

# 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 29 November 2006 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors Livingstone, Cowan, Doig, A Grant (substituting for Councillor Telfer), Hulbert, Lumsden, Mair, McDonald, McEwen, Miller (substituting for Councillor Ellis); Robertson and Simpson.

In Attendance: J Irons, Executive Director (Environment), J Valentine, C Haggart, G Lindsay, S D'All and J McCrone (all The Environment Service); K Macdonald, J Deponio, P Kyle and A McGhee (all Chief Executive's); L Brown, T Cornet and A Wilson (all Corporate Services).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Ellis, Jack and Telfer.

Councillor Livingstone, Convener, Presiding.

## 762. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

## 763. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 18 October 2006 (Articles 653-669) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

## 764. DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Eric Guthrie, Director of the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership (TACTRAN), made a presentation to the Committee on the background to the establishment of TACTRAN, and the key tasks and issues facing it over the coming months, in particular the preparation and submission to the Minister for Transport by 31 March 2007 of a Regional Transport Strategy for the TACTRAN area.

Thereafter, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/834) providing an update on developments with the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership (TACTRAN) and on progress on the development of the Regional Transport Strategy for the TACTRAN area.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The developments in relation to the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership, as outlined in Report 06/834, be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Environment) be instructed to submit further reports on developments with the TACTRAN to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee at appropriate intervals.
- (iii) The progress on the development of a Regional Transport Strategy for the TACTRAN area be noted.
- (iv) It be noted that public consultation on the draft Regional Transport Strategy would be the subject of a future report to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee.

## 765. MARKETING PERTH AND KINROSS – PROGRESS REPORT – APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2006

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (06/835) providing an overview of the work undertaken in the last six months on the marketing of Perth and Kinross.

### **Resolved:**

The success of the marketing campaign over the last six months, together with the continued commitment from the local community and businesses to supporting the brand, be welcomed.

## 766. MAJOR EVENT PROPOSAL

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (06/836) outlining a proposal received for a new major annual cycling event in Perthshire and providing an update on the achievements in attracting new major events to the area.

**Resolved:**

- (i) Funding of £20,000 for a mass participation cycle event, as detailed in Report 06/386, be approved.
- (ii) The conditions relating to the above funding be also approved, thereby ensuring that the whole economy of Highland Perthshire benefited from the event.
- (iii) The progress made towards the objectives of the Events Strategy and Action Plan in attracting new major events to Perth and Kinross be acknowledged.

**767. RURAL INITIATIVES FUND 2006 – 2007**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/837) advising of progress made in the implementation of projects which had received recent assistance from the Rural Initiatives Fund and proposing the allocation of Council funding for 2006-2007 towards projects in Blairgowrie and Kinross.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The progress made in the implementation of schemes which were offered assistance in 2005-2006, and the impact of the withdrawal of assistance from Scottish Enterprise Tayside, be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Environment) be instructed to request renewed commitment from Scottish Enterprise Tayside to the provision of funding for environmental and economic projects in the rural areas of Perth and Kinross.
- (iii) Funds be allocated to projects in Blairgowrie and Kinross, as detailed in Report 06/837.
- (iv) The Head of Sustainable Development Planning be instructed to make relevant groups aware of potential funding sources such as the Scottish Executive's Rural Development Small Business Award Fund.
- (v) The Executive Director (Environment) report to this Committee on 17 January 2007 on the position regarding Scottish Enterprise Tayside and City Initiatives.

**768. BUILDING STANDARDS AUDIT BY SCOTTISH BUILDING STANDARDS AGENCY**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/838) advising of the findings of the first audit of the Council's Building Standards Service by the Scottish Building Standards Agency. The Committee noted Report 06/838 would also be presented to the Standards and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 6 December 2006.

**Resolved:**

The contents of the Scottish Building Standards Agency Report, as appended to Report 06/838, be noted.

**769. REQUESTS FOR NEW FOOTWAYS – ANNUAL REPORT 2006-2007**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/839) seeking approval of the revised prioritised list of requests for new footways and the programme of future works for 2007-2008.

**Resolved:**

Report 06/839 be deferred to the meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on 17 January 2007 for further investigations and consultation with relevant ward members.

**770. INTRODUCTION OF LOADING BAY AND DISABILITY PARKING BAYS IN SCOTT STREET, PERTH**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/840) summarising the results of the consultation carried out on proposals to replace the existing No Waiting 8am to 6pm in part of Scott Street, Perth with a Loading Bay and four Blue Badge Parking Bays, and recommending that the objections be set aside and the Traffic Regulation Order be made as advertised.

**Resolved:**

The objections to a proposal to replace the existing No Waiting 8am to 6pm parking restriction in part of Scott Street, Perth with a Loading Bay and four Blue Badge Parking Bays, be set aside and the Traffic Regulation Order be made as advertised.

#### **771. 30MPH AND 40MPH SPEED LIMITS ON THE B9099 AT MURTHLY**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/841) summarising comments and objections received to the proposal to introduce 30mph and 40mph speed limits through Murthly and recommending that the Orders be made as advertised.

**Resolved:**

The objections received to the proposed 30mph and 40mph speed limits for Murthly be set aside and the Traffic Regulation Orders be made as advertised.

#### **772. EXTENSION OF THE 50MPH SPEED LIMIT ON THE A827 AT FEARNAN**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/842) reviewing the 50mph speed limit at Fearnan and recommending that it be extended.

**Resolved:**

The promotion of a variation of the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to increase the length of the 50mph speed limit at Fearnan be approved.

#### **773. RE-INTRODUCTION OF TWO-WAY TRAFFIC ON A SECTION OF KING STREET, PERTH**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/843) outlining the problems reported by residents and businesses of King Street, Perth and recommending the re-introduction of two-way traffic on part of the street.

**Resolved:**

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to re-introduce two-way traffic on a section of King Street, Perth between Victoria Street and Charterhouse Lane, and to prohibit the left turn movement from Charterhouse Lane to King Street, be approved.

#### **774. PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/844) summarising the activities and progress to date of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum and recommending the acceptance of the draft Terms of Reference.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The activities and progress of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum from June 2006 to date be noted.
- (ii) The draft Terms of Reference for the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum be approved.

#### **775. TENDERS ACCEPTED AND WORKS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/845) detailing the tenders accepted and works awarded for Roads and Forward Planning related schemes by the Executive Director (Environment) under delegated powers during the period 1 July 2006 to 30 September 2006 and detailing tenders accepted and contracts awarded for Public, Education and Community Care Transport under similar powers for the same period.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 06/845 and the contract awards, as detailed in Appendices (i) to (v) in respect of Roads and Forward Planning related schemes, and Appendix (vi) in respect of Public, Education and Community Care transport, be noted.
- (ii) The publication of tender information for transport contracts be authorised.