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 13 June 2012 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors John Kellas, Joe Giacopazzi, Mike Barnacle (substituting for Councillor Ann Gaunt), Ian Campbell, Ann Cowan, Dave Doogan, Callum Gillies (substituting for Councillor John Flynn), Tom Gray, Alan Jack, Grant Laing, Alan Livingstone, Willie Robertson and Anne Younger.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors John Flynn and Ann Gaunt.

In Attendance: Councillors Bob Band, Kate Howie, Murray Lyle, Mac Roberts and Barbara Vaughan; J Valentine, Executive Director (Environment), B Renton, Depute Director (Environment); C Haggart, D Littlejohn, B Murray and R Thomson (all The Environment Service); C France, C Flynn and L Brown (all Chief Executive's Service).

Councillor John Kellas, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led the discussion for Arts 268 to 271 and Vice-Convener Giacopazzi for Arts 272 to 279.

266. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

267. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of the Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 21 March 2012 (Arts. 144-154) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

268. APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

Councillors John Kellas, Joe Giacopazzi, Ann Gaunt, John Flynn and Alan Livingstone be appointed to the Executive Sub-Committee.

*269. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE – JOINT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

There was submitted a report by Executive Director (Environment) (12/227) seeking approval of The Environment Service Business Management and Improvement Plan for the period 2012 – 2015 and the Annual Performance Report for 2011-2012.

Resolved:

- (i) The Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan 2012-2015 and Annual Performance Report 2011-2012 for the Environment Service pertaining to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee's area of responsibility, as appended to Report 12/227, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 12/227 was also considered by the Community Safety and Environment Committees on 13 June 2012 and would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 20 June 2012 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Environment) be requested to submit an evaluation report on the Local Development Plan consultation process to a future meeting of the Committee.

270. CONSULTATIONS BY THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PLANNING SYSTEM

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (12/228) informing Members of five current consultations issued by the Scottish Government concerning proposed amendments and improvements to the planning system, highlighting the relevant content of these documents and seeking agreement to the recommended responses to the consultations.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the consultations be noted.
- (ii) The responses to the consultations appended to Report 12/228 be approved for submission to the Scottish Government.

271. CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS (CWSS) PROJECTS 2012/13

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (12/229) detailing the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Projects implemented in 2011/12 and seeking approval for a list of works funded from Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Grant 2012/13 of £172,000 from the Scottish Government.

Resolved:

- (i) The schemes implemented from the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Grant Funding in 2011/12, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 12/229, be noted.
- (ii) The proposed list of works for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets projects for the financial year 2012/13, as detailed in Appendix 2 to Report 12/229, be approved.
- (iii) The applications for funding from the Sustrans Community Links Programme 2012/13 Programme, as detailed in Appendix 2 to Report 12/229, be noted.

272. ARTICLE 4 DIRECTIONS IN CONSERVATION AREAS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (12/230) seeking approval to update the Article 4 Directions operating in conservation areas so that the directions relate to recent changes in the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order as amended.

Resolved:

The updating of Article 4 Directions operating in conservation areas so that the directions relate to recent changes in the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order be approved.

273. PLACEMAKING GUIDE – SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (12/231) seeking approval of planning design guidance for consultation prior to its adoption as statutory supplementary guidance in association with the Development Plan and for inclusion and promotion in the Placemaking Guide for Perth & Kinross. The report also detailed the policy implications of amended street design standards contained in Designing Streets and advised of the need to prepare revised roads development guidance based on these standards for adoption and promotion on a similar basis.

Resolved:

- (i) The planning design guidance as appended to Report 12/231 be approved for consultation prior to being adopted as statutory Supplementary Guidance in association with the Development Plan and inclusion and promotion through the Placemaking Guide for Perth and Kinross.
- (ii) The policy implications of amended street design standards contained in Designing Streets be noted and it be remitted to the Executive Director (Environment) to prepare revised local roads and development guidance based on these standards prior to adoption and promotion.

274. ABERNETHY CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (12/232) introducing the final draft of the Abernethy Conservation Area Appraisal.

Resolved:

The final draft of Abernethy Conservation Area Appraisal, as appended to Report 12/232, and the proposed boundary and associated management measures, be approved and progressed onto formal re-designation by notifying Scottish Ministers.

275. PROPOSED LIMITED WAITING – MAIN STREET, INVERGOWRIE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (12/233): (1) outlining requests from local retailers for the installation of a short section of 30 minute limited waiting on Main Street, Invergowrie; and (2) recommending a variation to the Invergowrie Waiting Restriction Order.

Resolved:

The commencement of the legal procedure to promote a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a 30 minute limited waiting restriction on a section of Main Street, Invergowrie, be approved.

276. PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME RESTRICTIONS – MONART ROAD AND VASART COURT, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (12/234): (1) outlining difficulties experienced by residents of Monart Road and Vasart Court in Perth due to inconsiderate parking; and (2) recommending a proposal to vary the Perth Traffic Management Order to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on Monart Road and Vasart Court in Perth.

Resolved:

The commencement of the legal procedure to promote a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on Monart Road and Vasart Court in Perth be approved.

277. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS – NEWHOUSE ROAD, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (12/235): (1) outlining the difficulties experienced by residents of Newhouse Road, and users of the Seven Acres playing fields due to inconsiderate parking; and (2) recommending a variation to the Perth Traffic Management Order to introduce further 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on a section of Newhouse Road, Perth.

Resolved:

The commencement of the legal procedure to promote a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on a section of Newhouse Road in Perth be approved.

COUNCILLOR BARNACLE LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

278. AMENDMENTS TO THE LIST OF PUBLIC ROADS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (12/236) 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 12/236, be approved.

279. TENDERS ACCEPTED AND WORKS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (12/237) detailing: (1) the tenders accepted and works awarded by the Executive Director (Environment) under delegated powers during the period 1 October 2011 to 31 March 2012; 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 12/237 and the contract awards as detailed Appendices 1 to 7 be noted.

280. VALEDICTORY

The Convener reported that Jim Irons, Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director (Environment) would shortly be retiring from the Council. He paid tribute to the dedicated service Mr Irons had given local government over many years and made particular reference to the guidance and support Mr Irons had given to him during his term of office as Convener with the previous Council which had been of great value. On behalf of the Committee the Convener wished Mr Irons a long and happy retirement.

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