

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 13 June 2007 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors L Caddell, R Ellis, J Flynn, A Gaunt, A Jack, J Kellas, W Lumsden, M Lyle, H McDonald, M Roberts, W Wilson and A Wylie.

In Attendance: Councillors W Robertson and A Stewart; J Irons, Executive Director (Environment); R Bean, J Valentine, A Olejnik, J Deponio, C Haggart, P Kyle, J McCrone, P Marshall, and J Thomson (all the Environment Service); L Brown and A Wilson (Chief Executive's Service) and Inspector K Brown, Tayside Police.

Councillor J Kellas, Convener, Presiding.

338. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

339. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 7 March 2007 (Arts. 165-177) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

340. WITHDRAWAL OF ITEM FROM AGENDA

The Convener advised that Report 07/402 by the Executive Director (Environment) had been withdrawn from the agenda to enable further consultation on, and consideration of, the proposals.

The Committee also agreed not to hear the deputation requested in connection with this item, at this point, but to defer it until the matter came back before the Committee.

341. APPOINTMENTS TO EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

The Convener reported on the need to appoint five members of the Committee to the Executive Sub-Committee.

Resolved:

Councillors J Kellas, A Gaunt, J Flynn, A Jack and A Wylie be appointed to the Executive Sub-Committee.

342. APPOINTMENTS TO THE PERTH AND KINROSS AGRICULTURAL FORUM

The Convener reported on the need to appoint five members of the Council to the Perth and Kinross Agricultural Forum.

Resolved:

Councillors J Coburn, E Howie, W Lumsden, M Lyle and one other be appointed to the Perth and Kinross Agricultural Forum.

343. APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO THE PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

The Convener reported on the need to appoint one member of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee to the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum.

Resolved:

Councillor R Ellis be appointed to the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum.

In terms of Standing Order 19, the Committee agreed to consider Art.344 as the next item of business.

In terms of Standing Order 53, Councillor W Robertson as a local member for Ward 8, addressed the Committee on the following item, in particular the findings of the investigations of the consulting engineers into the flooding which occurred in Milnathort on 13 and 14 December 2006.

344. MILNATHORT FLOODING 13 AND 14 DECEMBER 2006 – INVESTIGATIONS BY CONSULTING ENGINEERS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/393) reporting on the findings of investigations by Atkins, Consultant Engineers, appointed by the Council to validate independently the work of Arup Scotland to identify the reasons whereby the Milnathort Flood Prevention Scheme did not operate as envisaged on 13 and 14 December 2006.

Resolved:

- (i) The findings of the consulting engineers regarding the probable sequence of events and the probable reasons for the flooding in Milnathort on 13 and 14 December 2007 be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that Arup Scotland had been asked to review arrangements for that part of the scheme where the earth bund was constructed at 5 Wester Loan, Milnathort and to bring forward proposals to formalise this part of the scheme.

345. PERTH AND KINROSS MARKETING STRATEGY 2007-2010

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/389), detailing (1) the new Marketing Strategy for Perth and Kinross; (2) its key role in the economic development of the area; and (3) proposals for a new post of Marketing Officer to implement the actions in the new Action Plan.

Resolved:

- (i) The Marketing Strategy and Action Plan for 2007-10 be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Environment) be instructed to submit a monitoring and review report to the Committee on an annual basis.
- (iii) The proposal to utilise existing funding for a new post of Marketing Officer be approved.

346. IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANNING ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/390), (1) outlining the proposed timetable for the implementation of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006; (2) recommending the establishment of a Member/Officer Working Group to assist with the implementation process; and (3) seeking the nomination of three Members to work with officers in the initial discussions with adjoining Planning Authorities on arrangements for the establishment of the Dundee City Region, Strategic Development Plan Authority.

Resolved:

- (i) A Member/Officer Working Group on the changes to the planning system be established, the elected member representatives comprising the Convener and Vice Convener of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee, the Conveners of the Development Control and Lifelong Learning Committees and Councillors A Jack, M Roberts and one other member of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee.
- (ii) It be delegated to the Member/Officer Working Group to respond to the various consultations on behalf of the Council.
- (iii) Councillors J Kellas and A Gaunt and Councillor M Roberts as a local member for the Carse of Gowrie area, be nominated to engage in discussion with the Officers and Members of Angus, Dundee City and Fife Councils on the establishment of the Dundee City Region Strategic Development Plan Authority.

347. STATUTORY GUIDANCE ON PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – SUGGESTED CONSULTATION RESPONSE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/391), (1) outlining the Scottish Executive's draft Statutory Guidance on Planning and Sustainable Development; (2) identifying issues of potential concern to Perth and Kinross Council; and (3) recommending a number of changes to the draft Guidance.

Resolved:

It be remitted to the Executive Director (Environment) to submit Report 07/391 to the Scottish Executive as the Council's response to the consultation on the Statutory Guidance on Planning and Sustainable Development.

