

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 26 March 2008 at 2.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Councillors K Howie and M Barnacle; J Irons, J Valentine, R Bean, K McDonald, A Olejnik, C Haggart, P Kyle, P Marshall and J McCrone (all The Environment Service); A Wilson and Y Oliver (both Chief Executive's Service); S Aldred (Corporate Services).

Apology for Absence: Councillor L Caddell.

Councillor J Kellas, Convener, Presiding.

192. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

193. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 30 January 2008 (Arts. 36-47) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

194. APPOINTMENT TO PERTH AND KINROSS AGRICULTURAL FORUM (1 MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL)

The Convener reported on the need to appoint one member to the Perth and Kinross Agricultural Forum.

Resolved:

Councillor K Howie be appointed to the Perth and Kinross Agricultural Forum.

195. DEVELOPMENT PLANS TEAM WORK PROGRAMME AND PRIORITIES 2008-09

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/182) (1) outlining the future work programme for the delivery of development planning functions in Perth and Kinross following the decision to halt progress on the Perth and Eastern Area Local Plans; and (2) considering the future implementation of the provisions of the new Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006.

In accordance with Standing Order 53, Councillor M Barnacle, one of the Elected Members representing Ward 8, addressed the Committee.

Resolved:

The future work programme for the delivery of development planning functions in Perth and Kinross and for the implementation of the provisions of the new Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006, following the ceasing of work on the Perth Area and Eastern Area Local Plan reviews, be approved.

196. DEPUTATION

In terms of Standing Order 59 the Committee agreed to a request received from a representative of Stewart Milne Homes North Scotland to address the Committee on the Auchterarder Expansion Development Framework.

Mr Birnie, representing Stewart Milne Homes North Scotland, addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions. Thereafter he withdrew to the public gallery.

COUNCILLOR B ELLIS LEFT AND RE-JOINED THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

197. AUCHTERARDER EXPANSION DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/173), (1) advising on the outcome of the consultation process on the Auchterarder Expansion Development Framework; (2) proposing a finalised Framework for approval; and (3) recommending that the Council resolve to use its compulsory purchase powers, if required, to acquire the land necessary to enable the necessary A9 road improvement works to go ahead.

Motion (Councillors M Lyle and H McDonald) – The recommendations in Report 08/173 be approved subject to the deletion of paragraph 32.

Amendment (Councillors W Wilson and G Hayton)

- (i) **Approve the Auchterarder Expansion Development Framework as supplementary planning guidance, and note the contents of the associated Strategic Environment Assessment, subject to the deletion of paragraph 32 of Report 08/173, which considered the restriction on the first phase of development to the first 100 private houses plus the first phase of affordable housing.**
- (ii) **It be remitted to the Executive Director (Environment) to enter into discussions with the developers with a view to agreeing a revised version of Paragraph 32 of Report 08/173.**
- (iii) **The promotion by Perth and Kinross Council of a Compulsory Purchase Order, if necessary, to acquire the land required to allow the creation of new junctions and minor road improvements, be approved, subject to the agreement of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee at the appropriate time.**

Amendment - 11 votes

Motion - 2 votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

198. RURAL INITIATIVES FUND 2008/2009

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/174) proposing the allocation of Council funding from the Rural Initiatives Fund for 2008 - 2009 towards projects in Blairgowrie, Blair Atholl, Coupar Angus and Glenshee.

Resolved:

- (i) The allocation of funds to projects in Blairgowrie, Blair Atholl, Coupar Angus and Glenshee as identified in Report 08/174, be agreed.
- (ii) It be noted that a report on the integration of the Rural Initiatives Fund and the Rural Business Infrastructure Fund and the criteria for assistance from the new fund would be submitted for future consideration by the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee.

199. BUILDING STANDARDS VERIFICATION OF BUILDING WARRANT APPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL PROJECTS, CREATION OF PEER REVIEW GROUPS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/175) detailing the proposals for the verification of work in which the Council had had an "interest" post 1 May 2008.

Resolved:

- (i) The proposals of the Scottish Association of Building Standards Managers (SABSM) to create a consortia of Local Authorities that were legally constituted between the Scottish Building Standards Agency (SBSA) and the local authorities involved for the purposes of undertaking peer reviews of work in which a verifier had an interest, be approved.
- (ii) The participation of Perth & Kinross Council in a consortium with Angus Council and Dundee City Council, with the caveat that this grouping might be subject to change once more detailed discussions were held with the SBSA, be approved.
- (iii) It be noted that officers would monitor the workings of the consortium to ensure that the aims and objectives of the proposals were being met.

