

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 28 August 2013 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors J Kellas, J Giacomazzi, M Barnacle (substituting for Councillor A Jack) (up to and including Art. 510), A Cowan, D Doogan, J Flynn, T Gray, G Laing, A Livingstone, M Roberts (substituting for Councillor I Campbell), W Robertson (up to and including Art. 510), W Wilson (substituting for Councillor A Gaunt) and A Younger.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors I Campbell, A Gaunt and A Jack.

In Attendance: J Valentine, Executive Director (Environment), B Renton, Depute Director (Environment), C Haggart, H Hope, J McCrone, B Murray, Steven MacDonald, S D'All (up to and including Art. 510) (all The Environment Service); D Gillies (Tayside Contracts) (up to and including Art. 510); C Flynn and Y Oliver (both Chief Executive's Service).

Councillor J Kellas, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led the discussion for Arts. 502-507 and Vice-Convener for Arts. 508-517.

502. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

503. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of the Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 5 June 2013 (Arts. 350-362) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

504. RESPONSES TO THE NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK MIR AND THE DRAFT SCOTTISH PLANNING POLICY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (13/403) (1) informing Members of two key national documents being reviewed by the Scottish Government: The third National Planning Framework (NPF3) (the Scottish Government's development strategy for Scotland over the next 20 years) and the draft Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) (a statement of the Scottish Government policy on nationally important land use matters, setting out Ministers' expectations of the way the planning system should operate; and (2) requesting homologation of the Council's responses to the NPF3 and SPP.

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Resolved:

- (i) The National Planning Framework MIR and the draft Scottish Planning Policy, be noted.
- (ii) The comments set out in Sections 2 and 3 of Report 13/403, and in the Appendices thereto, be homologated.

505. RESPONSES TO THE CONSULTATION ON THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY FOR SCOTLAND AND THE MERGER OF HISTORIC SCOTLAND AND THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE ANCIENT AND HISTORICAL MONUMENTS OF SCOTLAND

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (13/404) (1) informing Members of a draft Strategy for Scotland's Historic Environment proposing that 2 key organisations involved in the historic heritage (Historic Scotland (HS) and the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCHAMS)) be merged in to a single organisation; and (2) seeking agreement to the recommended responses to the proposed Historic Environment Strategy and the merger of the 2 organisations.

Resolved:

- (i) The draft Strategy for Scotland's Historic Environment and the proposed merger of the 2 key organisations, be noted.
- (ii) The answers and comments set out in Appendix 1 to Report 13/404 be approved for submission to the Scottish Government.

506. CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK PROPOSED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATION APRIL – JULY 2013

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (13/405) (1) informing Members of the Cairngorms Proposed Local Development Plan; and (2) requesting homologation of the Council's responses to the consultation.

Resolved:

- (i) The Cairngorms Proposed Local Development Plan, be noted.
- (ii) The comments submitted to the Cairngorms National Park Proposed Local Development Plan, as set out in Report 13/405, be homologated.

507. POLICY AND LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR WINTER SERVICE 2013/2014

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (13/406) 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 2013/2014.

Resolved:

- (i) It be agreed the level of service for winter 2013/2014, as outlined in Report 13/406, be provided using the plant and labour resources of Tayside Contracts and other Council Services.

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- (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) the single nightshift gritting and snow clearing services be extended to operate two routes within the Perth and Blairgowrie areas during the main standby period and (b) the two nightshift gritting and snow clearing routes will cover the network of A class roads and early morning bus routes in the Perth area and the A93, A94 and the A923 in the Blairgowrie/Tullybaccart area, as detailed in Paragraph 2.4 of Report 13/406.
- (iv) It be agreed that quad bikes fitted with gritting and snow clearing equipment be used to treat footways in the Auchterarder, Braco, Greenloaning, Dunning, Luncarty, Almondbank, Methven and the Perth area in order to ensure that the level of service stated in the winter policy can be delivered in these areas.
- (v) It be agreed that, as proposed in Paragraph 2.5 of Report 13/406, additional quad bike owners, who have indicated that they are available to be employed in severe conditions, be called on for Orange Alerts.
- (vi) The 2013/14 Revenue budget of £3.317 million approved by the Council for the delivery of severe weather services including reactive works for flooding, wind damage and other weather related emergencies, be noted. This amount includes £133,000 of efficiency savings approved by the Council in setting the 2013/14 severe weather budget as detailed in Section 2 of the Annex to Report 13/406.

508. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR PLANNING PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATIONS IN THE LOCH LEVEN CATCHMENT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (13/407) advising Members of (1) Perth and Kinross Council's obligation to meet terms of the Habitats Directive (Conservation (Natural Habitats &c) Regulations 1994); (2) the Memorandum of Understanding developed by the Council, through the Loch Leven Agreement Management Group, and subsequently agreed by both the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) to secure the necessary mitigation (attached as Appendix 1 to Report 13/407); and (3) seeking agreement to the Memorandum of Understanding allowing the use of conditions when determining future planning applications within the Loch Leven Special Protection Area (SPA).

