ENTERPRISE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee held in the Gannochy Suite, Dewar's Centre, Perth on Wednesday 1 June 2016 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors J Kellas, H Anderson, K Baird (substituting for Councillor I Campbell), M Barnacle, A Cowan, D Doogan, A Gaunt, T Gray, G Laing, A Livingstone, E Maclachlan (substituting for Councillor J Giacopazzi), A MacLellan (substituting for Councillor J Flynn) and W Robertson.

In Attendance: J Valentine, Depute Chief Executive (Sustainability Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development), B Renton, Director (Environment), D Littlejohn (Head of Planning and Development), W Young, C Haggart, S Mackenzie, S Merone, J McCrone (all the Environment Service); C Flynn, L Potter and Y Oliver (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors I Campbell, J Flynn and J Giacopazzi.

Councillor J Kellas, Convener, Presiding.

Prior to the commencement of business:

(i) Valedictory

Councillor Kellas referred to the imminent retiral of Mrs Yvonne Oliver, Committee Officer, Corporate and Democratic Services and thanked her for the help and advice she had given to the Enterprise & infrastructure Committee during her years of service. Yvonne thanked Councillor Kellas and members of the Enterprise & Infrastructure Committee for their good wishes and expressed her thanks to all Committee Services staff for their support.

421. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting. Apologies and substitutes were noted as above.

422. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

423. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of the Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 23 March 2016 (Arts. 244-259) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

424. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – ECONOMY AND LIFELONG LEARNING GROUP

(i) Joint Briefing Paper by Executive Lead Officers

There was submitted and noted a joint briefing paper by the Depute Chief Executive (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development) and Senior Depute Chief Executive (Equality, Community Planning and Public Service Reform) (16/223) providing an update on the activities of the Community Planning Economy and Lifelong Learning Outcome Delivery Group.

425. PERTH CITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(i) Verbal Update

The Depute Chief Executive (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development) provided a verbal update on the latest meeting of the Board, which had been held on Tuesday 31 May 2016. Members were advised that it had been a very positive meeting, covering topics such as the Terms of Reference (remit, management, membership and governance) and key themes regarding progress with delivery of the Perth City Plan. There had also been a presentation on the Tay Cities Deal and a discussion on future communications concerning Board issues. It was also noted that the existing Chairperson had been unanimously elected to continue in office.

426. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/238) presenting the Joint Business Management & Improvement Plan 2016/17 and Annual Performance Report 2015/16 for the Environment Service.

Resolved:

- (i) The Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan 2016/17 and the Annual Performance Report 2015/16 for the Environment Service, pertaining to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee's area of responsibility, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 16/238, be approved;
- (ii) It be noted that Report 16/238 had also been considered by the Environment Committee, for their specific area of interest, on 1 June 2016;
- (iii) It be noted that Report 16/238 would be submitted to the Community Safety Committee for consideration and approval for their specific area of interest, on 8 June 2016;
- (iv) It be noted that Report 16/238 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 15 June 2016 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

427. EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND EMPLOYABILITY PIPELINE AND POVERTY & SOCIAL INCLUSION PROGRAMMES – UPDATE AND GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/243) (1) providing an update on the Employability Pipeline and Poverty & Social Inclusion Programmes (2014-2020) and (2) approval for the continuation of the current governance arrangements.

Resolved:

- (i) The continuation of the current governance arrangements as detailed in Report 16/243, be agreed:
- (ii) The progress of both the European Social Fund Employability Pipeline and Poverty & Social Inclusion Programmes, be noted.

428. CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS (CWSS) PROJECTS 2016/17

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/244) (1) detailing the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) projects implemented in 2015/16; and (2) seeking Committee approval for a list of Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets projects for 2016/17 and for potential schemes in 2017/18.

Resolved:

- (i) The schemes implemented from the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Grant Funding in 2015/16, as detailed at Appendix 1 to Report 16/244, be noted;
- (ii) The list of works for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets projects for the financial year 2016/17, as detailed in Appendix 2 to Report 16/244, be approved;
- (iii) The proposed projects to be progressed in 2016/17 and carried out in 2017/18, as detailed in Appendix 3 to Report 16/244, be noted.

429. ADDITIONAL TOURISM FUNDING PROPOSALS – SIGNAGE AND EVENTS

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/245) setting out spending proposals for the additional funding granted through the budget process for Tourism Projects in 2016/17, which funding is to be spent on two projects: tourism signage and events.

