

# 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 1 March 2006 at 3.45pm.

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

In Attendance: J Irons (Executive Director (Planning and Transportation)), R Bean, I Sleith, A Godfrey, P Marshall, C Haggart and A Olejnik (all Planning and Transportation); K MacDonald and J Deponio (both Chief Executive's Service); S Aldred, L Brown and A Wilson (all Corporate Services) and M Currie (Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust).

Apology for Absence: Councillor Livingstone.

Councillor Hulbert, Presiding.

## 152. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor Ellis declared a non-financial interest in Art. 154 and Councillor Cowan declared a non-financial interest in Arts. 154 and 155.

## 153. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 18 January 2006 (Arts. 30-42) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

COUNCILLOR COWAN AND COUNCILLOR ELLIS DECLARED A NON-FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

## 154. PERTH AND KINROSS COUNTRYSIDE TRUST ANNUAL REPORT

Martin Currie, Trust Manager, made a presentation to the Committee on the work of Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust since 1997. The key strengths, objectives and achievements of the Trust were outlined, together with the findings of the 2005 Strategic Review.

Thereafter there was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (06/145) presenting the Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust Annual Report for 2004/05 and its Business Plan for 2005/06 to 2007/08.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust Annual Report for 2004/05 be noted.
- (ii) The Committee approve the Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust Business Plan for 2005/06 to 2007/08 for its interest.

COUNCILLOR COWAN DECLARED A NON-FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

## 155. PERTH AND KINROSS HERITAGE TRUST ANNUAL REVIEW 2004/05

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (06/146), (1) presenting the Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust Annual Report for 2004/05; (2) the Strategic Plan for 2005-08; and (3) providing an update on the current work of the Trust.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust Annual Report for 2004-05, be noted.
- (ii) The Committee approve the Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust Strategic Plan 2005-08, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 06/146, for its interest.

## \*156. PLANNING ETC (SCOTLAND) BILL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (06/147), (1) containing a proposed response, largely supportive, on the provision of the new Planning

Etc. (Scotland) Bill which largely reflected the contents of the previous White Paper on the Modernisation of the Planning System; and (2) outlining some concerns over issues of detail and the potential resource implications of the proposals.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of the Planning Etc. (Scotland) Bill be noted.
- (ii) It be remitted to the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) to respond to Scottish Ministers on the basis of the comments contained in Report 06/147 and, in consultation with the Convener of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee and the Convener of the Development Control Committee, to make representation during the passage of the Bill and secondary legislation through the Scottish Parliament.
- (iii) It be remitted to the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) to submit further reports on resource implications and on the programme for implementing the provisions in the Bill, the secondary legislation and changes required to the current arrangements to deliver the planning service, to future meetings of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee.

**157. PLANNING GAIN SUPPLEMENT: A CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (06/148), (1) outlining the Consultation Document which set out proposals to introduce a new tax on increased land values which occurred when planning permission is granted; and (2) outlining the deficiencies in the proposed new system and challenging its applicability in a Scottish context.

Motion – Councillors Mair and Cowan:

- (i) To add a final paragraph to the detailed response contained in Appendix 1 to Report 06/148 that in view of the difficulties already mentioned in that response, the proposed Planning Gain Supplement should not be introduced.
- (ii) To refer Report 06/148 to the next meeting of the Parliamentary Forum.

**Amendment – Councillors Hulbert and Telfer:**

- (i) **The views contained in Report 06/148 on the Government proposals for the introduction of a Planning Gain Supplement be endorsed.**
- (ii) **To refer Report 06/148 to the next meeting of the Parliamentary Forum.**

Amendment – 7 Votes

Motion – 5 Votes

No Vote – 1

**Resolved:**

In accordance with the Amendment.

**158. CRIEFF COUNTRYSIDE SITES MANAGEMENT PLAN**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (06/149), (1) outlining proposals detailed in the Management Plan for Council owned countryside sites at Crieff and (2) seeking approval for the improvement proposals for public access, interpretation and woodland management.

**Resolved:**

The Management Plan for the Crieff Countryside Sites, as detailed in Report 06/149, be welcomed and approved.

**159. DALGUISE FLOOD STUDY**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (06/150) proposing a phased flood study of the Dalguise area to determine the viability of promoting a flood prevention scheme.

