

# ENTERPRISE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 2 March 2005 at 2.00pm.

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

In Attendance: J Irons (Executive Director (Planning and Transportation)), R Bean, C Haggart, P Marshall, J Valentine and J Walker (All Planning and Transportation); P Kyle, K MacDonald and M Wright (All Chief Executive's); S Aldridge, A Wilson and L Brown (All Corporate Services).

Apology for Absence: An apology for absence was intimated from Councillor Hulbert.

Councillor Livingstone, Presiding.

## 169. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor Lumsden declared a financial interest in Kinross Western Edge Development Brief (Art. 172).

## 170. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 19 January 2005 (Arts 30-47) were submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

## 171. MINUTES OF TOURISM SUB-COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Meeting of the Tourism Sub-Committee of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 20 January 2005 were submitted and noted. (*Appendix I*)

IN TERMS OF THE COUNCILLORS' CODE OF CONDUCT, COUNCILLOR LUMSDEN, HAVING DECLARED A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM, TOOK NO PART IN THE DECISION THEREON.

## 172. KINROSS WESTERN EDGE DEVELOPMENT BRIEF

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (05/128) (1) presenting a Development Brief for the proposed integrated development of the western edge of Kinross and (2) providing development guidance to prospective developers with the aim of promoting a balanced and integrated mixed use development on the western edge of Kinross.

### **Resolved:**

Consideration of the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee to enable officers to discuss concerns raised by the new landowners and to seek agreement on the provision of the distributor road.

## 173. TOWARDS CITY REGION PLANS (Art. 577/04)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (05/129) raising concerns about the Scottish Executive's background discussion paper "Towards City Region Plans" which sets out detailed proposals for the city region plans, and the implications of the change for local planning throughout Scotland.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) be authorised to respond to the Scottish Executive's discussion paper "Towards City Region Plans" as outlined in Report 05/129.
- (ii) The Convener (Councillor Livingstone), Vice Convener (Councillor Hulbert) and Councillor Mair be appointed to serve on a Member/Officer Working Group to take forward discussions on the issue of "Towards City Region Plans" with the Scottish Executive and adjacent local authorities.

- (iii) The Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) be authorised to work informally with Highland Council in advance of any formal agreement.

#### **174. SUMMARY OF CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR FINANCIAL YEARS 2005/06 TO 2007/08**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (05/130) providing a brief synopsis of Planning and Transportation's capital budget proposals for financial years 2005/06 to 2007/08. Almost all of the projects have been subject to a full option appraisal as per the Council's approved guidelines on the development of capital projects.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 05/130 be noted.
- \* (ii) Subject to the availability of resources, it be recommended to the Council meeting of 23 March 2005 approval of the Planning and Transportation Capital Programme for financial years 2005/06 to 2007/08, as detailed in the financial Appendix to Report 05/130.

#### **175. AUCHTERARDER TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT REVIEW**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (05/131) (1) outlining the consultations which have taken place with local people on a range of traffic concerns within Auchterarder; (2) outlining various traffic management works aimed at improving conditions; and (3) an investigation of additional car park sites.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The minor traffic management measures implemented following the review of traffic in Auchterarder, be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that, following the consultation exercise, parking control will not be altered.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) be authorised to investigate the longer term aspirations for increased car parking in Auchterarder and submit a report on the findings to a future meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee.

#### **176. PROPOSED LOCAL ACCESS GUIDANCE FOR LOCH LEVEN**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (05/132) advising members of Scottish Natural Heritage's Proposed Local Access Guidance for the Loch Leven National Nature Reserve and proposing a response.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The advice provided by the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum be noted and taken into account in the Council's response to Scottish Natural Heritage's Proposed Local Access Guidance for the Loch Leven National Nature Reserve.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) be authorised to respond to Scottish Natural Heritage based on the issues raised in Report 05/132.

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

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (05/133) detailing the tenders accepted and works awarded for Roads and Forward Planning related schemes by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) under delegated powers during the period 1 October 2004 to 31 December 2004, and detailing tenders accepted and contracts awarded for Public and Education Transport under similar powers for the same period.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 05/133 be noted and the contracts awarded, as detailed in the appendices to Report 05/133, in respect of Roads and Forward Planning and Public and Education Transport, be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) be authorised to publish the tender information for transport contracts.

#### **178. PERTSHIRE BRAND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (Art. 43)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (05/134) detailing the proposed implementation plan for the Perthshire brand, and the Perth City and the Kinross-shire sub brands.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Perthshire brand implementation plan for 2005/2006 be approved.
- (ii) The success of the meeting held in Kinross to develop potential brand related projects, and discuss how best to take the Kinross-shire sub brand forward be noted.
- (iii) Further stakeholder consultation be undertaken throughout Perth and Kinross as appropriate.
- (iv) Progress reports on the implementation plan be submitted to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on a six-monthly basis.

**179. SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE RELOCATION PROGRAMME UPDATE (Art. 164/04)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (05/135) on progress with the Scottish Executive's Relocation Programme and plans for the evaluation of the relocation policy.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The greater transparency from the Scottish Executive on the relocation policy be welcomed.
- (ii) Lobbying of Perth and Kinross MP's, MSP's and appropriate Ministers in support of the relocation process be continued.

**180. VISITOR CENTRE AT KINROSS – FUNDING FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY**

There was submitted a joint report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) and Head of Economic Development (05/136) recommending financial assistance for a feasibility study for the redevelopment of a visitor facility to assist in the regeneration of Kinross.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The proposal to develop a visitor centre at Kinross be welcomed and the potential positive impact of this development for the local economy and the contribution towards the regeneration of Kinross be acknowledged.
- (ii) A contribution of £15,000 be made towards the next stage in the development of the proposal from the capital allocation from the Rural Initiative Fund 2005/2006.
- (iii) It be noted that a further report would be submitted to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 16 March 2005 seeking confirmation of the required additional funding of £15,000 from the Area Based Initiative Fund.

**181. THE POTENTIAL OF WOOD FUEL AS A SOURCE OF HEAT AND CREATION OF GREEN JOBS**

There was submitted a joint report by Head of Economic Development and Head of Property Development (05/137) highlighting the main points from the study undertaken by 3g Energi on the prospects for the installation of wood fuel heating at Breadalbane Academy, Aberfeldy; Crieff High School, Crieff; and Leisure Centres.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The positive outcomes identified by the 3g Energi study be welcomed.
- (ii) Report 05/137 be referred to the School Estate Strategy Board for its interest.
- (iii) In conjunction with Community Planning partners, consideration be given to the additional opportunities to achieve carbon savings and the creation of green jobs.
- (iv) Representations be made to the Scottish Executive at Ministerial level on the issue of grant aid for PPP projects and a copy of the Consultants' study be attached.

**182. NATIONAL MOD, PERTH, OCTOBER 2004 – ECONOMIC IMPACT EVALUATION**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (05/138) outlining the results of a study commissioned to assess the benefits generated for Perth and Kinross by the 2004 Perth Mod.

**Resolved:**

The findings of the Consultant that the Mod generated in the region of £500,000 locally and had a substantial positive economic impact, be welcomed.