

## ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee held in the Council Chamber, 2 High Street, Perth on 5 September 2018 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors A Forbes, A Bailey, K Baird, M Barnacle, S Donaldson, D Doogan (up to and including Art. 485), J Duff, A Jarvis, G Laing, R McCall, A Parrott, C Reid, W Robertson, L Simpson and M Williamson.

In Attendance: B Renton, Executive Director (Housing and Environment); K Reid, Chief Executive; A Clegg, S D'All, C Haggart, S Laing (up to and including Art. 481), D Littlejohn, P Marshall, F Patterson (up to and including Art. 481), P Pease (up to and including Art. 481), S Perfett, B Reekie, K Spalding (up to and including Art. 481), K Steven (up to and including Art. 483) and W Young (all Housing and Environment) C Flynn and K Molley (both Corporate and Democratic Services).

Councillor A Forbes, Convener, Presiding.

### 477. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a special welcome to K Baird as it was her first meeting committee meeting as Vice-Convener.

### 478. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor K Baird declared a non-financial interest in Art. 482 (Community Green Space – Working with Communities) and Art. 486 (Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum Annual Report 2017-18).

### 479. BURIAL AND CREMATION FEES

The Convener provided an update to Committee on the decision taken at the last meeting (Art. 280 refers).

#### **Resolved:**

- (i) The Scottish Government's position with regard to providing funding for local authority burials and cremation fees for aged 17 and under with effect from 12 October 2018, be noted.
- (ii) As a result of this, the Committee confirmed the decision with regard to extending the waiving of fees for up to 21 years of age.
- (iii) It be agreed to further extend the waiving of fees for those residents in Perth and Kinross entitled to after care services up to the age of 26 years.

### 480. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee of 23 May 2018 (Arts. 276-295) was submitted and approved for signature subject to the following amendment:-

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Tummel Bridge and Strathtummel would be added to the list of appendices as places which would be receiving Vehicle Activated Signs (Art. 282 refers).

**481. HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2018-19**

There was submitted report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (18/253) presenting the first Housing & Environment Business Management Improvement Plan for the period 2018-19.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of the Housing and Environment Business Management and Improvement Plan 2018-19, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 18/253, pertaining to this Committee's areas of responsibility, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 18/253 had been approved by the Housing and Communities Committee on 22 August 2018 pertaining to that Committee's areas of responsibility and would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 12 September 2018 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

F PATTERSON, P PEASE, S LAING AND K SPALDING LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

**482. COMMUNITY GREENSPACE – WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (18/268) (1) providing an 18 month update on the previous Community Greenspace 'Working with Communities' report to the Environment Committee in January 2017; and (2) outlining the considerable work undertaken to engage, equip and empower local communities to participate in activities such as paths work, project delivery and grounds maintenance.

The Committee heard a presentation from A Clegg, Housing and Environment on this subject. A Clegg addressed the Committee and answered questions from members. The Convener thanked A Clegg for his presentation.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The progress made in the last 18 months, be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Environment) to bring forward a further report on work undertaken in 18 months time.

**483. DRAFT AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (18/269) (1) providing a draft Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) and; (2) seeking feedback from members of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee on the content of this document, prior to external consultation.

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**Resolved:**

- (i) The content of the Draft AQAP for Crieff prior to external consultation, be agreed.
- (ii) The consultation processes to engage with all relevant stakeholders in order to create a robust action plan, containing realistic improvement measures, be agreed.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Environment) to bring the proposed final AQAP for Crieff back to this Committee in due course.

K STEVEN LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

**484. POLICY AND LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR WINTER 2018/2019**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (18/270) recommending the level of service to be approved by the Council for the gritting and snow clearing of roads and footways in Perth and Kinross during the winter of 2018/2019 using plant and labour resources of Tayside Contracts and other Council Services.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The winter maintenance service, as detailed in section 2 of report 18/270, be agreed.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Environment) be authorised to make arrangements out with the policy and level of service in exceptional conditions such as snow emergencies,
- (iii) It be agreed that the number of night shift gritting routes be extended from four to six for winter 2018/2019.
- (iv) It be further agreed that the budget of £3.682 million be used to also fund other weather related emergencies; such as works to mitigate immediate risks of flooding to properties/roads and wind damage, directly affecting free movement across the network.

**485. PERTH CITY CENTRE WASTE CONTAINERISATION**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (18/271) (1) proposing to provide an improved domestic waste collection service to 847 households within Perth City Centre; (2) recommending providing 'bin hubs' for residents of the city centre who have no storage space to accommodate wheeled bins and where the domestic waste service currently provided is the uplift on pink bin bags twice weekly; and (3) recommending that the city centre containerisation project is rolled out to all properties currently using the pink sack collection service in Perth city centre during 2019.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The installation of general waste communal bins for the use of residents in Perth city centre currently using the pink sack collection service, as shown on the map attached as Appendix 2 to report 18/271, be approved.
- (ii) The cessation of twice weekly pink sack collection service, be approved.
- (iii) The discontinuation of free pink sacks to Perth City Centre residents, be approved.

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- (iv) It be agreed that the service is monitored over a 6 month period, with a report back to Committee on the outcome of the roll-out..

