

## **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 27 January 2010 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors J Kellas, A Gaunt; L Caddell (up to and including Art. 52), R Ellis, J Flynn (up to and including Art. 53), A Jack, J Law, W Lumsden, M Lyle, A Stewart, B Vaughan (substituting for Councillor H McDonald), W Wilson and A Wylie.

In Attendance: Councillor A MacLellan (up to and including Art. 48); B Malone, Chief Executive (during Art. 52); J Irons, Executive Director (Environment); J Valentine, Depute Director (Environment); R Bean, C Haggart, K McNamara (up to and including Art. 48), K Macdonald, R Thomson, A Seggie (all up to and including Art. 52), D Cook, J McCrone, F Will (all up to and including Art. 53) (all The Environment Service); M Walker, Education and Children's Services (during Art. 52); A Wilson and L Brown (both Chief Executive's Service); I Waddell, Tayside Contracts (during Art. 52).

Councillor J Kellas, Convener, Presiding.

### **45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

### **46. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minute of Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 4 November 2009 (Arts. 560-570) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

### **47. DEPUTATIONS**

In terms of Standing Order 59, the Committee agreed requests received from Mr M Gallagher, Mrs J Kettles and Mr E Maxwell, all of Coupar Angus, to address the Committee on a proposal to undertake environmental improvements to Coupar Angus town centre. (Art. 52)

In terms of Standing Order 19, the Committee agreed to vary the order of business to hear the depositions immediately prior to Art. 52.

### **48. WINTER SITUATION REPORT – DECEMBER 2009 TO JANUARY 2010**

Following a point of order raised by Councillor B Vaughan with regard to the Council's Standing Order 20(a), the Convener ruled that in his opinion although Report 10/38 had not been circulated in accordance with that Standing Order, the matter was of sufficient importance that the report should be considered in order that

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the Committee could be informed of the actions taken by the Council during the recent severe weather conditions.

There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (10/38) advising of the actions taken in response to the severe weather conditions experienced over the period December 2009 to January 2010.

The Convener, on behalf of the Committee, thanked all Council employees and external contractors who had worked extremely hard to ensure that key services were maintained and that the local roads network remained operational throughout the period of severe weather.

COUNCILLOR MACLELLAN LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

#### **49. ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAMME UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (10/39) advising of progress made against the actions detailed within the Economic Recovery Programme developed by the Community Planning Economic Partnership and the Economic Leadership Board in the Spring of 2009.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The progress made on the implementation of the actions identified within the Economic Recovery Programme, as detailed in Report 10/39, be noted.
- (ii) A second Economic Summit be held with key Business Leaders in the Spring of 2010 to review the Economic Recovery Programme and to discuss priorities for action in 2010/2011.

#### **50. SUPPORTING THE RURAL PERTHSHIRE ECONOMY THROUGH INNOVATION AND ENTERPRISE – EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (10/40) (1) outlining an initiative aimed at supporting the rural Perthshire economy through a programme of projects to support the implementation of elements of the Perth and Kinross Economic Strategy; and (2) seeking approval of an application to the European Regional Development Fund Lowlands and Uplands Scotland Programme.

**Resolved:**

- (i) An application be submitted to the European Regional Development Fund Lowlands and Uplands Scotland Programme seeking support for a programme of projects designed to diversify and strengthen the rural economy of Perth and Kinross.
- (ii) It be noted that the implementation of this project would be subject to the availability of sufficient resources towards the Council's contribution as approved through the budget process.

**51. EVENT FUNDING APPLICATION – PERTH FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/41) advising of an application for funding received from Perth Festival of the Arts for the 2010 Festival.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The importance of the 2010 Perth Festival of the Arts in the context of the Perth800 project, be noted.
- (ii) The 2010 Perth Festival of the Arts be awarded £23,500 from the Council's Events Fund.

**52. COUPAR ANGUS – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT OF TOWN CENTRE**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (10/47) (1) outlining the consultation carried out on proposals for alternative environmental regeneration schemes for Coupar Angus town centre; (2) summarising the responses to the consultation; and (3) recommending the implementation of a scheme.

Mr M Gallagher and Mrs J Kettles of Coupar Angus addressed the Committee on behalf of a number of residents and shopkeepers of Coupar Angus on the proposed environmental improvement of Coupar Angus town centre, in particular the proposal to introduce a shared surface scheme at The Cross. Mr Gallagher and Mrs Kettles answered a number of questions from Committee Members, and thereafter they withdrew to the public gallery.

