

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 30 January 2008 at 2.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Councillor B Vaughan; J Irons, Executive Director (Environment); J Valentine, R Bean, J Walker, K Macdonald, A Olejnik, P Marshall, C Haggart and J Deponio (all The Environment Service); A Aldred and G Fogg (both Corporate Services); A Wilson and L Brown (both Chief Executive's Service) and Inspector K Brown, Tayside Police.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors L Caddell and A Wylie.

Councillor J Kellas, Convener, Presiding.

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

37. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 28 November 2007 (Arts. 734-745) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

38. DEPUTATIONS

In terms of Standing Order 59 the Committee agreed to requests received from Against Closed Road Events (ACRE); The Perthshire Tourism Forum and The Pitlochry Partnership to address the Committee on the proposal to stage the Etape Caledonia Cycle Event in Highland Perthshire on 18 May 2008.

Mr Peter Hounam and Mr Andrew Pointer, representing ACRE, addressed the Committee and Mr Hounam answered Members' questions. Thereafter Mr Hounam and Mr Pointer withdrew to the Public Gallery.

Professor Ian Brown, representing The Perthshire Tourism Forum and The Pitlochry Partnership, addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions. Thereafter Professor Brown withdrew to the Public Gallery.

39. ETAPE CALEDONIA CYCLE EVENT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/43), (1) providing an update following the 2007 Etape Caledonia Cycle Event and the subsequent community consultation; and (2) seeking approval for the event to proceed in 2008.

Motion (Councillors R Ellis and W Wilson)

- (i) **The staging of the 2008 Etape Caledonia Cycle Event be approved subject to the conditions outlined in paragraph 14 of Report 08/43 and to a minimum speed of 14mph being maintained by cyclists participating in the event.**
- (ii) **Funding of £12,000 be awarded to the organiser of the 2008 Etape Caledonia for year two of the event.**
- (iii) **Funding of up to £15,000 towards a range of promotional activities, to be led and delivered by local organisations, with support from Perth and Kinross Council, aimed at maximising opportunities to attract visitors to Highland Perthshire and Perth and Kinross as a whole, be approved.**

Amendment (Councillors K Lyall and W Lumsden) – The recommendations in Report 08/43 be approved subject to the race commencing at 6.30am and the route of the race being reversed.

Amendment – 2 votes

Motion – 9 votes

No Vote – 1 vote

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

40. EVENTS FUNDING APPLICATIONS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/44) outlining events funding applications received from: (1) International Motor Sports for a new prestigious three day International Rally Challenge across Scotland which would include stages in Perthshire; and (2) Perth Festival of the Arts to support the 2008 festival.

Resolved:

- (i) Up to £35,000 be awarded to International Motor Sports to hold a stage of the International Rally Challenge in Perthshire in October 2009.
- (ii) It be remitted to the Head of Economic Development to take part in discussions to secure the event for a further two years and to report back to future meetings of the Committee on the outcome of those discussions.
- (iii) £23,500 be awarded to the 2008 Perth Festival of the Arts.

41. REVIEW OF PERTH, PERTH CENTRAL AREA AND EASTERN AREA LOCAL PLANS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/45): (1) outlining the implications of a recent High Court case into Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) which had direct relevance to the review of the Perth, Perth Central Area and Eastern Area Local Plans and which concluded that these plans could not be progressed to Finalised Plan stage; (2) reviewing the current land use and policy framework contained within the Adopted Local Plans for the Perth and Eastern areas; and (3) concluding that these Plans still contained a robust framework for the short-to-medium term.

Resolved:

- (i) It be agreed that no further formal progress on the Perth, Perth Central and Eastern Area Local Plan reviews be made.
- (ii) Stakeholders and those who responded to the consultations to the Draft Plans be notified of the Council's decision and the background reasons for the decision.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Environment) be remitted to prepare and submit a report to this Committee on the future work programme for the delivery of development planning functions in Perth and Kinross and the implementation of the provisions of the new Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006.

42. PLANNING ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006 – CONSULTATIONS FROM SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT ON DRAFT REGULATIONS CONCERNING: DEVELOPMENT PLANS; ENFORCEMENT; HIERARCHY OF DEVELOPMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/46): (1) detailing the Council's response to consultations on the draft regulations for Development Planning, Planning Enforcement and the proposed Hierarchy of Developments; and (2) highlighting significant concerns at the increased resources and increased delay and complexity which would arise from the draft Regulations.

Resolved:

- (i) The responses, as detailed in Report 08/46, be endorsed.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Environment) be remitted to respond to the Scottish Government in the terms outlined in Report 08/46, including incorporating the general concerns of the Council that the draft Regulations would lead to a more complex planning system and would require significant additional resources to operate.
- (iii) It be noted that the Conservative Group would consider a possible separate response to the Scottish Government on these consultations.

***43. SUMMARY OF CAPITAL PROJECT PRIORITIES FOR FINANCIAL YEARS 2010/11 TO 2012/13**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/51) providing a summary of The Environment Service capital budget proposals for financial years 2010/11 to 2012/13. The Committee noted the report had also been approved for its interest by the Environment Committee at its meeting earlier that day.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 08/51, be noted.
- (ii) The projects relating to the respective committees as set out in paragraphs 3.2 to 3.20 of Report 08/51 be supported as a priority for future capital investment in the period 2010/11 to 2012/13, subject to funding being approved in the forthcoming capital budget at the Special Meeting of the Council on 14 February 2008.

44. CYCLING IN PERTH CITY CENTRE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/47), (1) outlining a recent Cycling Study undertaken into the provision for cycling in Perth City Centre; and (2) identifying improvements which could be made to make the centre more accessible and cycle friendly.

Motion (Councillors J Flynn and M Lyle) – Further design work be undertaken into options to improve the continuity of the cycling routes across Perth City Centre, excluding the pedestrianised area.

Amendment (Councillors J Kellas and J Law)

- (i) Further design work be undertaken into options to improve the continuity of cycling routes across Perth City Centre as detailed in Report 08/47.
- (ii) The promotion of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order to permit cycling within the Perth Pedestrianised Zone as detailed in Report 08/47, be approved.

Amendment – 7 votes

Motion – 5 votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

45. DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH AT RIGGS ROAD, PERTH (IN RETROSPECT)

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/48) recommending the promotion of an Order to have sections of footpath on Riggs Road, Perth, diverted (in retrospect).

Resolved:

- (i) The diversion of sections of former footpath on the east side of Riggs Road, Perth, adjacent to the Lidl Store, under the terms of Section 208 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, be approved, in retrospect.
- (ii) The solum of the footpath shown hatched on the plan appended to Report 08/48 be declared surplus, and a report be submitted to the Property Sub-Committee recommending approval, in retrospect, of the disposal of the solum to Lidl UK GmbH.

46. A827 BALLINLUIG TO LOGIERAIT – CONVERSION OF FOOTWAY TO A SHARED USE PEDESTRIAN/CYCLE TRACK

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/49) seeking approval to re-designate the existing footway on the north side of the A827 Ballinluig–Aberfeldy–Killin Road between Ballinluig and Logierait to facilitate its conversion to a shared use cycle track.

Resolved:

The promotion of a Re-Determination Order to facilitate the conversion of an 850 metre length of existing footway on the north side of the A827 between Ballinluig and Logierait to a shared use cycle track, be approved.

47. ADDITIONS TO THE LIST OF PUBLIC ROADS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/50) recommending additions to the List of Public Roads.

Resolved:

The addition to the List of Public Roads, of the roads detailed in the schedule to Report 08/50, be approved.