

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 19 January 2005 at 3.10pm.

Present: Councillors Cowan, Doig, Ellis, Hulbert, Jack, Livingstone, Lumsden, Mair, McDonald, McEwen, Robertson, Simpson and Telfer.

Attending: J Irons (Executive Director), R Bean, P Marshall, A Olejnik, I Sleith and C Haggart (All Planning and Transportation), K MacDonald and P Kyle (Both Chief Executive's), S Aldridge, A Wilson and J Dickson (All Corporate Services) and C Crossier (Tayside Police).

Councillor Livingstone, Presiding.

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor Lumsden declared an interest in Oudenarde New Village – Phasing of Master Plan (Art. 33); Councillor Cowan declared a non-financial interest Perth & Kinross CT Annual Report (Art. 41) and Perth & Kinross HT Annual Report (Art. 42); Councillor Ellis declared a non-financial interest in Perth & Kinross CT Annual Report (Art. 41) and Councillor Hulbert declared a non-financial interest in Perth & Kinross HT Annual Report (Art. 42).

31. MINUTES

- (a) The Minutes of Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 1 December 2004 (Arts 857-872) were submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.
- (b) The Minutes of Meeting of the Tourism Sub-Committee of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 14 December 2004 (**Appendix 1**) were submitted and noted.

32. DEPUTATION

In terms of Standing Order 46, the Committee agreed to hear a deputation in relation to Oudenarde New Village – Phasing of Master Plan.

IN TERMS OF THE COUNCILLORS' CODE OF CONDUCT COUNCILLOR LUMSDEN HAVING DECLARED A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM, WITHDREW FROM THE MEETING AND LEFT THE CHAMBERS.

COUNCILLOR BARRETT AND T BRYDONE (ENVIRONMENT SERVICES) ENTERED THE PUBLIC GALLERY DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

33. OUDENARDE NEW VILLAGE – PHASING OF MASTER PLAN (Art 421)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (05/27) recommending a phased approach to implementing the Oudenarde New Village Development before the road bridge giving access over the railway line had been provided.

Mr O'Brien, representing Bridge of Earn Community Council, spoke against the phased development proposal and withdrew to the public benches thereafter.

Motion (Councillors Livingstone and Hulbert) – Implementation of the Oudenarde Master Plan be phased to allow a phase 1 development of up to 150 housing units off Clayton Road at Oudenarde, together with the village centre/primary school/community centre, and business land and 235 houses south of the railway line prior to the completion of the bridge over the railway (as identified in diagram 1 to Report 05/27), subject to the prior signing of a Section 75 agreement and granting of outline planning consent for the whole development.

Amendment (Councillors Jack and Cowan) - A phase 1 development of the site, as detailed in Report 05/27, be not permitted on the grounds that (1) The proposed buildings site access arrangements are inadequate; and (2) The generally piecemeal effect of the development as compared with the Master Plan.

Amendment – 4 votes

Motion – 8 votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

COUNCILLOR JACK LEFT AND COUNCILLOR LUMSDEN REJOINED THE MEETING AT THIS STAGE.

34. (PRIVATE) DRAINAGE POLICY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (05/28) (1) reviewing the current Drainage Policy, (2) identifying some of the problems associated with implementing the policy and (3) in light of these problems, proposing a revised draft Policy for public consultation.

Resolved:

- (i) The Draft Policy, as set out in Report 05/28, be used as the basis for consultation with statutory bodies, Community Councils, other interested groups and the public, and a report on the findings of the consultation process be submitted to a future meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee.
- (ii) As part of the consultation process, the Policy be incorporated into the Draft Eastern Area Local Plan.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) be instructed to submit a report to an early meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on Kinross Area Local Plan drainage issues in affected villages in the Loch Leven catchment area.
- (iv) To write to Ross Finnie MSP as the appropriate Minister calling on the Scottish Executive funding to address the under investment in water services infrastructure.