348. CONSERVATION OF BUILT HERITAGE - PITLOCHRY, BLAIRGOWRIE, COUPAR ANGUS, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/392), (1) outlining the progress made in the programme of conservation area appraisal and designation since March 2006; (2) proposing the next priorities for attention in the programme; (3) recommending approval of the draft Pitlochry Conservation Area Appraisal; and (4) notifying Scottish Ministers of the intention to designate.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress made so far in carrying out conservation area appraisals and associated work towards the designation of Pitlochry, Blairgowrie, Blair Atholl, the extension to Coupar Angus and the amalgamation of Perth Conservation Areas, be noted.
- (ii) The next steps required to complete the designations and progress the enhancement and management of the areas and the proposed timetable for the next areas to undergo appraisal, be noted.
- (iii) The final draft Pitlochry Conservation Area Appraisal, the proposed Pitlochry Conservation Area boundary and the draft Article 4 Direction be progressed on to formal designation by notifying Scottish Ministers.

349. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS - VIEWFIELD PLACE, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/394), (1) summarising the responses to the consultation and formal advertising of the Draft Traffic Regulation Order proposing waiting restrictions in Viewfield Place, Perth undertaken as part of the legal procedure to promote the Traffic Regulation Order; and (2) recommending that objections received be set aside and the Order be made as advertised.

Resolved:

The objections to proposals to introduce waiting restrictions in Viewfield Place, Perth be set aside and the Order be made as advertised.

350. PROPOSED TRAFFIC FLOW ALTERATIONS IN KING STREET, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/395), (1) summarising the responses to the consultation and formal advertising of the Draft Traffic Regulation Order proposing traffic flow alterations in King Street, Perth undertaken as part of the legal procedure to promote the Order; and (2) recommending that objections received be set aside and the Traffic Regulation Order be made as advertised.

Resolved:

The objections to proposals to re-introduce two-way traffic on a section of King Street, Perth be set aside and the Order be made as advertised.

351. ALTERATIONS TO TRAFFIC FLOWS AND PARKING PROVISION IN THE AREA OF NEW ROW AND HIGH STREET, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/396), (1) summarising the responses to the consultation and formal advertising of the Draft Traffic Regulation Order proposing traffic flows and parking provisions in the area of New Row and High Street, Perth undertaken as part of the legal procedure to promote the Traffic Regulation Order; and (2) recommending that the comments/objections received be set aside and proceed to make the Order as advertised.

Resolved:

The objections to the proposal to introduce one-way traffic and alter the waiting restrictions in parts of High Street, New Row, Market Street and Milne Street, Perth be set aside and the Order be made as advertised, subject to the provision of an additional blue badge parking bay outside the Citizens Advice Bureau in the New Row, Perth.

352. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS - BRIDGE OF EARN

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/397), (1) summarising the responses to the consultation and formal advertising of the Draft Traffic Regulation Order proposing waiting restrictions in Bridge of Earn, undertaken as part of the legal procedure to promote the Order; and (2) recommending that the comments/objections received be set aside and proceed to make the Order as advertised.

Resolved:

The objections to the proposal to introduce waiting restrictions in Bridge of Earn be set aside and the Order be made as advertised.

353. PROPOSED EXTENSION OF 30MPH SPEED LIMIT ON THE A94 AT COUPAR ANGUS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/398) proposing that the Traffic Regulation Order at the northeast side of Coupar Angus be varied to extend the speed limit for approximately 70 metres to take it beyond the entrance to the new housing estate.

Resolved:

The Traffic Regulation Order be varied to extend the 30 mph speed limits in Coupar Angus, as detailed in Report 07/398.

354. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS – PITCULLEN TERRACE, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/399) detailing the responses to the consultation on proposals to introduce No Waiting at Any Time restrictions in Pitcullen Terrace and recommending that a Traffic Regulation Order be promoted to introduce waiting restrictions.

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:

- (a) the junction of Pitcullen Terrace and Rosemount Place;
- (b) the junction of Pitcullen Terrace and Pitcullen Gardens; and
- (c) the junction of Pitcullen Terrace and Dupplin Road.

355. REQUEST FOR NEW FOOTWAYS – ANNUAL REPORT 2007-2008

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/400) seeking approval of the revised prioritised list of requests for new footways and the programme of future works for 2007-2008.

Resolved:

- (i) The revised prioritised list for new footway works, as detailed in appendix A to Report 07/400, be approved.
- (ii) The six top ranked footway requests in the list be constructed in financial year 2007/08.
- (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.

356. ADDITIONS TO AND DELETIONS FROM THE LIST OF PUBLIC ROADS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/401) recommending the addition to the List of Public Roads of new roads or sections of road.

Resolved:

The addition to the List of Public Roads, of the roads detailed in the schedule to Report 07/401, be approved.

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,
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357. DALCRUE FARM, LISTED NORTH RANGE, PITCAIRNGREEN

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/403) seeking approval of the initiation of urgent works to the North Range building, Pitcairngreen through the serving of an Urgent Works Notice under Section 49 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 should the owner fail to progress matters as agreed.

Resolved:

- (i) The various meetings and discussions which had taken place with the owner over the past year be noted.
- (ii) It be noted the owner had been unable to carry out urgent repair works to the listed building to date.
- (iii) The initiation of urgent works to the North Range building through the serving of an Urgent Works Notice under Section 49 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997, if no progress is made by the owner within two months, be approved.