

ENVIRONMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Environment, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee held in the Council Chambers on 21 September 2022 at 10.00am.

Present: Bailies A Bailey and M Williamson, Councillors K Allan, S Carr, J Duff, A Forbes, K Harvey, N Khogali, C McLaren, A Parrott, W Robertson, F Smith, C Stewart, G Stewart (substituting for Councillor J Welch) and R Watters.

In Attendance: B Renton, Executive Director (Communities); F Crofts, Head of Communities Business and Resources, M Butterworth, Head of Environmental and Consumer Services; S D'All, D Stubbs, K Doherty, A Graham, P Dickson and A Clegg (all Communities); and S Hendry, A Taylor, A Brown and M Pasternak (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apology: Councillor J Welch

Councillor A Parrott, Convener, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor A Parrott welcomed everyone to the meeting and an apology was noted above.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor R Watters declared a non-financial interest in Item P1 on the agenda.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee of 29 June 2022 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS STATEMENTS (OBS)

Resolved:

The Outstanding Business Statement be noted.

5. POLICY AND LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR WINTER 2022/23

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (22/224) (1) providing details of the winter season experienced in 2021/2022; and (2) proposing a level of service for the 2022/23 winter season period with the aim being to permit winter weather to be treated to assist the safe movement of pedestrians and vehicles across the Council area.

Resolved:

- (i) The changes to last year's policy and level of service for winter, as shown in italics throughout the report, be noted.
- (ii) The level of service for the gritting and snow clearing of roads and footways in Perth and Kinross for the forthcoming winter period, using plant and labour resources of Tayside Contracts, other Council Services and private contractors as required, be approved.

6. UPDATE AND PROPOSALS FOR THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT PLACE BASED INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Development (22/225) providing an update on progress with projects allocated funding from the Place Based Investment Programme and recommending further projects to receive funding from the Programme allocation.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress being made on delivery of the already approved Place Based Investment Programme funded projects allocated funding during 2021/22, be noted.
- (ii) The allocation of funding available via the Place Based Investment Programme 2022/23 for the projects detailed in Section 5.3 of Report 22/225, be approved.
- (iii) The proposal to introduce an open application process for future years allocation of Place Based Investment Programme funding to link with other national and local funding to maximise efficient use of resources and investment support, be noted.

7. PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (22/226) summarising the activities and progress of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum over the last year; and recommending the appointment of three new members to the Forum.

Resolved:

- (i) The appointment of three new members and the re-appointment of two members for a period of four years, be approved, along with those members to be retained in their appointments for at least a further year as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 22/226.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Communities) be delegated to fill any casual vacancies arising in this period through recruitment by Forum members as detailed within the Forum's Term of Reference.
- (iii) The activities and progress of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum from October 2021 and the ongoing commitment to maximise effective partnership working to make the best of the exceptional landscapes, paths networks and access rights for all within Perth and Kinross, be noted.

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.

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

P1. MULTI-USE PATH BETWEEN STANLEY AND LUNCARTY PATH ORDERS

The Convener advised that following discussion it was agreed that this item would be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee scheduled to be held on 16 November 2022.

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