

**MINUTES of MEETING of CHORD PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT BOARD held in the
MEMBERS ROOM, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on THURSDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2010**

Present: Councillor Dick Walsh (Chair)

Councillor Robert Macintyre
Sally Loudon, Chief Executive
Douglas Hendry, Executive Director – Community Services
Sandy Mactaggart, Executive Director – Development and
Infrastructure Services
Bruce West, Head of Strategic Finance

Attending: Robert Pollock, Head of Economic Development and Strategic
Transportation (CHORD Programme SRO)
Nicola Debnam, CHORD Programme Manager

The Chair ruled and the Board agreed to consider the business dealt with at item 4 of this Minute (Campbeltown Infrastructure Improvements Project) as a matter of urgency due to the re-submission of the ERDF application in respect of this project on 8 October 2010.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the CHORD Programme Management Board meeting held on 20 August 2010 were approved as a correct record.

*** 3. CASHFLOW/FINANCE FOR THI/CARS PROJECTS**

Both Campbeltown and Rothesay CHORD projects have elements of their overall CHORD project related to THI/CARS. These relate to preserving and enhancing the built fabric of the town centres. There may be occasions where owners of buildings require cash flow support to manage the development of a building in their ownership under THI/CARS.

Decision

Agreed to recommend to the Executive that the CHORD Programme Board be given the power to agree cash flow loans to voluntary or community organisations subject to the conditions outlined in paragraphs 3.7 and 3.8 of the Head of Strategic Finance's report, for the purpose of securing the built environment of town centres supported by heritage grants.

(Reference: Report by Head of Strategic Finance, submitted)

4. CAMPBELTOWN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services advised on progress with the Campbeltown Infrastructure Improvements Project and confirmed that Council Officers and representatives from HIE would be meeting with Skykon on 12 October 2010 in order to set out the reasons for Option E being the preferred option to take this project forward.

Decision

Noted the updated provided by the Executive Director.

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6, 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

*** 5. CAMPBELTOWN TOWN HALL BUSINESS CASE**

A report presenting the key findings of the draft interim business case for Campbeltown Town Hall was considered.

Decision

1. Noted the contents of the report; and
2. Agreed to recommend to the Executive that they agree the approach being taken and support the need for further time to pursue the potential end uses which is likely to represent a further 8 – 12 months.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated 30 September 2010, submitted)