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**486. PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (18/272) summarising the activities and progress of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum to date and recommends the appointment of one new member to the Forum.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The appointment of one new member and the re-appointment of one member to the Forum for a period of four years, and the proposal that members be retained in their appointments for at least a further year, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 18/272, be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Environment) be delegated to fill any casual vacancy arising in this period through recruitment by Forum members as detailed within the Forums Term of Reference.
- (iii) The activities and progress of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum from September 2017 to August 2018, be noted.

**487. NEW RURAL FOOTWAYS**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (18/273) (1) detailing the assessment of the list of requested rural footways; and (2) recommending the new footway schemes to be progressed in 2018/19.

**Resolved:**

The list of prioritised rural footway schemes as detailed in Appendix 1 to report 18/273 to be implemented, subject to available funding, satisfactory consultation and site implications, be approved.

**488. ACTIVE TRAVEL STRATEGY – RE-DETERMINATION OF ELM DRIVE, BLAIRGOWRIE – FOOTWAYS FOR SHARED USE**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (18/274) seeking approval to commence the legal process to propose to re-determine the footway at Elm Drive, Blairgowrie (Ward 3) to shared use for pedestrians and cyclists.

**Resolved:**

The legal process for the promotion of a Determination Order under Section 152(2) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 be approved to allow the footways identified in Appendix 1 to report 18/274 to be converted to shared use for pedestrians and cyclists.

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**489. PROPOSED VARIATION TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS, MONCUR ROAD AND MAIN ROAD, INCHTURE (Ward 1)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (18/275) (1) outlining the problems experienced by residents in Moncur Road and Main Road, Inchtur due to indiscriminate parking; and (2) recommending the creation of an Inchtur Traffic Management Order to introduce waiting restrictions on Moncur Road and Main Road, Inchtur (Ward 1).

**Resolved:**

The creation of the Traffic Regulation Order to introduce No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on Moncur Road and Main Road, Inchtur as detailed in Appendix 1 to report 18/275, be approved.

**490. PROPOSED 30MPH SPEED LIMIT AT HUNTINGTOWER ROAD (U44), RUTHVENFIELD (Ward 5)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (18/276) (1) proposing to extend the 30mph speed limit at Huntingtower Road (U44), Ruthvenfield (Ward 5); and (2) recommending the start of varying the Traffic Regulation Order for the 30mph Speed Limit.

**Resolved:**

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to allow the start of the process towards the extension of the 30mph speed limit as detailed in Appendix 1 to report 18/276, be approved.

**491. PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT AT GLENALMOND (C409) (WARD 9)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (18/277) (1) proposing to extend the 40mph speed limit at Glenalmond (C409) (Ward 9); and (2) recommending the start of varying the Traffic Regulation Order for the 40mph Speed Limit.

**Resolved:**

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to allow the start of the process towards the introduction of a 40mph speed limit at the locations detailed in Appendix 1 and 2 to report 18/277, be approved.

**492. PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT AT TIBBERMORE (C410 & U47) (WARD 9)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (18/278) (1) proposing to introduce a 40mph speed limit at Tibbermore (C410 & U47) (Ward 9); and (2) recommending the start of varying the Traffic Regulation Order for the 40mph Speed Limit.

**Resolved:**

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to allow the start of the process towards the introduction of a 40mph Speed limit as detailed in Appendix 1 to report 18/278, be approved.

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**493. PROPOSED ADDITIONAL GREEN ROUTES MUTHILL (WARD 7)  
LONGFORGAN (WARD 1), NEW ALYTH (WARD 2), BLAIRGOWRIE  
(WARD 3), ABERARGIE (WARD 9)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (18/279) (1) outlining the success of previously introduced Green Routes in promoting these roads for use by more sustainable but vulnerable transport modes; and (2) recommending that an additional five routes (Muthill, Longforgan, New Alyth, Blairgowrie, Aberargie) be promoted as Green Routes.

**Resolved:**

- (i) It be approved that the proposed routes as detailed in Appendices 2 to 6 of report 18/279 be taken forward as an addition to the Green Routes projects, to be implemented in financial year 2018/2019.
- (ii) The start of the legal process to promote the relevant Traffic Regulation Orders to vary the speed limits as detailed in Appendices 2 to 6 of report 18/279, be approved.

**494. PROPOSED VARIATION TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS, MONART ROAD  
AND VASART COURT, PERTH (WARD 12)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (18/280) (1) outlining the problems experienced by residents in Monart Road and Vasart Court, Perth due to indiscriminate parking; and (2) recommending a variation to the Perth Traffic Management Order to vary the waiting restrictions on Monart Road and Vasart Court, Perth (Ward 12).

**Resolved:**

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to introduce additional No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on Monart Road and Vasart Court, as shown in Appendix 1 to report 18/280, be approved.

**495. AMENDMENTS TO LIST OF PUBIC ROADS**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (18/281) recommending that the List of Public Roads be updated to take account of the additions detailed in the schedule to report 18/281.

**Resolved:**

The amendments to the List of Public Roads as detailed in Appendix 1, to report 18/281, be approved.

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