Resolved:

The contents of Report 13/407 and the Memorandum of Understanding, as contained in Appendix 1 of Report 13/407, be approved.

509. DEVELOPMENT OF GOLF TOURISM IN PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (13/408) (1) providing an overview of the golf tourism sector in Perth and Kinross; (2) highlighting the activities planned to realise the growth potential of the sector, building on current opportunities and providing a lasting legacy from the 2014 Ryder Cup; and (3) requesting approval of resources towards external co-ordination of the planned activities on a fixed term basis.

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Resolved:

- (i) The proposal to develop a golf tourism partnership, be noted.
- (ii) The expenditure of £10,000 per annum for up to 3 years towards the initiative to support activities including co-ordination and product development, be noted.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Environment) be requested to submit a progress report to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee, 18 months after the Ryder Cup at Gleneagles in 2014.

510. PARKING SERVICES UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/409) (1) updating Members on the “Free from Two” car parking initiative operated over the winter of 2013/13 and requesting the adoption of a similar initiative for winter 2013/14; and (2) setting out proposals to enable the management and payment regime of the South Inch Car Park in Perth to be changed from “Pay and Display” to “Pay on Foot” as a pilot for the exploration of the wider adoption of Pay on Foot in the Council’s car parks.

Resolved:

- (i) The findings from the 2012/13 “Free from Two” campaign, be noted.
- (ii) The proposal for a “Free from Two” campaign in 2013/14, as set out in sections 2.2 and 2.3 of Report 13/409, be approved.
- (iii) The proposed pilot of “Pay on Foot” at the Council’s South Inch Car Park, Perth, as set out in sections 2.4 to 2.13 and Appendix 1 of Report 13/409, be approved.
- (iv) The Depute Director (Environment) be requested to submit a report updating Members on the South Inch pilot as set out in Section 2.14 of Report 13/409, as well as further proposals on opportunities for enhancing car parking within Perth and Kinross, in due course.

COUNCILLORS M BARNACLE AND W ROBERTSON LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

511. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS – GANNOCHY AREA, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/410) summarising an objection received to a proposal to introduce ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions on Muirhall Road and short sections of Annat Road, Gannochy Road, Gannochy Terrace, Muirhall Terrace and Pedwarden Road, Perth and recommending that the objection be set aside and the Order be made as advertised.

Resolved:

The objection received to the proposal to introduce ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions on Muirhall Road and short sections of Annat Road, Gannochy Road, Gannochy Terrace, Muirhall Terrace and Pedwarden Road, Perth be set aside and the Traffic Regulation Order be made as advertised.

512. PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT – GANNOCHY AREA, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/411) summarising an objection received to a proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit on the roads in and around the Gannochy area of Perth and recommending that the objection be set aside and the Order be made as advertised.

Resolved:

The objection received to the proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit on the roads in and around the Gannochy area of Perth be set aside and the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) be made as advertised.

513. PROPOSED EXTENSION TO THE 30MPH SPEED LIMIT ON B935 BRIDGE OF EARN/FORGANDENNY ROAD

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/412) detailing a proposal to extend the 30mph speed limit on the B935 Bridge of Earn to Forgandenny Road and recommending a variation of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for 30mph Speed Limits.

Resolved:

The promotion of a variation to the existing Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for 30mph Speed Limits to extend the 30mph speed limit on the B935 Bridge of Earn to Forgandenny Road, be approved.

514. REVIEW OF THE ONE-WAY TRAFFIC SYSTEM IN NEWHALL STREET, CROSS STREET AND CHURCH LANE, BANKFOOT

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) reviewing the operation of the one-way traffic system in Newhall Street, Cross Street and Church Lane, Bankfoot and recommending that the sections of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) relating to the one-way traffic restrictions in Newhall Street and Cross Street be revoked.

Resolved:

The objection received to the proposal to revoke the one-way traffic restrictions on Newhall Street and Cross Street, Bankfoot be set aside and the Traffic Regulation Order be made as advertised.

515. PROPOSED ONE-WAY TRAFFIC SYSTEM IN WELLMEADOW, BLAIRGOWRIE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/414) summarising an objection received to a proposal to introduce a short section of one-way system in Wellmeadow, Blairgowrie and recommending that the objection be set aside and the Order be made as advertised.

Resolved:

The objection received to the proposal to introduce a short section of one-way system in Wellmeadow, Blairgowrie be set aside and the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) be made as advertised.

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516. PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMITS AT ST MADDOES (C484), ST DAVIDS (C460), LAWMUIR (C409) AND RUTHVENFIELD (U44)

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/415) detailing a proposal to introduce 40mph speed limits on the C484 at St Maddoes, the C460 at St Davids, the C409 at Lawmuir and the U44 at Ruthvenfield and recommending a variation of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for 40mph Speed Limits.

Resolved:

The promotion of a variation to the existing Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce 40 mph speed limits on the C484 at St Maddoes, the C460 at St Davids, the C409 at Lawmuir and the U44 at Ruthvenfield, be approved.

517. AMENDMENTS TO THE LIST OF PUBLIC ROADS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/416) 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 13/416, be approved.

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