

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
ENTERPRISE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
22 AUGUST 2012

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Minute of Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 22 August 2012 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors J Kellas, J Giacopazzi, I Campbell, A Cowan, D Doogan, C Gillies (substituting for Councillor J Flynn), A Gaunt, T Gray, K Howie (substituting for Councillor A Younger), A Jack, G Laing, A Livingstone and W Robertson.

In Attendance: Councillors I Miller and H Anderson (up to and including Art. 404) and M Roberts (up to and including Art. 405); J Valentine, Executive Director (Environment); B Renton, Depute Director (Environment); D Gillies (Tayside Contracts) (up to and including Art. 405); S D'All (up to and including Art. 405), J McCrone, S Merone, A Seggie and R Thomson (all The Environment Service); S Watson, C Flynn and P Frazer (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors J Flynn and A Younger

Councillor John Kellas, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion for Arts. 402-406 and Vice Convener Giacopazzi for Arts. 407-413.

402. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

403. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of the Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 13 June 2012 (Arts. 266-280) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

404. NOTICE OF MOTION

Motion (Councillors W Robertson and A Gaunt)

Given the pressure faced by our retail businesses in Perth and Kinross the Scottish Liberal Democrat group ask for a report to be brought before a future meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee recommending ways of making the city of Perth and our burgh towns more visitor friendly.

The report will consider:

- 1) Locations which would benefit from free short term parking and optimal duration of short stays.

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- 2) Introduction of “Free after 3” or similar proposals which remove parking charges in the late afternoon to support late afternoon/night shopping.
- 3) Provision of better information on parking in Perth city e.g. maps showing location of car parks and zones and the charges that apply.
- 4) Payment options for the Canal Street Multi-storey Car Park MSCP and the introduction of a pay on foot system.

All this will be done with the aim of helping to increase footfall for our retail businesses, safeguard Perth and Kinross as a retail destination and protect the many jobs which depend on the retail sector.

Amendment – (Councillors J Kellas and J Giacopazzi)

- (i) The Council should continue to direct officers to bring forward reports dealing with specific issues, in Perth and in surrounding towns, which consider: all the options; available data; the views of interested local groups through proper engagements; and the benefits of retailing to members of the public and visitors.
- (ii) Officers should assess the actual effect on footfall of trials conducted by the Council prior to Christmas 2011 and evidence from other local authorities, where available.
- (iii) Work on planned improvements and alternative methods of payment at Canal Street car park and others should be continued.
- (iv) Officers should consider the context of additional measures that might serve the retail community.
- (v) No additional emphasis be placed on provision of better information on cars parks as there is already sufficient provision and any more would be detrimental to the Council’s policy of encouraging greater use of park and ride and public transport.
- (vi) An examination of parking provision would be included in the Perth City Centre Consultation.

Councillor Livingstone proposed the following additions on behalf of the Conservative Group and asked that they be included in the amendment:

- (vii) An assessment be undertaken of how best, and at what cost, more parking bays could be created in Perth and in other towns in Perth and Kinross.
- (viii) The current balance of provision between dedicated disabled parking bays for blue badge holders and other parking bays be examined.

Councillor Livingstone also requested that a blueprint be devised outlining ways to maximise the beauty of Tay Street, and its riverside location, as a gateway to Perth City for residents and visitors. The Executive Director (Environment) assured the Committee that proposals relating to the setting of Tay Street could be addressed in the Perth City Centre Development Strategy.

With the agreement of Councillors Kellas and Giacopazzi, Councillor Livingstone’s proposals were added to the amendment.

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Amendment – 9 Votes

Motion – 3 Votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

COUNCILLORS H ANDERSON AND I MILLER LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

405. POLICY AND LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR WINTER SERVICE 2012/2013

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (12/342) recommending the level of service to be provided by the Council for the gritting and snow clearing of roads and footways in Perth and Kinross during the winter of 2012/2013.

