

ENVIRONMENT, ENTERPRISE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Environment, Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee held in the Council Chamber, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 14 June 2017 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors C Stewart, M Barnacle, H Anderson (substituting for M Williamson), A Bailey, S Donaldson, D Doogan, A Forbes, A Jarvis, G Laing, M Lyle (up to and including Art. 350), A Parrott, C Purves, C Reid, W Robertson and R Watters.

In Attendance: Councillor I Campbell; J Valentine, Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer; B Renton, Director (Environment); N Brian, B Cargill, A Clegg, F Crofts, B Reekie and W Young (all The Environment Service); C Flynn, L Potter, H Rheinallt and C Vaskevicius (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apology for Absence: Councillor M Williamson.

Councillor C Stewart, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on Art. 342, Art. 345, Arts. 347-349 and Arts. 351, 352 and 353 and the Vice-Convener led discussion on Art. 343, Art. 344, Art. 346 and Art. 350.

338. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting and an apology was noted as above.

339. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Barnacle and Councillor W Robertson declared a non-financial interest in Art. 353 as members of the Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust.

340. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- (i) The Minute of the Meeting of the Environment Committee of 11 January 2017 (Arts. 5-12) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.
- (ii) The Minute of the Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 8 March 2017 (Arts. 146-162) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

341. APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

Resolved:

Councillors C Stewart, M Barnacle, C Purves, D Doogan and A Parrott be appointed to the Executive Sub-Committee.

342. COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT CHALLENGE FUND UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/206), providing the Committee with an update on the award of Community Environment Challenge Funding to groups between April 2016 and March 2017.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 17/206, be noted.
- (ii) The Director (Environment) be instructed to report the outcomes of the Community Environment Challenge Fund for 2017/18 to the Committee in twelve months' time.

343. AMENDMENT OF THE CORE PATHS PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/207), (1) setting out amendments to the Council's Core Paths Plan; and (2) recommending approval of 20 diversions and 8 deletions of core paths which have not been subject to any objection.

Resolved:

- (i) The 20 proposed diversions and 8 proposed deletions within the Core Paths Plan, as detailed in Appendix 1 of Report 17/207, be approved.
- (ii) The statutory 12 week public inspection period for the amendments detailed in (i) above, be agreed.
- (iii) The Director (Environment) be requested to remove any amendments to the Core Paths Plan, if any objections received during the public inspection cannot be resolved.
- (iv) The adoption of the final amended Core Paths Plan be approved, on the basis that any path subject to a sustained objection is removed.
- (v) It be agreed that, following the steps outlined in (ii)-(iv) above, the approved amended Core Paths Plan be published on the Council website, and the Scottish Minister be notified of the amended Plan.

344. SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE SCOTTISH PLANNING SYSTEM

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/208), (1) outlining the key recommendations contained in the Scottish Government's consultation on the future of the Scottish planning system which is entitled 'Places, people and planning'; (2) outlining the key responses to the consultation submitted by officers following discussion at the Planning Policy and Practice Member/Officer Working Group; and (3) asking the Committee to endorse the proposals contained in the consultation and the comments submitted in response to these.

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Resolved:

- (i) The officer response to proposals contained in the Scottish Government's consultation on planning reform, as detailed in Section 2 of Report 17/208, be noted.
- (ii) The Director (Environment) be requested to bring back a further report to the Committee on the planning review process when further details are known about the proposed reforms.

345. CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS (CWSS) PROJECTS 2017/18

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/209), (1) detailing the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) projects implemented in 2016/17; and (2) seeking approval for a list of Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets projects for 2017/18 and for potential schemes in 2018/19.

Resolved:

- (i) The schemes implemented from the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Grant Funding in 2016/17, as detailed in Appendix 1 of Report 17/209, be noted.
- (ii) The list of works for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets projects for the financial year 2017/18, as detailed in Appendix 2 of Report 17/209, be approved.
- (iii) The proposed projects to be progressed in 2018/19, as detailed in Appendix 3 of Report 17/209, subject to the award of grant funding, be noted.

346. PROPOSED ADDITIONAL GREEN ROUTES

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/210), (1) outlining the success of previously introduced Green Routes in promoting these roads for use by more sustainable transport modes; and (2) recommending that an additional four routes (Bridge of Earn/Glenfarg, Glenfarg/Milnathort, and Rattray/Alyth, Kirkton Road/Old Mill Road to Ashgrove Road to West Mill farm, Rattray) be promoted as Green Routes.

