

ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee held in the Council Chamber, 2 High Street, Perth on 22 January 2020 at 9.30am.

Present: Councillors A Forbes, K Baird, M Barnacle, S Donaldson, J Duff, T Gray (substituting for D Doogan), A Jarvis (from Art. 23), G Laing, R McCall, X McDade (from Art. 20 (substituting for A Bailey)), A Parrott, C Purves (substituting for C Stewart), C Reid, W Robertson and M Williamson.

In Attendance: B Renton, Executive Director (Housing and Environment); K McNamara, Depute Director (Housing and Environment); M Butterworth, A Clegg, S D'All, H Hope, C Haggart, and J Pritchard (all Housing and Environment); A Graham, P Marshall, L McLean, C Flynn and K Molley (Corporate and Democratic Services).

Also in Attendance: S Rimmer and G Sharkey (North Inch and Muirton Community Council).

Apologies: Councillors A Bailey and D Doogan.

Councillor A Forbes, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on Arts. 15-19, 22-23 and 25-29 and the Vice-Convener led discussion on Arts. 20, 21 and 24.

15. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of Councillors' Code of Conduct:

- (i) Councillor A Forbes declared a non-financial interest in Arts. 20 and 21.
- (ii) Councillor S Donaldson declared a non-financial interest in Art. 22.
- (iii) Councillor C Purves declared a non-financial interest in Art. 20.
- (iv) Councillor G Laing declared a non-financial interest in Art. 27.

17. REQUEST FOR A DEPUTATION

In terms of Standing Order 72, the Committee agreed that Mr S Rimmer and Ms G Sharkey, Members of the North Inch and Muirton Community Council, be allowed to address the Committee in relation to Art. 23.

18. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee of 30 October 2019 (Arts. 533-555) was submitted and approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

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19. EVENTS STRATEGY

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Development (20/06) (1) introducing the new Perth and Kinross Council Events Strategy and; (2) seeking the Committee's approval for its adoption.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of report 20/06, be noted.
- (ii) The Perth and Kinross Events Strategy as detailed in Appendix 1 to report 20/06, be approved.

20. EVENT FUNDING APPLICATION – PERTH FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Development (20/07) (1) outlining the funding application received from Perth Festival of the Arts to support the 2020 Festival and (2) recommending funding support, subject to the budget review process for both the 2020 and 2021 Festivals.

COUNCILLOR X MCDADE ENTERED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

Resolved:

- (i) The performance in recent years of the Perth Festival of the Arts, be noted.
- (ii) £18,000 be awarded towards the 2020 Perth Festival of the Arts, subject to the 2020/21 budget review process.
- (iii) £25,000 be awarded towards the 2021 Perth Festival of the Arts to mark its 50th Anniversary year, subject to the 2021/22 budget review process.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Housing and Environment) agreed to discuss with Perth Festival of the Arts a more commercial focus going forward for their event.

21. STREET LIGHTING PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Housing and Environment) (20/08) seeking approval to extend the existing Street Lighting Partnership with Dundee City Council and Tayside Contracts, and to incorporate Angus Council into the Partnership Agreement for the shared service delivery of street lighting.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of report 20/08, be noted.
- (ii) The new Street Lighting Partnership to include Angus Council through a 3 year Partnering Agreement to 31 March 2023, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 20/08, be approved.

22. PERTH LADE GREEN CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN 2020-25

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environment and Consumer Services (20/09) seeking approval for the Perth Lade Green Corridor Management Plan 2020-25.

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Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 20/09, including the proposals outlined in paragraph 2.2 of Report 20/09, be approved.
- (ii) The Lade Management Plan, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 20/09, be approved.

23. PERTH CITY CAR PARKING

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Housing and Environment) (20/10) (1) advising the Committee of the progress of an informal working group (consisting of elected members from the three Perth City wards and Council officers) investigating concerns about car parking in Perth city, particularly the residential and business areas surrounding the city centre; and (2) setting out the range of actions to address these concerns.

Mr S Rimmer and Ms G Sharkey addressed the Committee and answered questions from members before returning to the public gallery.

COUNCILLOR A JARVIS ENTERED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

Motion (Councillors A Forbes and A Parrott)

- (i) Measures raised to address concerns in sections 2.8, 2.9 and Appendix 2 of Report 20/10, be agreed.
- (ii) Wider community consultation on proposals to introduce parking bays, as detailed in Appendix 3 to Report 20/10, be agreed.

Amendment (Councillors G Laing and M Williamson)

It be agreed, to trial the Perth City Car Parking project on a much smaller scale than outlined in report 20/10.

THERE WAS A 5 MINUTE RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11.20AM.