Mr E Maxwell of Coupar Angus addressed the Committee on the proposed environmental improvement of Coupar Angus town centre, in particular future parking provision for people with disabilities. Mr Maxwell answered a number of questions from Committee Members, and thereafter he withdrew to the public gallery.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The implementation of Scheme 3 for the environmental and economic regeneration of Coupar Angus town centre, as described in Report 10/47 and as supported by the majority of the members of the local community who responded to the consultation, be approved.
- (ii) The promotion of the following Traffic Regulation Orders be approved:
  - 1. Pedestrianisation of High Street, Coupar Angus with access for servicing at any time.
  - 2. Introduction of No Waiting at Any Time waiting restrictions on:
    - (a) George Street: both sides between George Square and The Cross.
    - (b) Athole Street: (1) east side between The Cross and the widened section of Athole Street south east of Gray Street, and (2) west side between The Cross and Stable Wynd.
    - (c) Stable Wynd: both sides from its junction with Athole Street to its junction with George Square.

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- (d) Commercial Street: both sides between The Cross and the Commercial Street car park entrance.
- (e) The Cross: both sides.
- (f) George Square: a short section on the north east side.
- 3. The removal of existing waiting restrictions superseded by the above changes.
- 4. The introduction of one-way restriction on traffic flow in:
  - (a) Athole Street: from The Cross towards the widened section of Athole Street south east of Gray Street.
  - (b) Commercial Street: from The Cross towards the Commercial Street car park entrance.

COUNCILLOR CADDELL LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

### 53. HOUSING LAND POLICY GUIDANCE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (10/42) seeking approval of policy guidance on housing land requirements and an interim approach to the release of housing land until such time as the new Local Development Plan was in place in the light of the fact that a formal Alteration to the Perth and Kinross Structure Plan on population and households was no longer possible.

**Resolved:**

- (i) It be noted that the Scottish Government had advised that it would not be possible to pursue the proposed formal Structure Plan Alteration.
- (ii) The Policy Guidance on Population and Households, as appended to Report 10/42, be approved.
- (iii) The following strategy for the release of housing land through the Development Management process, be approved:
  - within Perth City and in all areas outwith the Perth Core Area (comprising Eastern, Highland, Kinross and Strathearn Planning Areas and the Perth Lowland Area), give consideration to releasing sites which were in line with existing development plan strategies and which would be effective by 2012, and resist major housing applications which were contrary to the Development Plan.
  - within the Perth Core Area (but excluding Perth City), resist major housing applications contrary to the Development Plan as the scale of land release required was such that it would most appropriately be informed by the Local Development Plan.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Environment) be authorised to provide officer support to enable the examination of longer term strategic land allocations for consideration in the new Development Plan.

COUNCILLOR FLYNN LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

**54. DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS AFFORDABLE HOUSING – COMMUTED SUM REVIEW**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (10/43) seeking approval of the revised affordable housing commuted sum figures as provided in the research commissioned by the Council from the District Valuer and an independent valuer.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The revised commuted sum figures for the five Housing Market Areas (HMAs) within Perth and Kinross, contained in Paragraphs 8 to 10 of Report 10/43 be approved and a review of the figures be undertake in one year's time.
- (ii) It be agreed that the revised commuted sum figures form the basis for the developer contribution commuted sums received by the Council in lieu of land or built units for affordable housing, with effect from 27 January 2010.

**55. ADDITIONS TO THE LIST OF PUBLIC ROADS**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/44) recommending additions to the List of Public Roads.

**Resolved:**

The additions to the List of Public Roads of the roads detailed in the schedule appended to Report 10/44 be approved.

**56. ADDITIONS TO THE LIST OF PUBLIC ROADS (NORTH MUIRTON)**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/45) recommending additions to the List of Public Roads of a number of paths and parking areas in North Muirton, Perth.

**Resolved:**

The additions to the List of Public Roads of the paths and parking areas in North Muirton detailed in the schedule appended to Report 10/45 be approved.

**57. TENDERS ACCEPTED AND WORKS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/46) detailing (1) the tenders accepted and works awarded by the Executive Director (Environment) under delegated powers during the period 1 April to 31 October, 2009; and (2) tenders accepted and contracts awarded for Public, Education and Community Care Transport under similar powers for the period from 1 April to 30 September 2009.

**Resolved:**

The contents of Report 10/46 and the contract awards, as detailed in Appendices 1 to 7 of Report 10/46, be noted.

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