

ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee held virtually via Microsoft Teams on 18 August 2021 at 9.30am.

Present: Councillors A Forbes, K Baird, C Ahern (substituting for Councillor McCall), A Bailey, S Donaldson, J Duff, T Gray, A Jarvis, G Laing, I Massie (substituting for M Williamson), A Parrott, W Robertson, L Simpson, F Smith and C Stewart (substituting for Councillor M Barnacle).

In Attendance: B Renton, Interim Chief Executive; C Mailer, Depute Director (Communities); M Butterworth, Head of Environmental and Consumer Services; S D'All, P Dickson, A Finlayson, C McQueen and K Smith (Communities); and C Flynn, K Molley, A Brown and M Pasternak, L McGuigan and B Parker (Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies: Councillors Barnacle, McCall and Williamson

Councillor A Forbes, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on items 1-4, 6-7 and Vice-Convener on items 5 & 8.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor A Forbes welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted above.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of Councillors Code of Conduct, Councillor T Gray declared a non-financial interest in item 5.

3. REQUEST FOR A DEPUTATION

In terms of standing order 13, the Committee agreed that Mr T Hart, Development Manager of Auchterarder Community Sports and Recreation, be allowed to address the Committee in relation to item 7 – Auchterarder Community Facilities Fund.

The Committee agreed to vary the order of business and move item 7 to after consideration of the previous minute.

4. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee of 19 May 2021 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

Councillor W Robertson asked for an update on staffing resources in relation to the Cycling, Walking and Safer Routes (CWSR) Projects 2021/22, be brought to a future meeting of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee.

5. AUCHTERARDER COMMUNITY FACILITIES FUND

Mr T Hart, Development Manager of Auchterarder Community Sports and Recreation, addressed the Committee. Following answering a number of questions from the Committee, he left the meeting. Councillor A Forbes thanked Mr Hart for his attendance.

There was submitted a report by Head of Planning and Development (21/124) seeking the determination of an application for funding from Auchterarder Community Sport and Recreation for a contribution of £100,000 towards the redevelopment of Victoria Park on Western Road, Auchterarder.

Resolved:

- (i) The change to payments to the Auchterarder Community Bus Group, as outlined in paragraphs 2.16 and 2.17 of report 21/124, be approved.
- (ii) The grant request of £100,000 by Auchterarder Community Sports and Recreation, as a contribution towards the project to redevelop Victoria Park on Western Road, Auchterarder, be approved.
- (i) It be noted that the grant payment can only be made subject to money actually being available within the fund at a future point; and is also subject to the match funding confirmation; and submission of a project plan showing finalised costs and a payment schedule.

6. POLICY AND LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR WINTER 2021/2022

There was submitted a report by Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (21/121) recommending the level of service to be approved by committee for the gritting and snow clearing of roads and footways in Perth and Kinross during the Winter of 2021/2022 using plant and labour resources of Tayside Contracts and other council Services.

Resolved:

- (i) It be agreed that the winter maintenance service should be delivered as outlined in report 21/121.
- (ii) The Executive Director be authorised to make arrangements out with the policy and level of service in exceptional conditions such as snow and flooding emergencies.
- (ii) It be agreed, that the winter maintenance budget, (£3.81m) be used to also fund other weather related emergencies such as works to mitigate immediate risk of flooding to properties/roads and wind damage, directly affecting free movement across the network.

THERE WAS A RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10.55am.

7. FLOODING IN PERTH AND KINROSS OF 11/12 AUGUST 2020

There was submitted a report by Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (21/122) (1) describing the extent of the severe flooding which occurred in

Perth and Kinross on 11 and 12 August 2020; (2) including the findings of the review of the Council's response to the flooding and actions taken in response to the emergency motion approved by Committee on 19 August 2020; and (3) recommending short, medium and longterm actions.

Resolved:

- (iii) The steps taken in response to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee's emergency motion of 19 August 2020, be noted.
- (iv) The actions detailed in Section 3 and Appendix B of report 21/122, to further strengthen the Council's response to supporting communities at risk, and affected by flooding, be approved.

8. COMRIE FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME

There was submitted a report by Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (21/123) providing an update on the progress of the Comrie Flood Protection Scheme and; (2) proposing that the Committee takes a final decision under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 to confirm the proposed Scheme without modification.

Resolved:

- (i) The valid objection, the environmental impact and the representations made at the local hearing, as outlined in Appendices B and C to report 21/123, be noted.
- (ii) The Comrie Flood Protection Scheme 2020, as proposed in Appendix A to report 20/123, be confirmed.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Communities) be authorised to carry out all necessary steps to implement the Scheme, including:
 - (a) Give notice of the final decision to confirm the Scheme to all those who were originally notified, to any relevant objectors and in the relevant newspapers.
 - (b) Seek deemed planning permission from the Scottish Ministers.
 - (c) Finalise the detailed design for the proposed Scheme.
 - (d) Appoint a contractor to construct the scheme.

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