Resolved:

- (i) The update on the use of budget motion funding, as detailed in Report 16/245, be noted;
- (ii) It be noted that the funding, as detailed in Report 16/245, is essential to ensure that the signage and events projects are delivered in 2016/17;
- (iii) The Director (Environment) be requested to bring a further report on the delivery of the signage and events projects, as detailed in Report 16/245, to a future meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee in Spring 2017, which report to address the improved signage and the economic impact of the 2016/17 events programme.

430. SUSTAINABLE LIGHTING STRATEGY AND LIGHTING ACTION PLAN FOR PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/246) (1) informing the Committee of new approaches to the delivery of statutory and amenity lighting in the city and the contribution it can make to sustainable growth by enhancing the visitor and night time economy; and (2) seeking approval to adopt the Sustainable Lighting Strategy for Perth, the Perth Lighting Action Plan and the Street Lighting Policy as frameworks to secure investment and collaboration through a cohesive approach to lighting in the City of Perth.

Motion (Councillors W Robertson and A Gaunt:

- (i) The Street Lighting Policy, Sustainable Lighting Strategy for Perth and the Perth Lighting Action Plan as a policy, strategy and framework to secure investment and collaboration to lighting in the City of Perth to support growth of the city and the tourist and evening economy, be adopted;
- (ii) The allocation of £100,000 through the budget process to take forward one of the projects identified in Paragraph 4.5 of Report 16/246, be noted;
- (iii) Following completion of one of the projects identified in Paragraph 4.5 of Report 16/246, an economic impact assessment to be carried out on the project and reported back to the Committee prior to any further projects within the Action Plan being undertaken;
- (iv) The Director (Environment) be requested to seek out additional funding and sponsorship to implement the projects highlighted within the Perth Lighting Action Plan.

Amendment (Councillors A MacLellan and J Kellas):

- (i) The Street Lighting Policy, Sustainable Lighting Strategy for Perth and the Perth Lighting Action Plan as a policy, strategy and framework to secure investment and collaboration to lighting in the City of Perth to support growth of the city and the tourist and evening economy, be adopted;
- (ii) The allocation of £100,000 through the budget process to take forward one of the projects identified in Paragraph 4.5 of Report 16/246, be noted:
- (iii) The Director (Environment) be requested to seek out additional funding and sponsorship to implement the projects highlighted within the Perth Lighting Action Plan.

In terms of Standing Order 44, a roll call vote was taken.

7 Members voted for the Amendment as follows: Councillors Kellas, Anderson, Doogan, Gray, Laing, Maclachlan and MacLellan.

6 Members voted for the Motion as follows: Councillors Barnacle, Baird, Cowan, Gaunt, Livingstone and Robertson.

Amendment – 7 votes Motion – 6 votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

431. PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT AT BLAIRGOWRIE

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/247) (1) detailing a proposal to extend the existing 20mph speed limit from the Wellmeadow area to the Reform Street/Perth Street junction in Blairgowrie; and (2) seeking approval for the commencement of the process of varying the Traffic Regulation Order for 20mph Speed Limits.

Resolved:

The commencement of the legal procedure to promote a variation to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to extend the existing 20mph speed limit from the Wellmeadow area to the Reform Street/Perth Street junction in Blairgowrie, be approved.

432. PROPOSED VARIATION TO ONE WAY - WELLMEADOW BLAIRGOWRIE

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/248) (1) outlining the concerns of the local community regarding the short section of One Way Traffic on the Wellmeadow Service Road in Blairgowrie; and (2) seeking approval for the commencement of the process of varying the Blairgowrie Traffic Management Order to rescind the short section of one way traffic on the Wellmeadow Service Road in Blairgowrie and return it to two-way traffic.

Resolved:

The commencement of the legal procedure to promote a variation to the Blairgowrie Traffic Management Order to rescind the short section of one way traffic on the Wellmeadow Service Road in Blairgowrie and return it to two-way traffic, be approved.

433. PROPOSED VARIATION TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE CITY CENTRE AREA, PERTH AND PARKING UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/249) (1) outlining the concerns of the local businesses within the City Centre of Perth regarding a perceived lack of parking provision for visitors and shoppers; (2) seeking approval for the commencement of the process of varying the Perth Traffic Management Order to remove sections of No Waiting at Any Time, No Day Time Waiting and Disabled Parking Spaces and introduce additional Pay and Display parking provision and a Loading Bay; (3) seeking approval for the Thimblerow car park to be returned to a Long Stay car park; and (4) providing a parking update, a review of Free After Two 2015/16, a cashless parking option for parking in Perth City and an option for a concessionary parking tariff for conference trade in Perth City.

