

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 8 June 2011 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors J Kellas, B Band, L Caddell, J Flynn, A Gaunt, T Gray, A Jack, W Lumsden, H McDonald, A Stewart, B Vaughan (substituting for M Lyle) and W Wilson.

In Attendance: J Irons, Executive Director (Environment); J Valentine, Depute Director (Environment); C Haggart, D Littlejohn, P Marshall, A Olejnik, B Renton, A Seggie and R Thomson (all The Environment Service); G Taylor and C Irons (both Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors R Ellis and M Lyle.

The Convener led discussion for Arts 344-346; the Vice Convener led for Arts 347-357.

Councillor J Kellas, Convener, Presiding.

342. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

343. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of the Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 30 March 2011 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

344. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE JOINT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2011-2014

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (11/287) presenting the Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan and Annual Performance Report 2011-2014 for The Environment Service.

Resolved:

- (i) The Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan and Annual Performance Report 2011-2014 for The Environment Service be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 11/287 had been submitted to the Special Meeting of the Community Safety and Environment Committees on 8 June 2011 and would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 15 June 2011 for scrutiny and comment.

345. PERTH AND KINROSS RETAIL REVIEW 2011

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (11/288) presenting the results of the Perth and Kinross Retail Review 2011 which would help inform future planning strategy and policy.

Resolved:

- (i) The details of the Perth and Kinross Retail Review 2011 included in Report 11/288 be noted.
- (ii) The Head of Planning and Regeneration be instructed to use the outcomes of the study to inform the emerging Local Development Plan.

346. BUSINESS ADVICE AND BUSINESS GRANTS PROVISION

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (11/289); (1) outlining a revised and targeted approach to the provision of business advice to local companies; (2) setting out a revised range of business grants provision, and (3) providing an update on Business Gateway activity within Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The refocus of business advice and grants provision on existing and growth business, particularly in key sectors; and where support can add most value, be agreed.
- (ii) The transfer of the budget from start up grants to growth grants, and the widening of eligibility to all small and medium sized businesses located in all areas of Perth and Kinross, be agreed.
- (iii) The revised business grants criteria, as set out Appendix 1 to Report 11/289, be agreed.

347. CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS (CWSS) PROJECTS 2011/2012

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (11/290) seeking approval for a list of works for 2011/12 funded from the Cycling, Walking and Safety Streets Grant of £209,000 from the Scottish Government.

Resolved:

The proposed list of works for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) projects for the financial year 2011/2012 as outlined in Report 11/290 be approved.

348. TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY SCHEMES 2011/2012

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (11/291) seeking approval for the implementation of a number of traffic and road safety schemes for 2011/2012 funded from the Capital Budget for Road Safety Initiatives and the Revenue Budget for Traffic and Road Safety.

Resolved:

The proposed list of new schemes to be funded from the Capital (Road Safety Initiatives) and Revenue (Traffic and Road Safety) Budgets for the financial year 2011/12 as set out in Report 11/291 be approved.

349. ROADS MAINTENANCE BACKLOG

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (11/292) setting out the updated carriageway maintenance backlog figure for Perth and Kinross. The Report also recommended the development of a roads maintenance strategy, accepting that resources may require to be retargeted to certain routes and areas in order to maintain a key network.

Resolved:

- (i) The results of a study to model the effect of the winter weather up to the end of February 2010 and the impact this might have on roads maintenance, be noted.
- (ii) The implications of funding restrictions on the transport network be noted.
- (iii) The Depute Director (Environment) be instructed to report back to a future meeting of the Committee on an appropriate Roads Maintenance Strategy.
- (iv) The Roads Service be instructed to develop a new maintenance strategy accepting that resources may need to be retargeted to certain routes and areas in order to maintain a key network.
- (v) Option 3 detailed in Report 11/292 proposing the use of the Council's Asset Management System be adopted as the basis for allocating the roads maintenance budget and prioritising the selection of maintenance schemes.

