

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 4 June 2008 at 2.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Councillors K Baird and B Vaughan, J Valentine, K MacDonald, K McNamara, C Haggart, A Warrington, A Olejnik, P Marshall, N Horner (all The Environment Service); J Cockburn (Corporate Services); G Taylor and Y Oliver (both Chief Executive's Service).

Apology for Absence: Councillor L Caddell

Councillor J Kellas, Convener, Presiding.

341. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

342. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 26 March 2008 (Arts. 192-205) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

343. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2007/08 (Art. 336)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/305) reviewing Service performance against The Environment Service Business Management and Improvement Plan for the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008.

Resolved:

- (i) The elements of The Environment Service Annual Performance Report 2007/08, relating to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee, as detailed in the Appendix to Report 08/305, be accepted.
- (ii) The Report be submitted to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on 11 June 2008 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

344. WIND ENERGY AND MICRO-RENEWABLES UPDATE

In terms of Standing Order 53 Councillor B Vaughan addressed the Committee on this item.

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There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/306), (1) detailing the current position regarding wind energy proposals including the results of the recent public inquiries; and (2) proposing a review of the current wind energy supplementary policy and guidelines for wind energy developments in Perth and Kinross and the development of supplementary planning guidance on sustainable communities and buildings.

Resolved:

- (i) The position with regard to recent windfarm applications and consents, be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Environment) be remitted to review the Council's wind energy policy and guidelines and commence the preparation of draft strategic locational guidance for wind energy developments together with associated strategic environmental assessment.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Environment) be remitted to commence the preparation of draft supplementary planning guidance on micro-renewables.

345. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN AUTHORITIES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/307) (1) outlining progress on the establishment of Strategic Development Plan Authorities; (2) recommending that Members are nominated to the Joint Committee; and (3) recommending a boundary of the Strategic Development Plan.

Councillor J Kellas, seconded by Councillor A Gaunt, proposed a motion, copies of which were circulated, that the preferred option for the Strategic Development Plan boundary should be Option 3 contained in Report 08/307, on the grounds that (a) including all of Perth and Kinross prevents the need for splitting of wards and the redrawing of notional boundaries additional to those, which by necessity, take account of National Parks and as a result provide for a greater included area and population and (b) it also removes the difficulty which will occur in trying to organise statistical information gathering and use which will be time consuming and costly.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress in the setting up of the Strategic Development Plan Authority be noted.
- (ii) Councillors J Kellas, A Gaunt and A Jack, be nominated to sit on the Strategic Development Plan Authority Joint Committee.
- (iii) The preferred option for the Strategic Development Plan boundary, as proposed in Option 3 of Report 08/307, be approved.
- (iv) The recommendation to the Scottish Government that the Strategic Development Plan Authority be known as the Tay Corridor or the Dundee and Perth SDPA or a similar title, be approved.

COUNCILLOR A GAUNT TOOK THE CHAIR AT THIS POINT.

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346. PERTH HARBOUR BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT REVIEW

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/308) outlining the findings of a business improvement review for Perth Harbour.

Resolved:

- (i) Option 2 – Regeneration of Perth Harbour, as set out in Report 08/308, be approved as the preferred option with associated actions as detailed in the Report.
- (ii) The Vice Convener of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee be appointed to the Harbour Task Group.

347. REQUESTS FOR NEW FOOTWAYS – ANNUAL REPORT 2008 – 2009

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/309) seeking approval of the revised prioritised list of requests for new footways and the programme of future works for 2008-2009.

Resolved:

- (i) The revised prioritised list for new footway works, as detailed in Appendix A to Report 08/309, be approved.
- (ii) The seven top-ranked footway requests in the list be constructed in financial year 2008/09.
- (iii) In the event of additional funding being made available for any footway not identified as a high priority, it be agreed that the Executive Director (Environment), in consultation with the Convener of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee, may revise the priority list, in order to utilise the additional funding.
- (iv) Land to facilitate the construction of individual footpaths/footways as necessary be formally acquired through negotiation or compulsory purchase order.

348. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS AT ROSSIE PLACE, AUCHTERARDER

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/310) (1) outlining the parking problems experienced at a new section of dropped kerb in Rossie Place, Auchterarder; (2) recommending the extension of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions; (3) advising of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions in Rossie Place which are deemed to be no longer necessary; and (4) recommending they be removed.

Resolved:

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order necessary to amend the waiting restrictions at Rossie Place, Auchterarder, be approved.

349. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN CROFT PARK, FAIRMOUNT ROAD, HIGH STREET, GEORGE STREET AND ARRAN ROAD, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/311) (1) outlining the problems of access being experienced by the residents of Croft Park and Fairmount Road, the concerns of the operators of the Morrison's Filling Station with regard to access for deliveries of fuel on High Street, the problems of buses turning into George Street from High Street and the issues regarding access to business premises in Arran Road; and (2) recommending that alterations be made to the waiting restrictions to address all of these issues.

Resolved:

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order necessary to introduce "No Waiting at Any Time" waiting restrictions at Croft Park, Fairmount Road, High Street, George Street and Arran Road, Perth and "No Loading at Any Time" restrictions at George Street, Perth, be approved.

350. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS ON VICTORIA ROAD, SPOUTWELLS ROAD, SPOUTWELLS DRIVE, STORMONT ROAD AND PERTH ROAD, SCONE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/312) (1) outlining the problems being experienced by motorists and residents in the Scone area; and (2) recommending that "No Waiting at Any Time" waiting restrictions be introduced on Victoria Road, Spoutwells Road, Spoutwells Drive and Stormont Drive, Scone and that "Limited Waiting" be removed from Victoria Road and Perth Road, Scone.

Resolved:

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order necessary to amend the waiting restrictions at Victoria Road, Spoutwells Road, Spoutwells Drive, Stormont Road and Perth Road, Scone, be approved

351. PROPOSED 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON THE B846 AT WEEM, ABERFELDY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/313) advising that a review of the B846 at Weem near Aberfeldy concluded that a 40mph limit would be appropriate.

Resolved:

The promotion of a variation of the appropriate Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a 40 mph speed limit on the B846 at Weem, be approved.

352. ADDITIONS TO LIST OF PUBLIC ROADS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/314) recommending additions to the List of Public Roads.

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Resolved:

The addition to the List of Public Roads, of the roads detailed in the schedule to Report 08/314, be approved.

353. TENDERS RECEIVED FOR LOCAL SCHOOL BUS SERVICE, EDUCATION TRANSPORT AND ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS TRANSPORT CONTRACTS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/315) (1) detailing the background to the recent transport tendering exercises; (2) providing an overview of the results; and (3) recommending contracts for award.

Resolved:

The award of contracts as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 08/315, be approved.

354. TENDERS ACCEPTED AND WORKS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/316) detailing (1) the tenders accepted and works awarded by the Executive Director (Environment) under delegated powers during the period 1 October 2007 to 31 March 2008; and (2) the tenders accepted and contracts awarded for Public, Education and Community Care Transport under similar powers for the same period.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 08/316 and the contract awards, as detailed in Appendices 1 to 6 of Report 08/316, be noted.

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