200. TOURISM INFORMATION AND SALES REVIEW

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/176), (1) outlining recommendations for each of the Tourist Information Centres in Perth and Kinross following a full review; and (2) updating the Committee on the national context and possible implications for this area.

Resolved:

- (i) The release of the final instalment of VisitScotland's 2007/8 funding, following the 6-month update on activities contained within Report 08/176, be approved.
- (ii) The proposed changes to the Tourist Information Centre network, as outlined in Report 08/176, be agreed.
- (iii) The retention of the Consultative Group created for this review, and to request it to reconvene in order to consider the changes resulting from a national level review when they were announced, be agreed.
- (iv) The 2008/9 Partnership Agreement with VisitScotland providing funding of £180,000 for tourist information provision activities, as outlined in Report 08/176, be approved.

201. TRANSFER OF BUSINESS GATEWAY CONTRACT FROM SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/177) outlining the process, issues and implications of the transfer of the Business Gateway contract from Scottish Enterprise management to local authorities.

Resolved:

- (i) The Executive Director (Environment) be remitted to conclude a service level agreement between Dundee City Council and Perth and Kinross Council for the financial and administrative arrangements of the local Business Gateway contract subject to agreement between CoSLA and The Scottish Government on the funding package for Business Gateway and local regeneration being reached.
- (ii) The Convener of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee and the Head of Economic Development be nominated from the Council to sit on the Tayside Business Gateway Contract Management Group and the Economic Development Manager from Perth and Kinross Council be nominated to the Tayside Business Gateway Contract Steering Group.
- (iii) The funding package outlined in paragraphs 11-13 of Report 08/177, to provide a service to pre-start and start-up businesses within the Perth and Kinross area, be approved.

COUNCILLOR H MCDONALD LEFT THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

202. REVIEW OF PARKING CHARGES

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/178), (1) reviewing parking charges and durations of stay in various parking locations; and (2) recommending changes to both.

Resolved:

- (i) The increase in the basic one hour parking charge in Perth from 60p to 70p, with consequential increases in other charging bands and parking permits, as set out in Report 08/178, be agreed.
- (ii) The introduction of twenty minute and forty minute time bands on certain city centre streets in Perth and in the Library car parks, be agreed.
- (iii) The increase in costs of Resident's Permits from £150 to £160 for the inner zone and from £85 to £90 in the outer zone, be agreed.
- (iv) The freezing of charges in certain streets on the periphery of the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) and the introduction of monthly permits for use in 10 hour maximum stay zones, be agreed.
- (v) The increase of the basic one hour parking charge in car parks outside Perth from 50p to 60p, with consequential increases in other charging bands and parking permits, as set out in Report 08/178, be agreed.
- (vi) The carrying out of a consultation into the possibility of introducing on-street charges and removing off-street charges in Crieff and Blairgowrie, be agreed.

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- (vii) The application of charges in the car parks in Dunkeld and Pitlochry all year round but with Sunday charges removed, be agreed.
- (viii) The re-drafting of the relevant Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) to incorporate changes as a result of the above, and to remove the parking charges from the TRO and set them out in a separate Schedule of Charges, be agreed.
- (ix) The Thimblerow car park be taken back under direct Council control in November 2008, when the current lease expired.

COUNCILLOR A JACK LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

203. STOPPING UP OF THE U53 INVERMAY ROAD, FORTEVIOT AND THE U184 LAWERS PIER ROAD, LAWERS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/179) recommending that Orders were promoted to have the U53 Invermay Road and U184 Lawers Pier Road stopped up as vehicular rights of way.

Resolved:

The promotion of Orders to stop up the roads shown cross hatched on the plans appended to Report 08/179, under the terms of Section 68 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, be approved.

204. ADDITIONS TO THE LIST OF PUBLIC ROADS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/180) recommending the addition to the List of Public Roads of new roads.

Resolved:

The addition to the List of Public Roads, of the roads detailed in the schedule attached to Report 08/180, be approved.

205. TENDERS ACCEPTED AND WORKS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/181), detailing (1) the tenders accepted and works awarded by the Executive Director (Environment) under delegated powers during the period 1 April 2007 to 30 September 2007; and (2) tenders accepted and contracts awarded for Public, Education and Community Care Transport under similar powers for the same period.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 08/181 and the contract awards, as detailed in Appendices 1 to 6 to Report 08/181, be noted.