

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 24 October 2007 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors J Kellas, R Ellis, J Flynn, A Gaunt, A Jack, J Law, W Lumsden, M Lyle, H McDonald, S Miller (substituting for Councillor A Wylie), M Roberts and W Wilson.

In Attendance: J Irons, Executive Director (The Environment Service), J Valentine, R Bean, A Oljenik, P Marshall, K MacDonald, J McCrone (all The Environment Service); G Taylor and J Adamson (both Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors L Caddell and A Wylie

Councillor J Kellas, Convener, Presiding.

628. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

629. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 29 August 2007 (Arts. 516-532) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

630. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITIES: DESIGNATION ORDERS AND STATUTORY GUIDANCE – CONSULTATION PAPER BY THE SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE JULY 2007

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/680) outlining a suggested response to proposals in the Scottish Government consultation paper on the Designation Orders and Statutory Guidance on the establishment and operation of the proposed Strategic Development Plan Authorities.

Resolved:

The proposed response to the consultation paper as contained in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved, subject to the response to Question 4 being amended to read:-

“On the issue of utilising existing local authority boundaries, it is recognised that while that might be a practical solution in some SDPA areas, in others it might not be”.

631. FLOOD MITIGATION SCHEMES AND FLOOD STUDIES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/681) recommending that (1) flood mitigation schemes be promoted where these met the Treasury's criteria for Grant; (2) it be noted that flood mitigation schemes were not justified in some locations; (3) further investigations be undertaken at Dunkeld and Pitlochry; (4) flood studies be undertaken at Aberfeldy, Kinross and Logierait; and (5) a generator be provided to allow an emergency electricity supply at the Weem Flood Mitigation Scheme.

Resolved:

- (a) Subject to the availability of finance:-
 - (i) Flood mitigation schemes at Bankfoot, Birnam, Comrie, Coupar Angus, Greenloaning and Scone (Annaty Burn), be promoted.
 - (ii) Further investigations relating to the flood studies at Dunkeld and at three locations in Pitlochry, namely Easthaugh of Ballyoukan, Altrory Burn and Middlehaugh of Dalshian, be undertaken.
 - (iii) Flood studies at Aberfeldy, Kinross and Logierait be commissioned.
 - (iv) A generator be provided to supply electricity in the event of an emergency at Weem Flood Mitigation Scheme.
- (b) It be noted that flood studies at Alyth, Burrelton, Dalguise, Inchyra, Invergowrie, Longforan and Scone (Barrel Drain) had indicated flood mitigation schemes at these locations would not meet the Treasury's economic criteria for grant.
- (c) The progress on the promotion of a flood mitigation scheme at Almondbank be noted.

632. CONSERVATION OF BUILT HERITAGE – BLAIRGOWRIE CONSERVATION AREA (Art. 348/07)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/682) recommending that (1) the final draft Blairgowrie Conservation Area Appraisal be approved; and (2) the Scottish Ministers be notified of the intention to designate the conservation area.

Resolved:

- (a) To approve the final draft Blairgowrie Conservation Area Appraisal;
- (b) To approve the proposed Blairgowrie Conservation Area boundary and associated management measures; and
- (c) To proceed to formal designation by notifying Scottish Ministers.

633. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS, KINGSWELL TERRACE, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (07/683) (1) outlining problems being experienced by large vehicles when accessing the cul de sac sections of Kingswell Terrace, Perth; (2) outlining the response to local consultation on the introduction of "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions to keep the junctions free of parked cars; and (3) recommending a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) be made to introduce waiting restrictions.

Councillor Flynn expressed concern that the whole of the bus stop would not be included in the TRO and was advised by J Valentine, Depute Director, that this would be kept under review.

Resolved:

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) necessary for the introduction of "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restrictions at Kingswell Terrace in Letham, Perth, be approved.

634. PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF A SECTION OF RUTHVENFIELD WAY, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (07/684) recommending the promotion of a Stopping Up Order for part of Ruthvenfield Way, Inveralmond Industrial Estate, Perth, in order that it be removed from the List of Adopted Roads.

Resolved:

- (i) The promotion of a Stopping Up Order for a short section of road at the junction of Ruthvenfield Way and Ruthvenfield Avenue, Perth, under the terms of Section 68 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, be approved.
- (ii) The road be removed from the List of Public Roads.
- (iii) The area of ground shown hatched on the plan appended to Report 07/684 be declared surplus to requirements.
- (iv) A report be submitted to the Property Sub-Committee recommending the area of ground for disposal.

635. A912 PERTH TO BRIDGE OF EARN – CRAIGEND COTTAGES TO CRAIGCLOWAN SCHOOL – CONVERSION OF FOOTWAY TO A SHARED PEDESTRIAN/CYCLE TRACK

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/685) seeking approval to re-designate the existing footway on the north side of the A912 Perth to Bridge of Earn road between Craigend Cottages and Craigclowan School, to facilitate its conversion to a shared use cycle track.

Councillor Lumsden advised that Earn Community Council had some concerns regarding the completed section of cycle commuter route, and was advised by J Valentine, Depute Director, that these concerns would be taken account of.

Resolved:

The promotion of a Re-designation Order to facilitate the conversion of the existing 675 metre length of footway on the north side of the A912 Perth and Bridge of Earn road between Craigend Cottages and Craigclowan School, to a cycle track for use by both pedestrians and cyclists, be approved, subject to the Executive Director taking into account any concerns expressed by the local Community Council.

636. PROPOSED NEW AND ALTERED SPEED LIMITS: A NEW 40MPH SPEED LIMIT ON PARTS OF THE NEW A9 BALLINLUIG JUNCTION; AND THE EXTENSION OF THE 40MPH SPEED LIMIT AT MURTHLY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/686) recommending the promotion of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's) to (1) introduce a new 40mph speed limit on parts of the A827 at the new A9 Ballinluig junction; and (2) extend the 40mph speed limit at Murthly.

Resolved:

- (i) The promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the A927 and on the merge and diverge roads which form the new A9 Ballinluig junction, be approved.
- (ii) The variation of the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to extend the 40mph speed limit at Murthly, be approved.

637. THE ADDITION OF THE BUS STANCES AT PERTH BUS STATION AND THE CAR PARK AT KINROSS PARK AND RIDE TO THE CAR PARKS TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (07/687) recommending that (1) the bus stance and bus parking areas at Perth Bus Station; and (2) the car park at Kinross Park and Ride site be added to the Car Parks Traffic Regulation Order to enable their use to be controlled by the Council's Parking Attendants.

Resolved:

- (i) The addition of the bus stance and waiting areas at Perth Bus Station to the Car Parks Traffic Regulation Order, as an area for bus and coach parking only, so that its use be controlled by the Council's Parking Attendants, be approved.
- (ii) The addition of the car park at the Kinross Park and Ride to the Car Parks Traffic Regulation Order, as a free car park, so that its use be controlled by the Council's Parking Attendants, be approved.

638. FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS OF SCOTLAND'S ENTERPRISE NETWORKS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/688) (1) summarising the Scottish Government's recent announcement on the future of Scottish Enterprise; and (2) highlighting some of the issues for Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The Scottish Government's proposals to streamline the Enterprise Network and their intent to place Local Authorities more fully at the centre of economic development, giving Community Planning Partnerships a clear remit and responsibility for economic growth locally, be welcomed.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Environment) be instructed to report back as negotiations progress with representatives of the Scottish Government, Scottish Enterprise, VisitScotland and Dundee City and Angus Councils.
- (iii) The importance of securing budget provisions for Perth and Kinross which adequately reflect the level of regeneration and rural activity over the last few years and which also take into account future needs, be noted.