

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 19 October 2005 at 2.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Jim Irons, Executive Director (Planning and Transportation); R Bean; C Haggart; G Ferguson and I MacKinnon (all Planning and Transportation); K MacDonald; J Deponio; A Clark and C Waite (all Chief Executive's); A Wilson and J Dickson (both Corporate Services).

Councillor Livingstone, Presiding.

741. PERTSHIRE DVD

Prior to the commencement of business members were shown the Perthshire DVD promoting Perth and Kinross as a tourist destination.

742. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

743. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 24 August 2005 (Arts 605-631) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

744. DEVELOPING AND PROMOTING TOURISM IN PERTH AND KINROSS (Art. 314)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (05/653) reviewing VisitScotland Perthshire's activity over the last six months and outlining proposals (1) for Perth and Kinross to participate actively in Tartan Week 2006 to highlight Scotland and, in particular, Perth and Kinross as a place to live, work and visit; and (2) the national preparations for the Ryder Cup due to be played at Gleneagles in 2014.

Resolved:

- (i) The second instalment of VisitScotland Perthshire's 2005/06 funding, amounting to £180,000, be approved.
- (ii) The proposals to participate in VisitScotland's Tartan Week celebrations in 2006, as outlined in Paragraphs 16-18 of Report 05/653, be approved.
- (iii) The steps being taken to ensure Perth and Kinross Council's participation in the national preparations for Ryder Cup 2014, as detailed in Paragraphs 19-21 of Report 05/653, be approved.
- (iv) A progress report on the private sector response to the opportunities presented by the Tartan Day celebration and Ryder Cup 2014 be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.
- (v) Scottish Enterprise Tayside be asked to make a contribution toward the costs of the promotion of Perth and Kinross through Tartan Week and the Ryder Cup.

745. TOURISM IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS: A CONSULTATION ON THE TOURISM (SCOTLAND) BILL

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (05/654) setting out the Scottish Executive's proposed changes in the Tourism (Scotland) Bill, which aimed to put the VisitScotland integrated tourism network on a permanent legal footing.

Resolved:

The Scottish Executive be advised that a minimum of three local authority elected members should be appointed to the Board of VisitScotland to ensure proper representation of local government.

746. THE TAYSIDE RURAL DEVELOPMENT FACILITATORS' PROJECT – PERTH AND KINROSS EVALUATION AND EXTENSION (Art. 868/02)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (05/655) outlining (1) the remit of the Rural Development Facilitator for Perth and Kinross; (2) the results of a recent independent evaluation of the Project; and (3) proposals for extending the Project beyond December 2005.

Resolved:

- (i) The achievements of the Project since its implementation on 1 July 2002, as identified by the evaluation, be endorsed.
- (ii) The application to the European Regional Development Fund for an extension of the Project until December 2006, be approved.
- (iii) The application process for an Enterprise Facilitator bid for Eastern Perthshire, be approved.

747. TAY ESTUARY FORUM – FUNDING (Art. 213/98)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning & Transportation) (05/656) outlining the work of the Tay Estuary Forum in co-ordinating the management of the estuary and proposing that the Council continue to give support to the Forum for the next three years.

Resolved:

- (i) Perth and Kinross Council continue to play an active part in the Tay Estuary Forum, including officer representation on the Steering Group.
- (ii) A contribution of £2,500 per year for three years be made from the Planning & Transportation Revenue Budget to support the work at the Forum over the three year period 2005/06 to 2007/08.

748. STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF THE PERTH LADE (Art. 306)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning & Transportation) (05/657) outlining proposals for a regular inspection regime for the Perth Lade and associated structures to safeguard the integrity of the Lade and improve it as an amenity.

Resolved:

- (i) A formal programme of regular inspections and routine maintenance to the Perth Lade, as detailed in Report 05/657, be undertaken.
- (ii) A programme of inspections be undertaken at the currently inaccessible parts of the Lade following work to provide safe access.
- (iii) In future the structural elements of the Perth Lade be routinely inspected and maintained in accordance with good practice.

749. SCOTTISH ROAD MAINTENANCE CONDITION SURVEY 2004-2005 (Art. 800/02)

There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director (Planning & Transportation) (05/658) presenting the results of the 2004-2005 Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Surveys and advising that the survey results, of which the combination of red and amber percentage lengths, as detailed in Report 05/658, would be published as a Statutory Performance Indicator by Audit Scotland.

750. ALTERATIONS TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS, PERTH (Art. 587/04)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning & Transportation) (05/659) (1) outlining objections received to proposals to alter waiting restrictions at various locations in Perth; (2) recommending that the proposals either be abandoned or that the objections be set aside and the proposals approved; and (3) recommending the introduction of a Loading Bay on Old High Street and parking bays on Stormont Street as well as the removal of parking bays in West Mill Street, all in Perth.

Resolved:

- (i) The objections to the proposals for Princes Street, Victoria Street and North William Street, detailed in Report 05/659, be set aside and the proposals be made as advertised.
- (ii) The proposals for New Row, as detailed in Report 05/659, be made as advertised.

- (iii) The proposals for George Inn Lane, Canal Street and Rose Terrace/Barossa Place, as detailed in Report 05/659, be abandoned.
- (iv) The Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) be altered to create a "loading only" bay in Old High Street, Perth.
- (v) The TROs be altered to create additional parking bays in Stormont Street, Perth.
- (vi) The TROs be altered to remove two parking bays in West Mill Street, Perth.

751. WAITING RESTRICTIONS, HIGH STREET, ERROL (Art. 309)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning & Transportation) (05/660) summarising the results of the consultation carried out on proposals to alter the waiting restrictions in High Street, Errol and recommending that the proposals be abandoned.

Resolved:

A new Traffic Regulation Order be made for Errol and the proposed alterations to the waiting restrictions in High Street, Errol, as detailed in Report 05/660, be abandoned.

752. PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF PART OF MERCER GREEN, MEIKLEOUR

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning & Transportation) (05/661) recommending that an Order be promoted to have the relevant part of Mercer Green, Meikleour, stopped up.

Resolved:

The part of the road, as detailed in the plan attached to Report 05/661, be stopped up under the terms of Section 68 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

753. PUBLIC AND LOCAL HOLIDAYS 2006

There was submitted a report by the Council Secretary seeking approval of dates for recommended local public holidays in Perth and Kinross during 2006.

Resolved:

The dates for recommended public and local holidays in Perth and Kinross for 2006, as detailed in the Appendix to Report 05/662, be approved.

754. STOPPING UP ORDER – AINSLIE GARDENS, PERTH (Art. 310)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning & Transportation) (05/672) recommending that the Council confirms the Order made under Section 207 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to stop up a section of Ainslie Gardens, Perth to allow Perthshire Housing Association to implement the planning consent issued for Phase 1 of the regeneration at Muirton.

Resolved:

- (i) The Perth and Kinross Council (Ainslie Gardens, Perth) (Stopping Up) Order 2005 made in terms of Section 207 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to stop up a section of Ainslie Gardens, Perth, as indicated in the plan attached to Report 05/672, be approved.
- (ii) The Head of Legal Services be instructed to carry through the statutory procedures in connection therewith.