**Resolved:**

A phased flood study of the Dalguise area affected by flooding in January 2005, be undertaken, to determine whether or not it would be appropriate to promote flood defences at this location, subject to the availability of financial resources.

COUNCILLOR McEWEN LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

#### **160. REVIEW OF PARKING CHARGES (Art 753/04)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (06/151) reviewing the current parking charges which applied in Council controlled parking areas and recommending alterations to the charges and to the charging time bands at a limited number of locations.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The amended parking charges, as detailed in Report 06/151, be implemented following the required period of public notice.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) be instructed to vary the relevant Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) to alter the durations of stay in various parking areas, as detailed in Report 06/151.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) be instructed to make the TRO to permit coaches to use the Leadenflower Road car park in Crieff, but to abandon proposals to charge for coaches.

#### **161. 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS IN KENMORE, CROOK OF DEVON AND CLEISH AND 30 MPH SPEED LIMITS IN KENMORE AND BALBEGGIE**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (06/152), (1) outlining the consultation undertaken on proposals to introduce 20mph speed restrictions in the vicinity of schools in Cleish, Kenmore and Fossoway; (2) recommending revised proposals; and (3) recommending the extension of the 30mph speed limit on the north side of Balbeggie.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) be instructed to alter the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) to create a 20mph speed limit in the vicinity of the schools in Crook of Devon, Kenmore and Cleish, as detailed in Report 06/152.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) be instructed to alter the TROs to extend the 30mph speed limits in Balbeggie and Kenmore, as detailed in Report 06/152.

#### **162. ADDITIONS TO THE LIST OF PUBLIC ROADS**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (06/153) on the addition to the List of Public Roads of new roads constructed in accordance with the Council's Roads Standards.

**Resolved:**

The addition to the List of Public Roads, of new roads detailed in the schedule to Report 06/153, be approved.

COUNCILLOR McEWEN RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

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

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (06/154), (1) detailing the tenders accepted and works awarded under delegated powers during the period 1 October 2005 to 31 December 2005; and (2) detailing tenders accepted and contracts awarded for Public, Education and Community Care Transport under delegated powers during the period 1 October 2005 to 31 December 2005.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 06/154 and the contract awards in respect of Roads and Forward Planning related schemes and Public, Education and Community Care Transport, be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) be authorised to publish tender information for transport contracts.

#### **164. EVENTS FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (06/155), (1) advising of the commencement of the consultation on the draft Events Strategy and Action Plan; and (2) detailing recent events applications made to the Council for events funding.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The commencement of the consultation on the draft Events Strategy and Action Plan be noted.
- (ii) The finalised Strategy and Action Plan be submitted to the meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee in June 2006.
- (iii) £10,000 events funding for the commemoration of the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inauguration at Scone of Robert the Bruce be approved.
- (iv) £9,000 events funding for the *Invasion: Perth* event to be held in Perth on 10/11 June 2006, subject to Scottish Executive funding, be approved.
- (v) £23,500 events funding for the development of Perth Festival of the Arts 2006, be approved.
- (vi) £6,000 events funding for the development of the 2006 Liquid Life Festival, be approved.
- (vii) £9,000 events funding for 'Live on the Lawn', a new musical event to be staged in July 2006, be approved.

**165. PROMOTING TOURISM IN PERTH AND KINROSS (Art. 744/05)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (06/156) providing an update on arrangements for the forthcoming tourism mission to Tartan Week in New York.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The successful progress which had been made in arrangements for the forthcoming tourism mission to Tartan Week in New York with VisitScotland, local partners and private sector representatives, be acknowledged.
- (ii) The attendance of two Economic Development Officers to work in the Perthshire zone of the Scotland Village, promoting Perth and Kinross, communicating with visitors to the Village and providing information on the area and its products, be approved.

In terms of Standing Order 46, Councillor McEwen requested her dissent to the decision in the absence of more detailed information, be recorded.

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

**166. PERTH AND KINROSS RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (06/157) on a request for financial assistance towards a rural business development.

**Resolved:**

Grant funding of £12,000 be awarded to Tulliemet Limited towards the infrastructure costs of their development at Blair Atholl, Highland Perthshire.