

ENTERPRISE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 26 April 2006 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors Barnacle (substituting for Councillor Lumsden), Cowan, Doig, Ellis, Hulbert, Jack, Livingstone, Mair, McDonald, McEwen, Robertson, Simpson and Telfer.

In Attendance: R Bean, A Deans, C Haggart, P Marshall, J Murray and I Sleith (all The Environment Service); K Macdonald, J Deponio, S Hague, P Kyle, A Seggie and A M Sinclair (all Chief Executive's); S Aldred, L Brown and A Wilson (all Corporate Services); Sergeant Crozier, Tayside Police.

Apology for Absence: Councillor Lumsden.

Councillor Livingstone, Convener, Presiding.

283. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

284. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 1 March 2006 (Arts. 152-166) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

285. DEPUTATION

It was noted that in terms of Standing Order 59, a request for a deputation to Committee had been received on Duchlage Farm, Crieff – Results of Consultation and Finalised Development Brief. (Article 293 below)

Motion – (Councillors Livingstone and Hulbert) – The request for a deputation be refused due to the extensive consultation in the local community which had already taken place.

Amendment – (Councillors Mair and Cowan) – It be agreed that the deputation be heard.

Amendment – 5 Votes

Motion – 8 Votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

286. DRAFT TOURISM STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (06/291) outlining comments on the draft Tourism Strategy and Action Plan for Perth and Kinross, which is currently being developed by the Perthshire Tourism Partnership.

Resolved:

- (i) The comments detailed in Report 06/291 be approved and submitted to VisitScotland Perthshire for inclusion in the final Tourism Strategy and Action Plan.
- (ii) The final Tourism Strategy and Action Plan be submitted to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee following approval by the Economic Partnership.
- (iii) The Head of Economic Development be instructed to write to VisitScotland requesting they investigate the necessity of undertaking a strategic environmental assessment of the Action Plan appended to Report 06/291.

287. MARKETING PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (06/292) reviewing the progress made in promoting Perth and Kinross in 2005/06 and setting out a programme for 2006/07.

Resolved:

- (i) The success of the 2005/06 promotional programme, in both its economic impact and in drawing support from the business community, be acknowledged.
- (ii) The 2006/07 programme, as set out in Report 06/292, be approved and a six month progress report be submitted to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee in October 2006.
- (iii) The Head of Economic Development be instructed to submit a Pilot Ambassadors programme to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee in June 2006.
- (iv) The Budget Review Group be advised that a three year marketing budget for 2007-2010 is required to build on the excellent progress which has been made in partnership with the private and public sector agencies and the community at large.

288. PERTH FARMERS' MARKET – ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (06/293) detailing the findings of an Economic Impact Study of Perth Farmers' Market carried out in December 2005 and outlining the programme for 2006/07.

Resolved:

- (i) The positive findings of the Perth Farmers' Market Economic Impact Study, highlighting the Market's substantial contribution to the local economy in terms of employment, spend, new business formation and attracting visitors to the area, be welcomed.
- (ii) The conclusion that Perth Farmers' Market is a Flagship Market in Scotland and that the Partnership approach between the Market, Council and Perth City Centre Management had been instrumental in driving it forward, be supported.
- (iii) Funding of up to £8,500 to Perth Farmers' Market in 2006/07 be approved for the promotion of the Market outwith Perth and Kinross and for holding events at the Market.
- (iv) The Head of Economic Development be instructed to submit an evaluation report to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee at the end of the financial year on the proposal to introduce local produce to young people through children's groups and schools, and to submit a copy of the report to the Lifelong Learning Committee for its interest.

289. TARTAN WEEK IN NEW YORK

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (06/307) providing the Committee with initial feedback on the success of Perth and Kinross representation in the Scotland Village in New York during Tartan Week.

Following discussion the Committee resolved:

- (i) The success of Perth and Kinross representation in the Scotland Village at the 2006 Tartan Week in New York be welcomed.
- (ii) The holding of discussions with VisitScotland on the outcomes of the Perth and Kinross presence in the exhibition, with a view to incorporating specific action in the 2006/07 VisitScotland partnership agreement, be approved.
- (iii) The intention of the Head of Economic Development to report back to this Committee on 7 June 2006, on the final evaluation of the event by VisitScotland as part of the 2006/07 partnership agreement with VisitScotland, be noted.

