

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 18 January 2006 at 3.50pm.

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

In Attendance: Councillor Barnacle (for Art 37); J Irons (Executive Director (Planning & Transportation)); R Bean, J Valentine, J Walker, B Clough and D Stubbs (all Planning & Transportation); K MacDonald, J Deponio and A Seggie (all Chief Executive's); S Aldred, L Brown and A Wilson (all Corporate Services); D Gibson, Harbourmaster and Inspector Brown, Tayside Police.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Jack and Mair.

Councillor Livingstone, Presiding.

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct Councillor Ellis declared a non-financial interest in Arts. 37 and 39.

31. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 30 November 2005 (Arts. 883-903) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

32. PERTH AND KINROSS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN 2006-2010 – CONSULTATIVE DRAFT

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (06/25) outlining the draft Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan for Perth and Kinross which had been prepared in conjunction with all the stakeholders in the Perth and Kinross Economic Partnership.

Resolved:

To approve the draft Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 06/25 as a basis for consultation with a view to a final Strategy and Action Plan for 2006-2010 being submitted to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on 19 April 2006.

33. PERTSHIRE EVENTS STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN – CONSULTATION DRAFT

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (06/26) advising of the progress made in the development of the Perthshire Events Strategy and Action Plan 2006-2011 and recommending the Draft Strategy and Action Plan be made available for external consultation.

Resolved:

To approve the draft Perthshire Events Strategy and Action Plan 2006-2011, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 06/26, for external consultation.

34. SCOTLAND'S COMMONWEALTH GAMES BID 2014

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (06/34) recommending that Perth and Kinross Council support Scotland's Bid to host the Commonwealth Games in 2014.

Resolved:

- (i) To support Scotland's bid to host the 2014 Commonwealth Games, as detailed in Report 06/34.
- (ii) To instruct the Head of Economic Development to commission a study to identify facilities which could attract training camps to Perth and Kinross.

35. EVENTS BUDGET AND FUNDING APPLICATION

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (06/27), (1) outlining an events funding application for the British Pipe Band Championships to be held in Pitlochry; and (2) providing an update on the events budget expenditure to the end of March 2006.

Resolved:

- (i) To approve funding of £12,000 from the events budget for the British Pipe Band Championships in Pitlochry on 24 June 2006.
- (ii) To note the expenditure of the events budget to March 2006, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 06/27.

36. PERTH HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW OF CHARGES 2006-2008

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (06/28) (1) reviewing the current schedule of charges for Perth Harbour and recommending revisions to the schedule to be implemented from 1 April 2006; and (2) recommending that Perth Harbour initiate a navigation training capability.

Resolved:

- (i) To approve the schedule of charges for Perth Harbour for the period 2006-2008, as detailed in the Appendix to Report 06/28.
- (ii) To approve the expenditure of up to £7,500 for the establishment of an upper River Tay navigation training simulator model which would be eligible for European funding support, as detailed in Report 06/28.

COUNCILLOR ELLIS, HAVING DECLARED A NON-FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM, LEFT CHAMBERS AND TOOK NO PART IN THE DECISION THEREON.

***37. EXTENSION TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (06/29) recommending the Council support a Private Member's bill to extend the boundaries of the Cairngorms National Park into Perthshire.

Councillor Barnacle addressed the Committee in support of Report 06/29.

Resolved:

- (i) To support a Private Member's Bill to extend the boundaries of the Cairngorms National Park.
- (ii) To instruct the Executive Director to submit a draft response to the public consultation on "Extension of the Boundaries of the Cairngorms National Park" from John Swinney MSP, by the deadline of 31 January 2006, as detailed in Report 06/29, pending ratification by the Council at its meeting on 15 February 2006.
- (iii) To support the passage of the Bill through Parliament.
- (iv) To instruct the Council Secretary to forward a copy of Report 06/29 to the Minister for Rural Affairs, subject to ratification by the Council at its meeting on 15 February 2006.

