

## **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 May 2010 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors J Kellas, A Gaunt; L Caddell, R Ellis, W Lumsden, H McDonald, M Roberts (substituting for Councillor M Lyle), A Stewart, W Wilson and A Wylie.

In Attendance: Councillor T Gray; J Irons, Executive Director (Environment); J Valentine, Depute Director (Environment); R Bean, P Kyle, A Olejnik, C Haggart, G Ferguson and J McCrone (all The Environment Service); A Wilson and L Brown (both Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors J Flynn, A Jack and M Lyle.

The Convener led discussion for Articles 309, 310, 315, 316, 317 and 318; the Vice-Convener for Articles 311, 312, 313 and 314.

Councillor J Kellas, Convener, Presiding.

### **307. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor R Ellis declared a non-financial interest in Art. 310 – Extension of the Cairngorms National Park into Perth and Kinross.

### **308. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minute of Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 31 March 2010 (Arts. 186-196) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

### **309. PERTHSHIRE INVESTMENT FUND AND EAST OF SCOTLAND INVESTMENT FUND**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (10/270) recommending that Perth and Kinross Council join the East of Scotland Investment Fund and thereby increase the amount of loan support available to Perth and Kinross companies.

#### **Resolved:**

- (i) The Council membership of the East of Scotland Investment Fund be approved, and the potential benefits in attracting additional funding be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Environment), or his nominee, be appointed as the Council representative on the Board of the East of Scotland Investment Fund.
- (iii) The actions to wind up Perthshire Investment Fund and to transfer loan assets through Perth and Kinross Council to the East of Scotland Investment Fund, as set out in Paragraph 12 of Report 10/270, be approved.

IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 6, COUNCILLOR R ELLIS DECLARED A NON-FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

**310. EXTENSION OF CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK INTO PERTH AND KINROSS**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/271) advising of the detailed timing and implications of the extension of the Cairngorms National Park into Perth and Kinross.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The extension of the boundary of the Cairngorms National Park into Perth and Kinross in October 2010 be noted.
- (ii) The detailed boundary line within Perth and Kinross, as detailed in Report 10/271, be approved.
- (iii) The nomination of a member to the Board of the Cairngorms National Park be referred to the Council meeting on 30 June 2010.
- (iv) It be recommended to the Scottish Government that the Glenshee area be included in National Park Ward 5 for the purposes of direct election to the Board rather than Ward 1.

**311. DELEGATION OF POWERS FROM SCOTTISH MINISTERS IN RELATION TO LISTED BUILDING CONSENT**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (10/272) recommending that the Council apply to take on permanent responsibility for determining certain types of Listed Building consent application locally without first notifying Scottish Ministers, following its agreement to the terms of the Joint Working Arrangement with Historic Scotland and participation in the pilot scheme in 2009.

**Resolved:**

It be agreed that the Council make application to Scottish Ministers to take on permanent responsibility to determine certain types of listed building consent applications locally, without first notifying Scottish Ministers, subject to the conditions set out in the application guidance.

**312. BUILDINGS AT RISK**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/273), (1) advising of a recent review by the Scottish Civic Trust of Buildings at Risk in the Perth and Kinross area; and (2) recommending that the Council adopt the proposed means of prioritising action on those buildings to provide a framework for meeting the targets to which it had agreed in relation to the historic environment through the Single Outcome Agreement.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The evaluation criteria, prioritisation approach and potential means of action, outlined in Report 10/273, as a basis for addressing Buildings at Risk in the Perth and Kinross area, be approved.

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- (ii) It be noted that proposals involving significant expenditure under Urgent Works or the promotion of full Repairs Notices under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 would be reported to the Committee for its consideration.

**313. DUNNING CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/274) introducing the final draft of the Dunning Conservation Area Appraisal.

**Resolved:**

The final draft Dunning Conservation Area Appraisal, as appended to Report 10/274, and the proposed boundary and associated management measures, be approved and progressed on to formal re-designation by notifying Scottish Ministers.

**314. KINROSS CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/275) introducing the final draft of the Kinross Conservation Area Appraisal.

**Resolved:**

The final draft Kinross Conservation Area Appraisal, as appended to Report 10/275, and the proposed boundary and associated management measures be approved and progressed on to formal re-designation by notifying Scottish Ministers.

**315. SPEED LIMIT REVIEW**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (10/276) summarising the National Government guidelines for setting local speed limits and the requirement to undertake a review of speed limits on all A and B Class roads in Perth and Kinross.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The assessment criteria for the review of speed limits on A and B Class roads, as detailed in Report 10/276, be noted.
- (ii) The assessment of A and B Class roads in Perth and Kinross be noted.
- (iii) The promotion of Traffic Regulation Orders to introduce reduced speed limits at selected sites identified by the Review be approved.
- (iv) The promotion of Traffic Regulation Orders to extend or alter existing reduced speed limits be approved.

**316. A977 MITIGATION MEASURES**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/277), (1) detailing the revised mitigation measures proposed for the A977 following extensive consultation with the affected communities and Kinross-shire Elected Members; and (2) outlining the position with regard to options for future funding of mitigation measures on the A977.

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**Resolved:**

- (i) The implementation of mitigation measures on the A977, as detailed in Appendix 2 of Report 10/277, within the available budget, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that the Scottish Government is unlikely to provide further funding for measures on the A977, whilst TACTRAN considers improvements along the A977 as a long term aspiration.
- (iii) The preparation of full business cases for the three roundabouts, as set out in priorities 8, 9 and 10 of Appendix 1 of Report 10/277, be approved, in order that those schemes may compete for further Capital funding.

**317. SCOTTISH ROAD CONDITION SURVEY**

There was submitted a report by Depute Director (Environment) (10/278), (1) providing an update on the carriageway maintenance backlog figure for Perth and Kinross; and (2) identifying the need to provide robust interventions to arrest the decline in the condition of the road network.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The results of a study to model four scenarios examining the financial implications faced by Scottish local authorities and the impact this might have on roads maintenance nationally and in Perth and Kinross, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to Report 10/278, be noted.
- (ii) The implications of potential funding restrictions on the transport network be noted.

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

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/279) 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 10/279 be approved.

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