290. DEVELOPING SYNERGIES WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION LISBON AND GOTHENBURG STRATEGIES

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (06/294) outlining the European Union (EU) Lisbon and Gothenburg Strategies and suggesting a framework and potential synergies to optimise benefits for the Perth and Kinross area.

Resolved:

- (i) To approve the EU Lisbon and Gothenburg Strategies constituting the European framework within which applications for funding were developed and submitted.
- (ii) To support the Trollhätten declaration, as detailed in Appendix 2 to Report 06/294.

291. CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR FINANCIAL YEARS 2006/07 TO 2008/09

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (06/295) providing a summary of Economic Development's capital budget proposals for financial years 2006/07 to 2008/09, being a vital mechanism for the delivery of Economic Development projects and the Economic Development Strategy for the area.

The Committee noted that the Council, at its meeting on 9 February 2006, approved a three year capital programme 2006/07 to 2008/09. (Article 96 refers).

Resolved:

The proposed capital programme for Economic Development for 2006/07 to 2008/09, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 06/295, be approved.

***292. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE – BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2006/07 TO 2008/09**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/290) presenting the Business Management and Improvement Plan for The Environment Service for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2008.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 06/290 be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Environment) be instructed to submit reports detailing performance during 2006/07, and each subsequent year of the Plan, to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee for information, following their presentation to the Standards and Scrutiny Committee.

293. DUCHLAGE FARM, CRIEFF – RESULTS OF CONSULTATION AND FINALISED DEVELOPMENT BRIEF

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/296) summarising the comments received on the draft Development Brief for the Duchlage Farm area, Crieff, and proposing a finalised Development Brief.

Resolved:

Consideration of the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on 7 June 2006 to enable officers to obtain further detailed information.

***294. REVIEW OF STRUCTURE PLAN POPULATION AND HOUSING PROJECTIONS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL PLAN REVIEWS**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/297) reviewing the population and housing projections in the Perth and Kinross Structure Plan 2003, and in the light of recent population projections from the General Register Office for Scotland (GROS), recommending an Alteration to the Structure Plan to accommodate increased projections for both population and housing.

Motion – (Councillors Livingstone and Hulbert)

- (i) **The General Register Office for Scotland (GROS) 2004 based population projections for Perth and Kinross be noted and accepted.**
- (ii) **The Executive Director (Environment) be authorised to take the necessary steps to prepare an expedited Alteration to the Perth and Kinross Structure Plan to address housing numbers and to report back to a future meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee with details of the proposed Alteration.**
- (iii) **The implications for the Review of the Perth and Eastern Area Local Plans be noted, and the Executive Director (Environment) be instructed to incorporate these into future reports to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on the Finalised Plans.**

Amendment – (Councillors Barnacle and McEwen) – In view of the GROS figure write to the Scottish Executive regarding whether or not the Council might review the Structure Plan for Perth and Kinross and report back to the Committee on that review.

Amendment – 6 Votes

Motion – 7 Votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

295. REGIONAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS – IMPLICATIONS FOR PERTH AND KINROSS AREA

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/298), (1) advising of Scottish Executive capital grant funding made available to the new Tayside and Central Regional Transport Partnership; and (2) highlighting capital projects within Perth and Kinross to be advanced in financial year 2006/2007, on the basis of their having an important regional transport dimension and helping address current wider transportation and development issues, subject to approval from Scottish Ministers.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 06/298 be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that the proposals set out in Report 06/298 were approved by the Regional Transport Partnership Board as schemes to be taken forward in the financial year 2006/2007, subject to approval from the Scottish Ministers.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Environment) be instructed to continue to liaise with the appropriate bodies and determine any arrangements required to develop and implement the proposals as detailed in Report 06/298.

296. PERTH CITY CENTRE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT REVIEW AND ALTERATIONS TO TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN THE PEDESTRIANISED ZONE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/299) (1) summarising the outcomes of the Perth City Centre Traffic Management Review in relation to road safety, traffic management and parking; and (2) identifying a number of changes required to the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) as a result of proposals to reduce traffic flows within the city centre pedestrianised zone.

