

# 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 28 November 2007 at 2.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Councillor B Vaughan; J Irons, Executive Director (Environment); J Valentine, R Bean, B Clough, J Deponio, J McCrone, K MacDonald, A Olejnik and J Robinson (all The Environment Service); A Aldred (Corporate Services); and A Wilson and L Brown (both Chief Executive's Service).

Apology for Absence: Councillor R Ellis.

Councillor J Kellas, Convener, Presiding.

## 734. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

## 735. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 24 October 2007 (Arts. 628-638) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

## 736. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE 6 MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT – APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2007

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/785) reviewing the service performance against the Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April to 30 September 2007. The Committee noted the report had also been considered by the Community Safety and Environment Committees at their respective meetings earlier that day.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 07/785 be noted.
- (ii) The elements of the Environment Service Performance Report for the period April to September 2007 relating to the Committee, as detailed in the Appendix to Report 07/785, be accepted.
- (iii) Reports detailing performance during 2007-2008 and each subsequent year of the Business Management Improvement Plan 2007-2010, be submitted to future meetings.
- (iv) Report 07/785 be submitted to the Standards and Scrutiny Committee on 5 December 2007 for scrutinising and noting.

## 737. FLOODING IN MILNATHORT – FURTHER UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/786) summarising a report by Professor Richard Hey BSc PhD, an expert in the field of sustainable flood management, who had been invited to review the standard of the existing flood defences and comment on a number of other matters which had been raised by various parties.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The report by Professor Richard Hey entitled "The Review of Flooding Issues in Milnathort and Identification of Additional Measures to Reduce Future Flood Risk" (August 2007), be noted.
- (ii) Professor Hey's confirmation of the findings of the Atkins report that the Milnathort flood mitigation scheme had been designed appropriately and, when fully rectified, would provide the specified level of protection (1 in 100 year event), be noted.
- (iii) Professor Hey's estimation that the flooding in Milnathort on 13 December 2006 may well have exceeded a 1 in 200 year event, be noted.
- (iv) It be noted that a temporary solution to replace the failed bund was in place and that a permanent solution could not be progressed until after April 2008.

- (v) It be noted that Scottish Water had agreed to investigate issues relating to surface water drainage in Milnathort.
- (vi) It be noted that Transport Scotland be approached to address the matter of surface water run-off from the M90.
- (vii) It be noted there remained a number of other communities without any flood mitigation measures in place.
- (viii) Further discussion be held the with the Scottish Government to explore the availability of specific grant funding to investigate the additional upstream “soft engineering” measures as identified by Professor Hey in his report.

#### **738. CONSERVATION OF BUILT HERITAGE – BLAIR ATHOLL CONSERVATION AREA**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/787) recommending that: (1) the final draft Blair Atholl Conservation Area Appraisal be approved; and (2) the Scottish Ministers be notified of the intention to designate the conservation area.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The final draft Blair Atholl Conservation Area Appraisal, as appended to Report 07/787, be approved.
- (ii) The proposed Blair Atholl Conservation Area boundary and associated management measures be approved and progressed on to formal designation by notifying Scottish Ministers.

#### **739. CORE PATHS PLANNING UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (07/788) providing an update on core path planning and outlining the work now proposed to finalise the Core Paths Plan.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The progress made in the preparation of the Draft Core Paths Plan, the consultation undertaken to date and the role of the Local Outdoor Access Forum, be noted.
- (ii) The timetable proposed to finalise the plan and core path criteria, be approved.

#### **740. ETAPE CALEDONIA CYCLE EVENT**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/789): (1) providing an update following the 2007 Etape Caledonia; and (2) recommending approval in principle for the event to proceed in 2008.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The headline results from the Economic Impact Assessment on the 2007 Etape Caledonia, be noted.
- (ii) The staging of the 2008 Etape Caledonia be approved in principle, subject to conditions outlined in Report 07/789.
- (iii) A detailed report be submitted to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee early in 2008 with proposals to overcome the key issues identified and proposing a financial package to support the event, businesses and communities in Highland Perthshire.

#### **741. EVENTS FUNDING APPLICATIONS AND UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/790) seeking: (1) approval of an events funding application received for over £5,000; and (2) an increase in the delegated authority for such applications.

**Resolved:**

- (i) Funding of up to £10,000 for the 2008 Highland Challenge events, be approved.
- (ii) An increase from £5,000 to £10,000 in the level of delegated authority of the Executive Director (Environment) for events funding applications, be approved.
- \*(iii) It be recommended to the Council that the Scheme of Administration be amended accordingly.

#### **742. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS – PITCULLEN TERRACE, PERTH**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/791): (1) summarising the results of the formal advertising carried out on proposals to introduce waiting restrictions in Pitcullen Terrace, Perth; and (2) recommending that the remaining objection be set aside and the Traffic Regulation Order made as advertised.

**Resolved:**

The remaining objection to proposals to introduce “No Waiting at Any Time” restrictions be set aside and the Order be made as advertised at the junction of Pitcullen Terrace and Rosemount Place; the junction of Pitcullen Terrace and Pitcullen Gardens; and the junction of Pitcullen Terrace and Dupplin Road, Perth.

#### **743. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN KINNOULL CAUSEWAY AND GLOVER STREET, PERTH**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/792) outlining: (1) the problems being experienced by ambulance service personnel attending the Charterhouse Buildings sheltered housing complex in Kinnoull Causeway; (2) the issue of motorists parking in the coach lay-by on Glover Street adjacent to the Perth Leisure Pool; and (3) recommending that alterations be made to the waiting restrictions to address these problems.

**Resolved:**

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order necessary to amend the Waiting Restrictions be approved at Kinnoull Causeway and Glover Street, Perth.

#### **744. PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME RESTRICTIONS ON BURNS-BEGG STREET/OLD CAUSEWAY, KINROSS AND HIGH STREET AT ST RONAN’S DRIVE, KINROSS**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/793) outlining: (1) the problems being experienced by motorists accessing Burns-Begg Street due to inconsiderate parking; (2) residents exiting St Ronan’s Drive on to High Street; and (3) recommending that “No Waiting at Any Time” restrictions be introduced at both locations.

**Resolved:**

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order necessary for the introduction of No Waiting at Any Time parking restrictions be approved at Burns-Begg Street and Old Causeway and High Street at St Ronan’s Drive, Kinross.

#### **745. PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT ON THE C410 AT BALGOWAN AND AN EXTENSION OF THE 30MPH AND 40MPH SPEED LIMITS AT CROOK OF DEVON**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/794) proposing: (1) that a 40mph speed limit be introduced at Balgowan on the C410 Madderty to Crieff Road; and (2) proposing that the 30mph and 40mph speed limits both be extended on the A977 at Crook of Devon following complications with the proposed signing for the part time 20mph speed limit for the school.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The promotion of a variation of the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the C410 at Balgowan be approved.
- (ii) The promotion of a variation of the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to extend the 30mph speed limit on the A977 and the B9097 at Crook of Devon/Drum into part of what was currently a section of 40mph speed limit and to extend that 40mph speed limit to the east, be approved.