

ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee held in the Council Chamber, 2 High Street, Perth on 30 October 2019 at 1.00pm.

Present: Councillors A Forbes, C Ahern (substituting for K Baird), A Bailey, M Barnacle, S Donaldson, J Duff, T Gray (substituting for C Stewart), A Jarvis, G Laing, R McCall, T McEwen (substituting for W Williamson), A Parrott, C Reid, W Robertson and R Watters (substituting for D Doogan).

In Attendance: B Renton, Executive Director (Housing and Environment); K McNamara, Depute Director (Housing and Environment); M Butterworth, S Best, A Clegg, F Croft, S D'All, D Davidson, P Dickson, A Graham, C Hendry, H Hope, C Haggart, M Lees, C McQueen, L McLean, N McGill, K Smith, A Strang, R Stewart, D Stubbs and G Walker (all Housing and Environment Service); S Hendry and K Molley (Corporate and Democratic Services);

Also in Attendance: D McCann, Crieff Succeeds (for Art. 536); E Whitaker and J Robertson, Limelight Sports (for Art. 537).

Apologies: Councillors K Baird, D Doogan and M Williamson.

Councillor A Forbes, Convener, Presiding.

533. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

Councillor A Forbes and members of the Committee congratulated two Perthshire Bloom Groups (Beautiful Perth and Brig in Bloom) for achieving awards in the RHS Britain in Bloom Awards 2019.

534. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of Councillors' Code of Conduct:

- (i) Councillor J Duff declared a non-financial interest in Art. 543.
- (ii) Councillor R McCall declared a non-financial interest in Arts. 536 and 544.
- (iii) Councillors A Bailey and A Parrott declared a non-financial interest in Art. 547.
- (iv) Councillor A Forbes declared a financial interest in Art. 537.

Councillor A Forbes confirmed that he would leave the meeting during consideration of Art. 537. In terms of Standing Order 16, it was unanimously agreed that Councillor R McCall would chair the meeting during consideration of Art. 537.

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535. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee of 21 August 2019 (Arts. 395-402) was submitted and approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

536. EVENT FUNDING APPLICATION – CRIEFF FIRE & LIGHT FESTIVAL EVENT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (19/303) (1) outlining the request received from the Crieff Succeeds Ltd Business Improvement District, to support the development of a performance event which is to be staged in Crieff in early 2020; and (2) recommending £24,900 support in line with the provision through the 2019/20 revenue budget, to support start up events in rural Perth and Kinross, based on criteria previously agreed by the Environment and Infrastructure Committee.

Resolved:

- (i) The background to the development of the Crieff Fire and Light Festival event by the Crieff Succeeds Ltd Business Improvement District, as set out in Report 19/303, be noted.
- (ii) A grant of up to £24,900 be awarded from the 2019/20 revenue budget for rural events in principle, subject to the conditions detailed in Report 19/303.

COUNCILLOR A FORBES LEFT THE MEETING AND COUNCILLOR R MCCALL TOOK THE CHAIR.

537. ETAPE CALEDONIA EVENT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (19/304) (1) updating the Environment and Infrastructure Committee on the Etape Caledonia event; and (2) asking the Committee to approve the continued use of the roads network for the purposes of the Etape Caledonia event for the period 2021 to 2023 inclusive.

Resolved:

- (i) It be noted that the Etape Caledonia event will continue to be operated by Limelight Sports under licence from IMG.
- (ii) The use of the roads network for the purposes of the Etape Caledonia event by Limelight Sports on the basis of the existing approved 85 miles route (and 40 miles option) for 2021, 2022 and 2023, be approved.

COUNCILLOR A FORBES RETURNED TO THE MEETING AND TOOK THE CHAIR.

538. HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT SIX MONTH PERFORMANCE 2019-20 – EXCEPTION REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (19/298) reviewing the performance of Housing and Environment

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against its Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April to 30 September 2019.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the first combined Housing and Environment six-month performance summary, attached at Appendix 1 to Report 19/298, pertaining to this Committee's areas of responsibility, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 19/289 had been approved by the Housing and Communities Committee on 30 October 2019 pertaining to that Committees areas of responsibility.
- (iii) It be noted that Report 19/289 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 27 November 2019 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

539. ROADS ASSET ANNUAL STATUS REPORT – 2018/19

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (19/305) (1) presenting a status summary of the Council's roads assets based upon the latest published Scottish local authority data as at 31 March 2019; and (2) describing the current condition of the asset; the standards achieved and providing performance indicator information to allow benchmarking of results.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the Roads Asset Status Report, together with the condition and performance of the Council's Road assets at 31 March 2018, as set out in Appendix 2 to Report 19/305, be endorsed.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Environment) be requested to continue to submit an annual report on the performance of, and investment in, the Council's Roads assets in accordance with the approved Asset Management Plan, including benchmarking information.

540. GREENSPACE ASSET ANNUAL STATUS REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (19/306) (1) presenting a status summary of the Council's Greenspace assets based upon the latest published Scottish local authority data as at 31 March 2019; and (2) describing the current condition of the asset; the standards achieved and provides performance indicator information.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of report 19/306 be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Environment) be requested to continue to submit an annual report on the performance of, and investment in, the Council's Greenspace Assets in accordance with the approved Asset Management Plan, including benchmarking information.

541. ANNUAL PLANNING ENFORCEMENT REPORT 2018/19

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (19/307) (1) analysing performance within the Planning and

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Enforcement function of the Planning Service for the year 2018/19; and (2) seeking Committee approval for the future reporting of performance.

