation process and having heard from the Chief Governance Officer in relation to the Scheme of Establishment, the Cabinet

Decided:

- (1) to update the Scheme for Establishment to reflect administrative changes to the Scheme as highlighted in red in Appendix 1; and
- (2) to approve the name of Dunure Community Council to be changed to Fisherton and Dunure Community Council following a request from Dunure Community Council.

Corporate and Strategic/Finance, HR and ICT.

5. Shaping Our Future Council Update.

There was submitted a joint report ([issued](#)) of 21 October 2024 by Depute Chief Executive and Director of Education and the Director of Communities and Transformation providing Cabinet with an update on the 'Shaping Our Future Council' actions and; seeking approval to implement the proposed Transformation Reporting and Scrutiny schedule.

The Cabinet

Decided:

- (1) to note the progress and completion of the 'Shaping Our Future Council' actions as outlined in this report;
- (2) to note the establishment of the Transformation Board, the governance in place to support delivery of transformation projects and the ongoing engagement activity with stakeholders;
- (3) to note the 'Shaping Our Future Council' portfolio presented at Appendix 1 and the Transformation Benefits Realisation Plan at Appendix 2; and
- (4) to approve the implementation of the Transformation Reporting and Scrutiny Schedule at Appendix 3 and agree reports, including benefits reporting, be brought back to Cabinet and Service and Partnerships Performance Panel as described in Appendix 3 as required.

Health and Social Care.

6. Unannounced Inspection of Cunningham Place Children's House.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 21 October 2024 by the Head of Children's Health, Care and Justice informing Cabinet that there had been an unannounced inspection by the Care Inspectorate on Cunningham Place, Children's House on 3 and 4 June 2024. The inspection was carried out by one inspector from the Care Inspectorate with in-person visits taking place and feedback provided on 9 June 2024.

Following discussion on what improvements had been implemented since June, the Cabinet

Decided:

- (1) to acknowledge the Care Inspectorate's unannounced inspection of Cunningham Place Children's House and the grading of being Weak;
- (2) to reflect upon the key messages from the Inspection report, and the requirements and recommendations highlighted; and
- (3) to acknowledge the Health and Social Care Partnership's Improvement plan and the assurance of the ongoing improvement work being undertaken.

7. Exclusion of press and public.

The Cabinet resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the remaining item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Economic Development.

8. Expression of Interest to National Heritage Lottery Fund for The Dunure Helm Heritage and Community Centre.

There was submitted a report (Members only) of 23 October 2024 by Director of Communities and Transformation and the Director of Housing, Operations and Development updating Members on the steps taken by officers to develop an Expression of Interest (EOI) for submission to the National Heritage Lottery Fund (NHLF) in November 2024 to support Dynamic Dunure's vision for the Dunure Community and Heritage Centre; and providing Members with information on the proposal and business case being developed by officers to consider supporting the application with capital funding.

The Cabinet

Decided:

- (1) to note the progress for submitting an Expression of Interest to National Heritage Lottery Fund for the Dunure Heritage Community Centre Project and to approve the submission of the Expression of Interest on or before 21 November 2024;

- (2) to note that the Expression of Interest confirmed a proposal and business case to be developed by officers for the Council to consider the provision of capital funding of up to £2m to support the Dunure Heritage Community Centre Project;
- (3) to note that a request to submit a development application would be advised to the Council within 20 days of the application submission, and officers would present a report to Cabinet with the revised business case to request that the Council considered providing capital funding to support the Dunure Heritage Community Centre Project;
- (4) to note that the business case required to present a sustainable revenue generating model for the Dunure Community Centre Project so that the Council was not required to provide any staffing, operating or maintenance support;
- (5) to note that the full details of the Dunure Community Centre Project were in development and that the business case had yet to be tested against legal requirements including compliance with the subsidy control regime; and
- (6) to note that where Council agreed to provide funding then officers would present an application to the National Heritage Lottery Fund for stage 1 development funding.

Corporate and Strategic/Economic Development.

9. Destination South Ayrshire – Event Space Digital Connectivity.

There was submitted a report (Members only) of 23 October 2024 by Director of Communities and Transformation advising Members on plans to provide an Event Space WiFi service, on the Shorefront and Low Green areas of Ayr, which would enhance digital connectivity and the user experience during major events, and seeking Cabinet approval to carry out a public consultation in respect of the proposed work on the Low Green.

Following discussion regarding the timescale and the 12-week consultation period, the Cabinet

Decided:

- (1) to note the proposal to create an Event Space WiFi service at the shorefront to attract visitors and enhance the digital experience at major events, subject to completion of a public consultation;
- (2) to note that the costs to provide the Event Space WiFi was covered through £0.200m grant funding from the Department of Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT), as part of the 5G Innovation Regions Programme (5GIR);
- (3) to authorise the Service Lead – Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer to carry out a Common Good consultation under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 section 104 on the proposed works and change of use of areas of the Low Green (see Appendix 1), with the result of the consultation being reported to the Cabinet; and
- (4) to note that a future report would be brought, during the period of grant funding, to review longer term provision of an Event Space WiFi service.

10. **Consideration of Disclosure of the above confidential reports.**

Decided:

- (1) not to authorise the disclosure under Standing Order 32.4 of the following report
 - Expression of Interest to National Heritage Lottery Fund for The Dunure Helm Heritage and Community Centre.
- (2) not to authorise the disclosure under Standing Order 32.4 of the following report
 - Destination South Ayrshire – Event Space Digital Connectivity.

The meeting ended at 11.05 a.m.

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