COUNCILLORS CADDELL AND BARNACLE ENTERED AND LEFT THE PUBLIC GALLERY DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

35. SCOTLAND'S TRANSPORT FUTURE: PROPOSALS FOR STATUTORY REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (05/29) setting out (1) the main provisions of the Transport (Scotland) Bill which proposed stronger national local government transport delivery structures for a more strategic approach to the planning and delivery of transport at all levels; (2) the Scottish Executive's consultation on the eventual functions of the new regional bodies; and (3) a suggested response to the Consultation Document.

Resolved:

- (i) Appendix 1 to Report 05/29, together with comments relating to the proposed Constitution of the Partnerships be submitted to the Scottish Executive as the Council's formal response to the consultation on the proposals for Regional Transport Partnerships.
- (ii) Pending finalisation of the Executive's proposals, and in conjunction with Stirling, Dundee and Angus Councils, the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) be instructed to develop and refine appropriate arrangements for the proper function of the Central Scotland Regional Transport Partnership in the best interests of Perth and Kinross.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) be instructed to submit a report to a future meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on progress with these arrangements.
- (iv) The Minister for Transport be invited to speak with the Central and Tay Group on the proposals.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE ENTERED THE PUBLIC GALLERY DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

36. SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE GRANT FOR SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (05/30) (1) advising that the Scottish Executive, through The South East Scotland Transport Partnership (SESTRAN), has awarded Perth and Kinross Council a grant of £401,000 to continue infrastructure improvement work aimed at encouraging more sustainable and integrated transport; (2) suggesting possible proposals for the use of this grant; and (3) seeking approval of further schemes which may progress if additional transport fund monies are made available.

Resolved:

- (i) The Scottish Executive's award of £401,000 of grant monies to Perth and Kinross Council through SESTRAN be noted.
- (ii) The proposed uses of this grant as detailed in Report 05/30, be approved.
- (iii) Options for the extension of the Park and Ride facility at Broxden be investigated.
- (iv) The draft list of schemes to be progressed in the event of additional transport fund monies being released in 2004/2005, as detailed in Report 05/30, be approved.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE LEFT THE PUBLIC GALLERY DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

37. NORTH PERTH TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT REVIEW

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (05/31) outlining consultations which have taken place with local communities in relation to road safety, traffic management and parking in north Perth and recommending various proposals aimed at improving conditions for all road users.

Resolved:

- (i) The measures detailed in Report 05/31, at an estimated cost of £33,850, be implemented.
- (ii) Traffic Regulation Orders to give effect to the extension of the staggered parking arrangements in Balhousie Street, Perth, be promoted.

38. ACCESS TO THE PERTH PEDESTRIANISED ZONE BY TAXIS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (05/32) advising of requests to allow taxis greater access to the Perth Pedestrianised Zone and recommending that further consultation be carried out to determine how best to accommodate these requests.

Resolved:

It be agreed in principle to consultation being carried out on proposals to allow greater taxi access to the Perth Pedestrianised Zone, and a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on the findings of the consultation.

39. ADDITIONS TO THE LIST OF PUBLIC ROADS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (05/33) detailing new roads constructed in accordance with the Roads Standards of the Councils and recommending that they be added to the List of Public Roads.

Resolved:

The new roads, detailed in the Appendix to Report 05/33, be added to the List of Public Roads.

COUNCILLOR BARNACLE ENTERED THE PUBLIC GALLERY DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

40. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 – UPDATE (Art 417)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (05/34) (1) summarising the activities and progress to date of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum; and (2) proposing delegation of the some of the powers and duties under the Act to appropriate Council Officers.

Resolved:

- (i) The activities and progress to date of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum be noted.

- * (ii) It be recommended to the Council that the powers and duties of the Council under Sections 11, 13, 14 and 15 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 be delegated to the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) in accordance with the terms of Report 05/34.

41. PERTH AND KINROSS COUNTRYSIDE TRUST ANNUAL REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (05/35) presenting Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust's Annual Report for 2003/2004 and its Business Plan for 2004/05-2006/07.