350. COUPAR ANGUS ONE-WAY STREETS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (11/293) reviewing the situation with regard to the proposal to introduce one-way streets in the centre of Coupar Angus.

Resolved:

The proposal to abandon the introduction of one-way streets in the centre of Coupar Angus, be approved.

351. PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT ON THE C503 AT EAST HAUGH, PITLOCHRY

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (11/294) advising that as a result of local community concerns a survey had been undertaken of the C503 at East Haugh, near Pitlochry to assess the need for a speed limit. The C503 was assessed in accordance with the latest guidelines for setting speed limits and although it did not satisfy the criteria for a 30mph limit, it had been determined that a 40mph limit would be appropriate.

Resolved:

The variation of the Speed Limit Order to introduce a 40mph limit on the C503 at East Haugh, Pitlochry, be approved.

352. MAIN STREET, JAMES STREET AND COLLEGE ROAD, METHVEN – PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (11/295) outlining the difficulties being experienced by traffic, particularly large vehicles and farm vehicles, on College Road, Methven and at the junction of Main Street and James Street, Methven.

Resolved:

The commencement of the legal procedure to promote a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to allow additional 'No Waiting At Any Time' waiting restrictions to be introduced in College Road, James Street and Main Street (A85 Trunk Road), Methven, be approved.

353. STOPPING UP AND REDETERMINATION OF SECTIONS OF THE OLD A822 AT AMULREE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (11/296) detailing the proposals to stop up a by-passed section of the A822 following the construction of the new bridge at Amulree. It was proposed that part of the route be returned to the adjacent landowner(s) but with access retained for pedestrians and cyclists, and another part be redetermined as a cycle track.

Resolved:

- (i) The promotion of a Stopping Up Order with a right of passage retained for pedestrians and cyclists for part of the by-passed section of the A822 at Amulree shown on the appendix to Report 11/296 be approved.
- (ii) The section of road be removed from the List of Public Roads and the land on which it sits be returned to the adjacent landowner(s).
- (iii) The promotion of a Re-determination Order for part of the by-passed section of the A822 at Amulree be approved to re-determine the section of road as a cycle track which would restrict its use to pedestrians and cycles only.

354. PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF PART OF B898 AT WOODINCH, DALGUISE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (11/297) proposing that part of the B898 Woodinch (a lay-by area) near Dalguise be stopped up.

Resolved:

The promotion of a Stopping Up Order for an old section of the B989 at Woodinch near Dalguise shown on the appendix to Report 11/297 (which currently forms a lay-by) be approved.

355. AMENDMENTS TO THE LIST OF PUBLIC ROADS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (11/298) recommending that the List of Public Roads be updated to take account of the additions detailed therein.

Resolved:

The amendments to the List of Public Roads, as detailed in the Schedule attached to Report 11/298 be approved.

356. TENDERS ACCEPTED AND WORKS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (11/299) detailing (1) the tenders accepted and works awarded by the Executive Director (Environment) under delegated powers during the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011; and (2) tenders accepted and contracts awarded for Public, Education and Community Care Transport under similar powers for the same period.

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

357. ST CATHERINE'S RETAIL PARK SOUTH (PHASE 2) PERTH - REVISION OF SECTION 75 AGREEMENT

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (11/300) providing the results of the negotiations between the Council and the owners of St Catherine's Retail Park South, Perth on the revision of the Section 75 Agreement as it related to Phase 2 of the Retail Park to allow for a wider range of goods to be sold and to ensure its regeneration.

Resolved:

- (i) The Executive Director (Environment) be instructed to enter into a revised Section 75 Agreement to facilitate a wider range of goods to be sold from St Catherine's Retail Park South, Perth subject to agreement on the improvement measures to be undertaken at the retail park.
- (ii) It be remitted to the Executive Director (Environment) and the Head of Legal Services to conclude the Section 75 Agreement.

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