COUNCILLOR ELLIS RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

38. SEPA CONSULTATION PAPER – PROVISION OF WASTE WATER DRAINAGE IN SEWERED AREAS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (06/30) advising on the SEPA Consultation Paper – "SEPA Policy on Provision of Waste Water Drainage in Sewered Areas" and setting out the Council's recommended response. The report further advised of proposed changes to the process for dealing with drainage issues at outline planning application stage.

Resolved:

- (i) To instruct the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) to respond to SEPA on the consultation paper.
- * (ii) Implement with immediate effect and until the completion of the Council's review of its policy on drainage, the approval of outline planning consent for any development subject to a

condition requiring the details of the proposed means of drainage to be submitted for the approval of the Planning Authority as a reserved matter.

- *(iii) Implement with immediate effect and until the completion of the Council's review of its policy on drainage, the approval of full planning consent for development which is otherwise in full accordance with the requirements of a specifically zoned development site in the Development Plan subject to a suspensive condition that construction work cannot commence on the development until the Planning Authority has received confirmation that the development can be connected to a publicly maintained sewerage system.
- (iv) To note the forthcoming publication of a Planning Advice Note on Water and Drainage issues.
- (v) To instruct the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) to submit a further report to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee with a finalised Drainage Policy following consideration of the forthcoming Planning Advice Note.

COUNCILLOR ELLIS, HAVING DECLARED A NON-FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM, LEFT THE CHAMBERS AND TOOK NO PART IN THE DECISION THEREON.

39. LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 PROPOSED SECTION 11 EXEMPTION ORDER BALADO ACTIVITY CENTRE, BY KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (06/31) recommending the refusal of an application for a Section 11 Exemption Order for the Balado Activity Centre near Kinross to remove access rights for a period of two years.

Resolved:

- (i) To note the importance of the Balado Activity Centre to the local economy whilst recognising that much of the economic benefit arises from larger events such as T in the Park.
- (ii) To approve the current application for an Exemption Order covering the whole site for a period of two years for the following reasons:
 - (a) The threat of responsible access to the viability of the exercise.
 - (b) The importance of the enterprise to the local economy.
 - (c) There would be no loss to the public by excluding the land.
- (iii) To instruct the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) to submit the Section 11 Exemption Order to Scottish Ministers for confirmation.

COUNCILLOR ELLIS RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

***40. SUMMARY OF CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR FINANCIAL YEARS 2006/07 TO 2008/09**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (06/35) providing a summary of Planning and Transportation's capital budget proposals for financial years 2006/07 to 2008/09.

Resolved:

- (i) To note the contents of Report 06/35.
- (ii) To recommend to the Council meeting of 9 February 2006 the Planning & Transportation Capital Programme for financial years 2006/07 to 2008/09, as contained in Appendix to Report 06/35, subject to the availability of resources.

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

41. PERTH HARBOUR – ACQUISITION OF HARBOUR TUG/WORKBOAT

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (06/32) advising of tenders submitted for the acquisition of a harbour tug/workboat and recommending the awarding of the contract.

Resolved:

- (i) To award the contract for the acquisition of a harbour tug/workboat to Macduff Shipbuilding and Engineering Ltd.

- (ii) To instruct the Head of Economic Development to make arrangements for the Convener and Vice Convener to visit Macduff Shipbuilding and Engineering to view the construction of the tug/workboat.

42. STREET LIGHTING

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (06/33) advising of a proposal to formalise the existing street lighting partnering arrangements with Tayside Contracts following the success of the three year pilot scheme, and recommending a merger between Perth and Kinross Council's partnership scheme with a similar scheme currently in place between Dundee City Council and Tayside Contracts, on a three year pilot scheme basis.

Resolved:

- (i) To merge the partnership schemes operated independently by Perth and Kinross Council and Dundee City Council, in conjunction with Tayside Contracts, into a single unit to allow the partnership to develop further in a three year pilot scheme.
- (ii) To instruct the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) to submit a report to a future meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on the results of the pilot scheme.
- (iii) To instruct the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) to enter into further discussions with Angus Council to encourage that authority to form part of this project.