Resolved:

- (i) It be agreed the level of service for winter 2012/2013, as outlined in Report 12/342, be provided using the plant and labour of Tayside Contracts and other Council Services.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Environment) be authorised to make arrangements outwith the policy and level of service in exceptional conditions such as snow emergencies.
- (iii) It be agreed that a nightshift gritting and snow clearing service would operate from the Ruthvenfield depot in Perth during the main standby period for a one year pilot, covering the network of A class roads and early morning bus routes in the Perth area, as detailed in paragraph 5.3 of Report 12/342.
- (iv) It be agreed that quad bikes fitted with gritting and snow clearing equipment will be used for a one year pilot to treat footways in the Auchterarder, Braco, Greenloaning, Luncarty, Almondbank and Methven areas in order to ensure that the level of service stated in the winter policy can be delivered in these areas, as detailed in paragraph 14.3 of Report 12/342.

COUNCILLOR M ROBERTS, S D'ALL AND D GILLIES LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

406. BUSINESS GATEWAY UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (12/343) (1) updating on the outcome of the recent Tendering Process for the new Business Gateway contract; and (2) outlining the delivery outcomes for the Business Gateway for 2011/12.

Resolved:

- (i) The outcome of the Tendering process for the new Business Gateway Contract be noted.
- (ii) The Head of Planning and Regeneration be instructed to work with the contractor Enterprise North East Trust to ensure the delivery of the targets outlined within the contract.

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- (iii) The Head of Planning and Regeneration be instructed to develop a new Business Gateway Memorandum of Understanding between Perth and Kinross Council, Angus Council and Dundee City Council covering the period October 2012 to September 2017.

407. BUSINESS INITIATIVES UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (12/344) updating Committee on: (1) Business Initiatives being undertaken by the Council; and (2) the outcome from the Perth and Kinross first Business Week in June 2012 and seeking approval to run a similar event in 2013.

Resolved:

- (i) The success of the recent Perth and Kinross Business Week be noted.
(ii) It be agreed that the Business Growth Team in collaboration with our partners, plan and deliver a similar programme in 2013.

408. IMPROVING DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY ACROSS PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (12/345) (1) seeking approval for the outline bid and resources to support the Perth Super-Connected City Plan aimed at developing ultrafast broadband within Perth City; and (2) noting progress towards the completion of Perth and Kinross Rural Broadband Plan aimed at improving digital connectivity across the Council area outside Perth.

Resolved:

- (i) The outline bid and resources to implement the Perth Super-Connected City Plan be agreed.
(ii) The Head of Planning and Regeneration be authorised to submit the bid to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport.
(iii) Progress towards the completion of the Perth and Kinross Rural Broadband Plan be noted.

409. RAIT CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (12/346) introducing the final draft of the Rait Conservation Area Appraisal.

Resolved:

The final draft of the Rait Conservation Area Appraisal, as appended to Report 12/346, and the proposed boundary and associated management measures, be approved.

410. PROPOSED 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON THE A822 AND U173 AT AMULREE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (12/347) (1) detailing a proposal to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the A822 and U173 at

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Amulree following the construction of a new bridge and road; and (2) recommending a variation of the Traffic Regulation Order for 40mph Speed Limits.

Resolved:

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order necessary to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the A822 and U173 at Amulree be approved.

411. PROPOSED PERMANENT 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON A SECTION OF THE B9099 PERTH ROAD, STANLEY

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (12/348) (1) detailing a proposal to revoke the existing part-time 20mph speed limit and introduce a permanent 20mph speed on a section of the B9099 Perth Road in Stanley; and (2) recommending a variation of the Traffic Regulation Order for 20mph Speed Limits.

Resolved:

- (i) The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order necessary to revoke the existing part-time 20mph speed limit on the B9099 Perth Road, Stanley be agreed.
- (ii) The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order necessary to introduce a permanent 20mph speed limit on the B9099 Perth Road, Stanley be agreed.

412. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS – SCARTH ROAD, LUNCARTY

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (12/349) (1) outlining the problems experienced by the local community and the residents of Scarth Road, Luncarty due to inconsiderate parking; and (2) recommending that a Traffic Regulation Order be promoted for 'no waiting at any time' and 'no waiting 8:30am to 5pm' restrictions on Scarth Road, Luncarty.

Resolved:

The commencement of the legal procedure to promote a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce 'no waiting at any time' and 'no waiting 8.30am to 5pm' restrictions on Scarth Road in Luncarty be agreed.

413. AMENDMENTS TO THE LIST OF PUBLIC ROADS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (12/350) 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 appended to Report 12/350, be approved.

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