Councillor Laing, revised his amendment to agree to the recommendations contained in the report with the following proposals being added to the Motion:

- (iii) It be requested that Officers continually assess the range of actions outlined in report 20/10 over the 18-month period and report back to Committee after the first phase on the progress of this project.
- (iv) It be noted, that local-residents and members of the public will be given the opportunity to express their views on the Perth City Car Parking project throughout the extended consultation period.

Following advice from Officers and discussions with Councillors Laing and Williamson, Councillors Forbes and Parrott agreed to further amend their Motion.

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Resolved:

- (i) **Measures raised to address concerns in sections 2.8, 2.9 and Appendix 2 of Report 20/10, be agreed.**
- (ii) **Wider community consultation on proposals to introduce parking areas, with the removal of private streets and those with double or single yellow lines, as detailed in Appendix 3 to Report 20/10, be agreed.**
- (iii) **It be noted that local residents and members of the public will be given the opportunity to express their views on the Perth City Car Parking project throughout the extended consultation period.**
- (iv) **It be requested that Officers continually assess the range of actions outlined in Report 20/10 over the 18-month period and report back to Committee after the first phase to determine future progress of this project.**

24. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Development (20/11) proposing a new approach to street naming and numbering.

Motion (Councillors K Baird and J Duff)

The proposed changes listed in report 20/11 to the street naming and numbering service to make it more customer focussed by creating a names bank to accelerate the process, be approved with the suggested amendment to Appendix 1 to Report 20/11:

In addition to the timescales, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 20/11, to add in, where necessary, a further 10 working days at the end of the process to give more time for consultation between local ward members and their residents.

Amendment (Councillors W Robertson and M Barnacle)

To reject the proposed changes to the street naming and numbering service, as detailed in Report 20/11, and retain the original policy.

THERE WAS A 5 MINUTE RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11.47AM.

In accordance with Standing Order 58, a roll call vote was taken.

13 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors K Baird, S Donaldson, J Duff, A Forbes, T Gray, A Jarvis, G Laing, R McCall, X McDade, A Parrott, C Purves, C Reid and M Williamson.

2 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors M Barnacle and W Robertson.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

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25. PROPOSED ADDITIONAL GREEN ROUTES (WARDS 7, 8 & 9)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environment and Consumer Services (20/12) (1) discussing the success of the previously introduced Green Routes in promoting agreed roads for use by more sustainable transport modes; and (2) recommending that additional routes be promoted as 'Green Routes' (Wards 7, 8 & 9).

Resolved

- (i) The proposed routes, as detailed in Appendix 2 to Report 20/12, be taken forward as an addition to the Green Routes projects to be implemented in financial year 2020/21.
- (ii) The start of the legal process to promote the relevant Traffic Regulation Orders to vary the speed limits, as detailed in Appendix 2 to Report 20/12, be approved.

26. PROPOSED VARIATION TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS, MAIN STREET, ABERNETHY

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environment and Consumer Services (20/13) requesting the creation of a Traffic Management Order to introduce waiting restrictions on Main Street and School Wynd, Abernethy (Ward 9) to address the problems experienced by residents due to indiscriminate parking.

Resolved:

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to introduce No Waiting at Any Time waiting restrictions on Main Street and School Wynd, Abernethy, as described in Report 20/13, be approved.

27. PROPOSED VARIATION TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS, BRIDGE STREET, DUNKELD

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environment and Consumer Services (20/14) recommending a variation to the Dunkeld Traffic Management Order to vary the waiting restrictions on Bridge Street, Dunkeld (Ward 5) to introduce a disabled parking bay.

Resolved:

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a disabled parking bay on Bridge Street, Dunkeld, as shown in Appendix 1 to report 20/14, be approved.

28. PROPOSED TAXI RANK CLEARWAY CHAPEL STREET, ABERFELDY (WARD 4) AND GLENEAGLES RAILWAY STATION, GLENEAGLES (WARD 7)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environment and Consumer Services (20/15) outlining the problems experienced at both Chapel Street, Aberfeldy and Gleneagles Railway Station; and (2) recommending a variation to the Taxi Rank Clearway Order to introduce a taxi rank on Chapel Street, Aberfeldy (Ward 4) and to

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allow the existing taxi rank to be enforced at Gleneagles Railway Station, Gleneagles (Ward 7).

Resolved:

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to introduce Taxi Rank Clearway restrictions on Chapel Street, Aberfeldy and at Gleneagles Railway Station, Gleneagles, as described in Appendix 1 and 2 to Report 20/15, be approved.

29. AMENDMENTS TO THE LISTS OF PUBLIC ROADS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Development (20/16) recommending that the List of Public Roads be updated to take account of the amendments detailed in this report.

Resolved:

The amendments to the List of Public Roads, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 20/16, be approved.

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