

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 31 March 2010 at 2.00pm.

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

In Attendance: J Irons, Executive Director (Environment); J Valentine, Depute Director (Environment); R Bean, A Olejnik, B Renton, C Haggart, A Graham, J McCrone, P Marshall, S Oliver (all The Environment Service); A Wilson and L Brown (both Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors J Kellas and H McDonald.

Councillor A Gaunt, Vice-Convenor, Presiding.

186. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillors A Gaunt and M Lyle declared a non-financial interest in Art.191 – Campaign to Open Blackford Rail Station.

187. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 27 January 2010 (Arts. 45-57) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

188. VISITSCOTLAND PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT 2010/11

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (10/172) outlining the basis for the 2010/11 Partnership Agreement between VisitScotland and Perth and Kinross Council, and the tourism related activities to be undertaken with the Council's financial support.

Resolved:

- (i) The 2010/11 Partnership Agreement with VisitScotland and the funding of up to £170,000 in support of the visitor information services activities, as outlined in Report 10/172, be approved.
- (ii) Additional funding of £10,000 towards community and business led visitor information projects which might be developed to complement the existing VisitScotland managed network, be approved.
- (iii) An invitation be extended to the new Chair of VisitScotland, Mr Michael Cantlay, to meet with elected members to outline his vision for Scottish tourism, with particular emphasis on the strategy for marketing and visitor services and the partnership with local authorities.

189. EVENTS FUNDING APPLICATION – RALLY OF SCOTLAND

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/173) on the inaugural Rally of Scotland, recommending continued support for the event in 2010 and 2011.

Resolved:

Funding of £25,000 to International Motor Sports in 2010/2011 and 2011/2012, be approved, subject to budget, in order to secure the Rally of Scotland in Perth and Kinross for the next two years.

190. THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL CITTASLOW ASSEMBLY KOREA INVITATIONAL – 25 TO 29 JUNE 2010

The Committee considered an invitation received from Cittaslow International to send up to three delegates from Perth to the International Cittaslow Assembly which was to be held between 25 and 29 June 2010 in Korea. The participation fees of 400 Euros per person, accommodation, meals and ground transportation for the visit were to be met by the Cittaslow Korea Network. Delegates' travel costs to and from Korea were to be met by the Council.

Resolved:

- (i) The invitation to attend the International Cittaslow Assembly to be held in Korea between 25 and 29 June 2010, be accepted.
- (ii) The Chair of the Perth Cittaslow Steering Group, Councillor Jack Coburn, and up to two other delegates attend, delegates' travel costs to and from Korea to be met from the appropriate Economic Development Service budget relating to Cittaslow activities.

191. KINNOULL CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (10/174) introducing the final draft of the Kinnoull Conservation Area Appraisal.

Resolved:

The final draft Kinnoull Conservation Area Appraisal, as appended to Report 10/174 and the proposed boundary and associated management measures, be approved and progressed on to formal re-designation by notifying Scottish Ministers.

IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 6, COUNCILLORS A GAUNT AND M LYLE DECLARED A NON-FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

192. CAMPAIGN TO OPEN BLACKFORD RAIL STATION

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (10/175) providing an update on the current position in respect of improving rail facilities in the Strathearn area, including particular reference to potential for re-opening a station at Blackford.

Resolved:

- (i) The content of Report 10/175, particularly as it related to previous studies, be noted, and the views and recommendations set out in the TACTRAN report be confirmed.
- (ii) Officers be authorised to provide general transport and planning advice to the consultants in support of the study at Blackford and to progress any matters arising from the study through TACTRAN.

193. REVIEW OF PARKING CHARGES

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/176), (1) reviewing parking charges in various parking locations; and (2) making recommendations for changes.

Resolved:

- (i) The increase in the basic one hour parking charge in Perth from 70p to 80p, with consequential increases in other charging bands and parking permits, as set out in Report 10/176, be approved.
- (ii) The increase in costs of Residents' Permits for the Controlled Parking Zone in Perth from £160 to £175 for the inner zone, and from £90 to £100 in the outer zone, be approved.
- (iii) The increase in the basic one hour parking charge in car parks outside Perth from 60p to 70p, with consequential increases in other charging bands and parking permits, as set out in Report 10/176, be approved.
- (iv) The increase in charges in the Bells Sports Centre and the Rodney Pavilion car parks, with consequential increases in other charging bands, as set out in Report 10/176, be approved.
- (v) The promotion of a Variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to allow the new car park in Kirkmichael to be added as a free car park, be approved.
- (vi) It be remitted to the Executive Director (Environment) to submit a report to a future meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on future plans for the management and maintenance of the Council car parking estate.

194. ERROL 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/177), (1) summarising the assessment carried out for a 20mph speed limit in Errol, in accordance with the 20mph Speed Limit Policy Framework; and (2) recommending that a Traffic Regulation Order be promoted to allow a permanent 20mph speed limit to be introduced.

Resolved:

The promotion of the necessary Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a permanent 20mph speed limit in part of High Street, Errol between St Madoes Road and School Wynd, be approved.

195. ADDITIONS TO THE LIST OF PUBLIC ROADS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/178) 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 10/178 be approved.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973.

196. ST CATHERINE'S RETAIL PARK – REVISION OF SECTION 75 AGREEMENT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (10/179) advising of the results of negotiations between the Council and the owners of the St Catherine's Retail Park on a revision of a Section 75 Agreement for Phase 2 of the Retail Park which would allow a wider range of goods to be sold and to ensure the regeneration of the Park.

Resolved:

- (i) A revised Section 75 Agreement be entered into to facilitate an increase in floorspace, limited subdivision of units and a wider range of goods to be sold from Phase 2 of St. Catherine's Retail Park, subject to agreement on the improvement measures to be undertaken to the Park.
- (ii) It be remitted to the Executive Director (Environment) and the Head of Legal Services to conclude the Section 75 Agreement.

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