Motion (Councillors J Kellas and D Doogan)

- (i) The commencement of the legal procedure to promote a variation to the Perth Traffic Management Order to:
 - (a) replace several sections of No Waiting at Any time and No Day time Waiting;
 - (b) remove 10 Disabled Parking Spaces in South Street; and
 - (c) introduce 47 Pay and Display Parking Spaces and 1 Loading Bay in Princes Street, South Street and Tay Street, all as detailed in Report 16/249, be approved;
- (ii) Progress with the Canal Street multi storey car park redevelopment, as detailed in Report 16/249, be noted;
- (iii) It be agreed to limit the pay on foot parking systems to current locations and the Canal Street multi storey car park, all as detailed in Report 16/249;
- (iv) The proposal for Free After 2 in 2016/17, be approved;
- (v) The introduction of cashless parking in Perth City, as detailed in Report 16/249, be agreed;
- (vi) The introduction of a concessionary parking tariff for conference trade in Perth City, as detailed in Report 16/249, be agreed.

Amendment (Councillors W Robertson and A Gaunt)

- (i) The commencement of the legal procedure to promote a variation to the Perth Traffic Management Order to:
 - (a) replace several sections of No Waiting at Any time and No Day time Waiting;
 - (b) remove 10 Disabled Parking Spaces in South Street; and
 - (c) introduce 47 Pay and Display Parking Spaces and 1 Loading Bay in Princes Street, South Street and Tay Street, all as detailed in Report 16/249, be approved, with the parking on Tay Street to be restricted to the city side only;
- (ii) Progress with the Canal Street multi storey car park redevelopment, as detailed in Report 16/249, be noted;
- (iii) It be agreed to limit the pay on foot parking systems to current locations and the Canal Street multi storey car park, all as detailed in Report 16/249;
- (iv) The proposal for Free After 2 in 2016/17, be approved;
- (v) The introduction of cashless parking in Perth City, as detailed in Report 16/249, be agreed;
- (vi) The introduction of a concessionary parking tariff for conference trade in Perth City, as detailed in Report 16/249, be agreed.

In terms of Standing Order 44, a roll call vote was taken.

2 Members voted for the Amendment as follows: Councillors W Robertson and A Gaunt.

11 Members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors Kellas, Anderson, Barnacle, Baird, Cowan, Doogan, Gray, Laing, Livingstone, Maclachlan and MacLellan.

Amendment – 2 votes Motion – 11 votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

434. PROPOSED VARIATION TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS AT HIGH STREET, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/250) (1) outlining proposed variations to the waiting restrictions and parking provision in the High Street, Perth which are required due to the realignment of the footways and carriageway, to accommodate the proposed ramp and steps in the footway, the realignment is designed to improve the streetscape environment linking the pedestrianised section of the High Street and Tay Street, Perth; and (2) seeking approval for the commencement of the process of varying the Traffic Regulation Orders to (a) reduce the parking capacity from 5 disabled bays to 2 disabled bays and from 5 pay and display bays to 3 pay and display bays; and (b) extending the no waiting at any time from Tay Street to enable vehicles to turn from Tay Street into High Street and to keep the area between the 2 and 3 High Street building entrances clear to create an improved pedestrian environment.

Resolved:

- (i) The promotion of a variation to the relevant Road Traffic Order to reduce the parking capacity from 5 disabled bays to 2 disabled bays and from 5 pay and display bays to 3 pay and display bays, be approved;
- (ii) The extension of the no waiting at any time from Tay Street to enable vehicles to turn from Tay Street into High Street and to keep the area between the 2 and 3 High Street building entrances clear to create an improved pedestrian environment, be approved.

435. PROPOSED VARIATIONS TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS ON ALMONDGROVE PLACE, AULD BOND ROAD, DUNCANSBY WAY, MUIRTON AREA, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/251) (1) outlining the problems experienced by the local residents and businesses of Almondgrove Place, Auld Bond Road, Duncansby Way and Muirton Area, Perth due to indiscriminate parking and (2) seeking approval for the commencement of the process of varying the Perth Traffic Management Order to introduce waiting restrictions on the above streets in Perth.

Resolved:

- (i) The commencement of the legal procedure to promote a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce No Waiting at Any Time waiting restrictions on the following streets in Perth, be approved:
 - (a) Almondgrove Place

- (b) Auld Bond Road
- (c) The various junctions in the Muirton area, all as detailed in Paragraphs 1.10-1.17 of Report 16/251.
- (ii) The length of restriction to be reduced at Duncansby Way, Perth, as discussed with the resident and Councillor D Doogan from the Proposed Variation to Waiting Restrictions, be approved.

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