Motion – (Councillors Hulbert and Livingstone)

- (i) The comments arising from the consultation exercise, as detailed in Appendix (ii) to Report 06/299, be noted.
- (ii) The implementation of various proposed measures, as detailed in Part 1 – Points from Consultation of Report 06/299, be agreed.
- (iii) The undertaking of a comprehensive cycle review study of the city centre be approved.
- (iv) The promotion of Traffic Regulation Orders, agreed as part of the Perth City Centre Traffic Management Review, be approved to give effect to the changes to the traffic systems, with orders required as follows:
 - New Row (between Market Street and High Street): make 1-way southbound and change waiting restrictions
 - Market Street: make 1-way westbound and change waiting restrictions
 - Milne Street (between Market Street and High Street): make 1-way northbound and change waiting restrictions
 - Scott Street: introduction of loading bay and disabled parking in vicinity of the new footway build-out
 - High Street (between New Row and Milne Street): make 1-way eastbound and change waiting restrictions
 - High Street (between South Methven Street and Scott Street): make 1-way westbound and change waiting restrictions
 - Murray Street – taxis and pedal cycles only (with access)
 - Charterhouse Lane: create 6 pay-and-display parking spaces.
- (v) The changes to the relevant Traffic Regulation Orders for parking arrangements and traffic movements in the pedestrianised zone, as detailed in Part 2 of Report 06/299, be approved as follows:
 - to change the direction of traffic flow in parts of High Street, King Edward Street, South St John's Place and St John's Place, and for the full length of St

John Street, Kirkgate, Kirkside and Skinnergate, all as described in Report 06/299

- to re-determine King Edward Street as a footpath between St John's Place and South St John's Place
- to prevent through traffic entering St John Street from St John's Place
- to permit taxis to access the pedestrian zone from High Street to pick up and drop off passengers between the hours of 4pm and 11am
- to remove parking bays in South St John's Place, King Edward Street, and High Street, all as described in Report 06/299
- to introduce a "No Loading at Any Time" ban on all four corners of the junction of High Street with George Street/ Watergate
- to extend the pedestrianised zone to include Skinnergate and the access to Skinnergate from Bridge Lane
- to introduce a 'No Vehicular Access' restriction (except for emergency access) between the hours of 11am and 4pm throughout the pedestrianised zone, including Skinnergate.

Amendment – (Councillors Mair and Jack) – To agree the recommendations in Report 06/299 subject to the exclusion of the recommendation to permit taxis to access the pedestrian zone from High Street, Perth to pick up and drop off passengers between the hours of 4pm and 11am, which be not approved.

Amendment – 4 Votes

Motion – 8 Votes

No Vote -1

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

297. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS AT HIGH STREET, AUCHTERARDER AND ORCHIL ROAD, GLENEAGLES

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Space Management (06/300) advising of parking problems reported by staff and parents of Ochil Towers School, High Street, Auchterarder and the management of Gleneagles Hotel, Orchil Road, Gleneagles, and recommending the introduction of No Waiting at Any Time restrictions.

Resolved:

The promotion of the necessary alterations to the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) to introduce No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on High Street, Auchterarder and on Orchil Road, Gleneagles, as detailed in Report 06/300, be approved.

298. ALTERATIONS TO WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS – BLAIRGOWRIE AND RATTRAY

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Space Management (06/301) (1) advising of changes proposed to the waiting and loading restrictions in Blairgowrie and Rattray; (2) summarising the results of consultation carried out on the proposals; and (3) seeking permission to alter the relevant Traffic Regulation Order.

Resolved:

The alteration of the Traffic Regulation Order for Blairgowrie and Rattray to include the changes, as detailed in Report 06/301, be approved.

299. INTRODUCTION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS AT DUNCANSBY WAY AND ON DUNKELD ROAD/DUNKELD ROAD SERVICE ROAD, PERTH (Art. 623/05)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Space Management (06/302) advising of objections received to proposals to introduce waiting restrictions at Duncansby Way and on Dunkeld Road/Dunkeld Road service road in Perth and recommending that the objections be set aside and the proposals approved.

Resolved:

The objections to the proposals for the introduction of No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions on Duncansby Way and on Dunkeld Road/Dunkeld Road service road be set aside, and the Order be made as advertised.

300. PROPOSED 7.5 TONNE WEIGHT RESTRICTION ON DOVECOTLAND RAILWAY BRIDGE, LONGCAUSEWAY, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Head of Public Space Management (06/303) recommending that a Traffic Regulation Order be promoted to introduce a weight limit on the Dovecotland Railway Bridge, Longcauseway, Perth.

Resolved:

The promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to impose a 7.5 tonne weight limit on the Dovecotland Railway Bridge, Longcauseway, Perth, with an exemption for fire appliances and buses, as detailed on the plan appended to Report 06/303, be approved.