

ENVIRONMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Environment, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 7 February 2024 at 1.00pm.

Present: Bailies A Bailey, C McLaren and M Williamson; Councillors H Anderson, B Brawn (substituting for Councillor A Forbes), S Carr, J Duff, E Drysdale, K Harvey, W Robertson, F Smith, C Stewart, R Watters and J Welch.

In Attendance: B Renton, Executive Director (Communities), D Littlejohn, Strategic Lead – Economy, Development and Planning; B Watt, B Cargill (up to Item 6) A Finlayson, B Wilson, B Murray, K Briggs, A Ballantine (up to Item 7), M Butterworth, R Stewart, R Lyle, F Crofts (all Communities); A Taylor, S Hendry, R Ramsay and M Pasternak (all Corporate & Democratic Services).

Apology for Absence: Councillor A Forbes.

Councillor E Drysdale, Convener, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Convener welcomed everyone to the meeting. An apology for absence and a substitution was noted as above.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

A. DEPUTATIONS

In terms of Standing Order 13, the Committee agreed to hear deputations in relation to Item 4.

In terms of Standing Order 2.8, Councillor Drysdale moved a motion to suspend Standing Orders and reduce the time limit of deputations from 10 minutes to 3 minutes each due to the number of deputation requests.

A roll call vote was taken as follows.

9 Members voted to agree the motion:

Bailies C McLaren and M Williamson, Councillors S Carr, E Drysdale, K Harvey, G Laing, W Robertson, C Stewart, and J Welch.

6 Members voted to disagree with the motion:

Bailie A Bailey, H Anderson, B Brawn, J Duff, N Khogali, and F Smith.

Resolved:

In terms of Standing Order 2.8, as the Motion to suspend Standing Orders failed to reach the required two-thirds of members present to agree, the Motion fell.

3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF 1 NOVEMBER 2023

The minute of the meeting of the Environment, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee of 1 November 2023 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. PROPOSED LIMITED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

There was submitted a report by Head of Environmental & Consumer Services (24/50) (1) advising of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order to introduce limited waiting restrictions in Florence Place, Muirton Bank, Harley Terrace, Harley Place, Perth and Waiting Restrictions on the Access Road to Leading to Muirton Cottage, Perth; and (2) asking the Committee to consider the objections received and set them aside so that the Order can be made in part, in line with the Ward 12 members' views.

Mr Les Parsons, Mr Gordon Allan, Dr LeBeau (on behalf of Mr Paul Freeman), Mr Steve Rimmer, Mr Alan Kennedy and Mr John Manson all attended the meeting, addressed the Committee, and answered Members' questions.

Mr Steve Rimmer also read a written letter on behalf of Mr Steve Grossi who was unable to attend the meeting.

Bailie C Ahern read a written statement from Mr Robert Fitzpatrick, Chair of the North Inch and Muirton Community Council who was unable to join the meeting via the telephone due to technical difficulties.

THERE FOLLOWED A SHORT RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2.48PM.

Motion by Councillors C Stewart and J Welch

The Committee:

- (ii) notes the Ward 12 Elected Members views in paragraph 4.6 and the views of the deputations, and does not set aside the objections; and
- (iii) take no further action in relation to waiting restrictions on the streets concerned.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

6. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2 DELIVERY PROGRAMME 2019-2029 FEBRUARY 2024 UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Strategic Lead – Economy, Development and Planning (24/51) presenting the updated Delivery Programme which supports the adopted Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2); and seeking approval for the adoption, publication, and submission of the Programme to Scottish Ministers.

Resolved:

- (i) The Delivery Programme as set out in Appendix 1 of Report 24/51, be adopted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Communities) publish and submit the Delivery Programme to Scottish Ministers.

6. RESPONSE TO WATER, WASTEWATER & DRAINAGE POLICY CONSULTATION

There was submitted a report by Strategic Lead – Environment & Infrastructure (24/52) seeking comments and subsequent approval to the draft response to the Scottish Government’s consultation on water, wastewater and drainage.

Resolved:

The Executive Director (Communities) be instructed to submit the Council’s response, as set out at Appendix A to Report 24/52, incorporating the additional comments made by members as detailed below.

- (i) Councillor W Robertson commented that there was very little mention in the response to the issues Scotland is currently facing with Scottish Water dumping raw sewage into our watercourses and lochs during periods of heavy rain and requested that this Council’s concerns about the activities of Scottish Water abetted by SEPA allowing raw sewage to be dumped in our waterways be included in the consultation response.
- (ii) Bailie Williamson referred to Question 29 and commented it would be useful to include having more information and guidance available to users of private water supplies about protecting their supply and the integrity of their supply.
- (iii) Councillor H Anderson referred to Question 20 and commented on Scottish Water not currently being required to announce publicly if sewage is discharged into watercourses and queried whether this was something that could be included in the consultation response.
- (iv) Councillor C Stewart also referred to Question 20 and requested an additional bullet point be added to the consultation response as follows:
“A legal duty should be placed on SEPA around flood risk to update 0.5% (1 in 200-year) flood event risk areas and frequency, taking into account wherever possible the benefit of local knowledge, since local authorities rely on SEPA flood risk maps when considering (particularly major) planning applications. In the interim, to permit local authorities to place greater weight on local knowledge in the planning process where that is at odds with SEPA flood risk assessments”.