

# ESTATES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 12 July 2011

**Chair:**

Councillor Jim Docherty

**Councillors Present:**

David Baillie, Walter Brogan, Jackie Burns (Depute), Douglas Edwards, Lynn Filshie, Ian Gray, Bill Holman, Alex McInnes, Denis McKenna, Alice Marie Mitchell, George Sutherland, Chris Thompson, Jim Wardhaugh, Sheena Wardhaugh

**Councillors' Apologies:**

Graeme Campbell, Gordon Clark, Beith Forrest, Jim Handibode, Eileen Logan, Edward McAvoy, John McNamee, Graham Simpson, Mary Smith

**Attending:**

**Corporate Resources**

J McDonald, Administration Adviser

**Enterprise Resources**

J Forbes, Business Support and Property Information Manager; S Keating, Property Development Manager; J McCaffer, Head of Regeneration

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## 1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

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## 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Estates Committee held on 17 May 2011 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

**The Committee decided:** that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

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## 3 Sale of Land at Highstonehall Road, Hamilton

A report dated 23 June 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the sale of land extending to 63 acres at Highstonehall Road, Hamilton to Bett Homes Limited for the development of residential housing.

It was proposed that the land at Highstonehall Road, Hamilton be sold to Bett Homes Limited, in the sum of £125,000, subject to the terms and conditions detailed in the report and on the basis of the following:-

- ◆ Phase 1: 96% of open market value
- ◆ Phase 2: 97.5% of market value
- ◆ Phases 3 to 7: 100% of market value

**The Committee decided:**

- (1) that the land extending to 63 acres at Highstonehall Road, Hamilton be sold to Bett Homes Limited, in the sum of £125,000, subject to the terms and conditions detailed in the report; and
- (2) that the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources), in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, be authorised to conclude negotiations and the necessary legal agreements on terms which were in the best interests of the Council.

*[Reference: Minutes of Executive Committee of 21 March 2007 (Paragraph 10)]*

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#### **4 Sale of Land to Muse Developments at Cherryhill, Larkhall**

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A report dated 21 June 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on proposed variations to the existing contract with Muse Developments for the sale of land at Cherryhill, Larkhall.

In view of the requirement to progress this matter as soon as possible to allow compliance with contractual obligations relating to the completion of Larkhall Academy and in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, had:-

- ◆ approved the granting of a licence of the areas of land in the Cherryhill area of Larkhall at Church Street, Broomhill Road and Broomhill Drive to Muse Developments to carry out roads improvements associated with their development proposals adjacent to Larkhall Academy, subject to the terms and conditions detailed in the report
- ◆ approved the variations to the existing contract with Muse Developments for the sale of land at Cherryhill, Larkhall as detailed in the report
- ◆ authorised the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources), in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to conclude negotiations and the necessary legal agreements on terms which were in the best interests of the Council

**The Committee decided:**

that the following action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, be noted:-

- ◆ approval of the licence to carry out roads improvements in the Cherryhill area of Larkhall at Church Street, Broomhill Road and Broomhill Drive to Muse Developments, in relation to their development proposals adjacent to Larkhall Academy, subject to the terms and conditions detailed in the report
- ◆ approval of the proposed variations to the existing contract with Muse Developments as detailed in the report
- ◆ authorisation of the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources), in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to conclude negotiations and the necessary legal agreements on terms which were in the best interests of the Council

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## **5 Urgent Business**

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There were no items of urgent business.