Resolved:

- (i) It be approved that the proposed routes, as detailed in Appendices 2 to 5 of Report 17/210, are taken forward as an addition to the Green Routes projects, to be implemented in financial year 2017/18.
- (ii) The start of the legal process to promote the relevant Traffic Regulation Orders to vary the speed limits, in locations as detailed in Appendices 2 to 5 of Report 17/210, be approved.

347. RE-DETERMINATION OF FOOTWAYS/FOOTPATHS FOR SHARED USE AT MARY FINDLAY DRIVE AREA, LONGFORGAN

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/211), (1) seeking approval to commence the legal process to propose to re-determine the footpath at Mary Findlay Drive, Longforgan to shared use for pedestrians and cyclists; and (2) indicating where shared use is proposed.

Resolved:

The commencement of the legal process for the promotion of a Re-determination Order under Section 152(2) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, to allow the footways identified in Appendices 1-5 of Report 17/211 to be converted to shared use for pedestrians and cyclists, be approved.

348. RE-DETERMINATION OF NORTH MUIRTON, PERTH – FOOTWAYS FOR SHARED USE

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/212), (1) seeking approval to commence the legal process to propose to re-determine the footpath at North Muirton, Perth to shared use for pedestrians and cyclists; and (2) indicating where shared use is proposed.

Resolved:

The commencement of the legal process for the promotion of a Re-determination Order under Section 152(2) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, to allow the footways identified in Appendix 1 of Report 17/212 to be converted to shared use for pedestrians and cyclists, be approved.

349. EXTENSION OF 15 MINUTES FREE PARKING FOR ALL COUNCIL OPERATED PAY-AND-DISPLAY PARKING BAYS

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/213), recommending changes to the relevant Traffic Regulation Orders to support the budget decision that 15 minutes free parking be enabled across the whole of the Council area in all Council operated Pay-and-Display parking bays.

Resolved:

The Director (Environment) be instructed to arrange the necessary changes to the relevant Traffic Regulation Orders to support the introduction of 15 minutes free parking across the whole of the Council area in all Council operated Pay-and-Display parking bays.

350. PROPOSED CHANGES TO 20MPH SPEED LIMIT AT HIGH STREET, KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/214), (1) detailing proposals to extend the existing 20mph speed limit on the High Street and adjoining roads in Kinross, as a result of requests from the local community with the support of the Community Council and the local elected members; and (2) recommending the start of varying the Traffic Regulation Order for Speed Limits.

Resolved:

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to allow the introduction of the new speed limit, at the locations detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 17/214, and allow its implementation, be approved.

COUNCILLOR M LYLE LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

351. PROPOSED PROHIBITION ON DRIVING, FLORENCE PLACE, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/215), (1) outlining the problems experienced by Perth and Kinross Council due to the continued misuse of the automatic bollard at Florence Place, Perth; and (2) recommending that a prohibition of driving is introduced to allow the automatic bollard to be removed and prevent vehicles from using Florence Place as a through road.

Resolved:

- (i) The Director (Environment) be requested to carry out as broad a consultation as possible on the following options for combatting the problems caused to the Council by the continued misuse of the automatic bollard at Florence Place, Perth: (i) the proposed prohibition on driving as detailed in Report 17/215; and (ii) opening Florence Place to two-way traffic, incorporating appropriate traffic control measures.
- (ii) Following the conclusion of the consultation, the Director (Environment) be requested to submit a report to the Committee outlining the responses and suggested options for further consideration.

352. AMENDMENTS TO THE LIST OF PUBLIC ROADS

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/216), recommending that the List of Public Roads is updated to take account of the amendments detailed in this report.

Resolved:

The additions to the List of Public Roads, as detailed in Appendix 1 of Report 17/216, be approved.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973

353. PERTH AND KINROSS COUNTRYSIDE TRUST – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT REVIEW 2016/17 AND PROPOSAL 2017/18

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/217), (1) outlining the achievements of the Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust over the last year; and (2) recommending the approval of a new Service Level agreement with the Trust for 2017/18.

A presentation on the Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust was given by M Watson, Trust Manager.

Resolved:

- (i) It be agreed that Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust has substantially delivered the Service Level Agreement for 2016/17.

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- (ii) The Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust be encouraged to continue with the management, governance and strategic arrangements to ensure it continues on a sustainable footing.
- (iii) A new Service Level Agreement with Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust for 2017/18, as set out in Appendix 2 of Report 17/217, be agreed.

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