Resolved:

- (i) The Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust Annual report for 2003/2004 be noted.
- (ii) The Committee approve the Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust's Business Plan for 2004/05-2006/07 for its interest.

42. PERTH AND KINROSS HERITAGE TRUST ANNUAL REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (05/36) presenting the Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust Annual Report for 2004/2005 and its draft Strategic Plan for 2007.

Resolved:

- (i) The Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust's Annual Report for 2004/2005 be noted.
- (ii) The Committee approve the Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust's Strategic Plan 2005-2007, set out in Appendix 1 to Report 05/36, for its interest.

43. PERTSHIRE BRAND UPDATE (Art 417)

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (05/37) (1) on progress with implementing the Perthshire Brand as the overarching brand for the Perth and Kinross Council area; (2) proposing a number of projects; and (3) the core brand proposition.

Resolved:

- (i) The significant progress made on implementing the brand initiative, and the enthusiastic support by the public and private sector and the community at large, be noted.
- (ii) The brand proposition as set out in Report 05/37 be approved.
- (iii) Events, Perth City Centre, Business Products/Services and Gateways be approved as the key areas for the Action Plan.
- (iv) The proposed promotional programme, as detailed in Report 05/37, which will capitalise on the G8 Summit 2005, be approved.
- (v) The conclusions on the success of the pilot project approach and that trialling of the brand should continue to be part of the brand strategy to support the innovative development of its use, be endorsed.
- (vi) The Guidelines for the Perthshire Brand be promoted to impart the brand's key values to a wide and targeted audience.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE ENTERED THE PUBLIC GALLERY DURING CONSIDERATION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

44. DEVELOPMENT OF EVENTS STRATEGY (Art 78)

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (05/38) outlining the developments which had taken place since the approval of the Events Strategy in February 2004 and proposals for the further development and implementation of the Events Strategy.

Resolved:

The further development of the Events Strategy, as outlined in Report 05/38, and intended to reflect both the national event strategy and the priorities for Perth and Kinross be approved.

45. SCOTLAND VS JAPAN RUGBY INTERNATIONAL – FEEDBACK REPORT (Art 759)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (05/39) (1) providing feedback on the success of the Scotland vs Japan Rugby International which took place at McDiarmid Park on 13 November 2004; (2) highlighting the opportunity it provided to continue to promote

Perthshire as a major events destination in the future; and (3) outlining possible future collaborations with the Scottish Rugby Union.

Resolved:

- (i) The success of the Scotland vs Japan Rugby International at McDiarmid Park on 13 November 2004 be acknowledged.
- (ii) Discussions with the Scottish Rugby Union to bring International Rugby in some form to Perthshire in the future be supported.

46. SMART SUCCESSFUL SCOTLAND – A REVIEW

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (05/40) identifying the main issues to emerge from the revised Smart Successful Strategy and highlighting those areas which should be altered accordingly in the Smart Successful Perthshire Strategy.

Resolved:

- (i) The amendments in the refreshed version of Smart Successful Scotland be acknowledged.
- (ii) The revised Smart Successful Scotland Strategy document be used to provide the context for the Action Plan currently being revised for Perth and Kinross.

47. DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL TRADE OPPORTUNITIES WITH BYDGOSZCZ, POLAND (Art 276)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (05/41) on progress in developing economic twinning between Perth and Kinross Council and Bydgoszcz, Poland and the outcome of the trade mission which took place in November 2004.

Resolved:

- (i) The successful trade mission in November 2004 to Bydgoszcz, a Perth & Kinross twin city, be noted.
- (ii) The actions identified from the mission, which will be taken forward by the Trade Sub-Group of the Economic Partnership, be approved.
- (iii) The possibility of an inward trade mission from Bydgoszcz to Perth in May 2005 to coincide with the Perthshire Chamber of Commerce Business Fair, be noted.