Resolved:

- (i) The Annual Planning Enforcement Report 2018/19 be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Environment) be requested to bring forward a further report following a publication of the annual performance statistics for 2019/20.
- (iii) Further discussion to take place at the Planning, Policy, Practice and Improvement Member/Officer Working Group on the level of detail to be provided in future committee reports on performance within this area.

542. QUEEN'S BRIDGE AND OLD PERTH BRIDGE – BRIDGE STRENGTHENING WORKS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (19/308) advising the Committee on the extent and the timing of the identified bridge strengthening works to Queen's Bridge and Old Perth Bridge in Perth.

Resolved

- (i) Officers' revised scheduling of the works and the postponement of the identified 'above deck' bridge strengthening works until after the opening of the Cross Tay Link Road in light of the traffic modelling exercise which has been carried out be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that officers may be required to bring any future works forward to safeguard the travelling public should the bridge(s) condition deteriorate significantly in the interim period.

543. FLOOD PROTECTION STUDIES – PITLOCHRY AND ABERFELDY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (19/309) (1) describing the Council's flood protection studies at two separate locations – Pitlochry and Aberfeldy; (2) recommending that flood protection schemes are taken forward in both areas as they are deemed to be economically viable using relevant assessment criteria; and (3) recommending that the schemes are submitted to SEPA for national prioritisation and inclusion in the next Tay Flood Risk Management Strategy and Local Flood Risk Management Plan.

Resolved:

- (i) The Completion of the Pitlochry and Aberfeldy Flood Protection Studies as required by the Tay Flood Risk Management Strategy and Local Flood Risk Management Plan be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that separate public engagement events have been held to disseminate the findings of both flood protection studies.
- (iii) The recommended proposals for flood protection schemes in Pitlochry and Aberfeldy be approved.
- (iv) It be agreed that details of the recommended flood schemes be submitted to SEPA for national prioritisation and inclusion in the next Tay Flood Risk Management Strategy, due to be published in December 2021.

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- (v) It be agreed that the recommended schemes be included in the next Tay Local Flood Risk Management Plan, due for publication in June 2022.

544. WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2010-2025 – PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (19/310) (1) providing an update on progress with the Action Plan of the Perth and Kinross Council Waste Management Plan; and (2) recommending approval of the new actions 99-101 (shown in Appendix 1B) which are in line with recent national regulatory and strategic developments.

Resolved:

- (i) The annual update on progress on the Waste Management Action Plan be endorsed.
- (ii) The new actions (number 99-101) of the Waste Management Action Plan, set out in Appendix 1B of Report 19/310, be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Environment) be requested to bring back a further progress report in October 2020.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Housing and Environment) to circulate a response to members of the committee for information prior to responding to the Scottish Government's Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations prior to the closing date of the representation period on 10 December 2019.

THERE FOLLOWED A RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 3.25PM.

545. PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (19/311) summarising the activities and progress of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum over the last year and recommending the appointment of one new member to the Forum.

Resolved:

- (i) The appointment of three new members and the re-appointment of one member for a period of four years, with the members being retained in their appointments for at least a further year, as recommended in Appendix 1 to Report 19/311, be confirmed.
- (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 Forum's Term of Reference.
- (iii) The activities and progress of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum from September 2018, and ongoing commitment to maximise effective partnership working to make the best of exceptional landscapes, paths and networks and access rights for all within Perth and Kinross, be noted.

546. FREE FESTIVE PARKING 2019 AND 2020

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (19/312) recommending that the Free Festive Parking initiative

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operates on each weekend in December 2019 from Saturday 30 November until Sunday 29 December 2019 inclusive, and on each weekend in December 2020 from Saturday 5 December until Sunday 29 December 2020 inclusive in all Council operated car parks across the whole Perth and Kinross area.

Prior to consideration of the report, the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) advised the committee that in addition to the information contained within Report 19/312, it had been confirmed by Stagecoach East Scotland that they would be offering free bus travel within their Perth city zone boundary every Saturday and Sunday until noon from 30 November until 22 December 2019 inclusive.

Motion (Councillors A Bailey and A Parrott):

- (i) This committee agrees to offer free parking on each weekend in December from Saturday 30 November until Sunday 29 December 2019 in all Council operated car parks across the whole Perth and Kinross area, as set out in Appendix 1 of Report 19/312.
- (ii) This Committee is committed to continuing to support traders in future years by bolstering visitor numbers to the City and Town centres through the festive period. It notes however that the current incentive only applies to car users.
- (iii) Following Council's passing of a "Climate Change Emergency" motion in June 2019, and in order to support those without access to private transportation, this committee asks officers to investigate proposals for 2020 and beyond which will also incentivise and reward people who use public transport to visit our towns and city to shop in the festive period, and submit a report to the August 2020 meeting of the committee.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

547. CONSULTATION REPLY ON NATIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (19/320) seeking approval of officers' reply to the Scottish Government's consultation on the draft National Transport Strategy for Scotland.

Resolved:

The response to the consultation, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 19/320, be approved.

548. NORTH INCH GOLF COURSE ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (19/313) bringing forward the North Inch Golf Course – Annual Report 2018/19, based on the previously approved Business Plan.

Resolved:

- (i) The North Inch Golf Course Annual Report 2018/19 be noted.

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- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Environment) be requested to bring the 2019/20 Annual Report to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee in November 2020.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Environment) be requested to bring a realigned and extended business plan to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee in November 2020.

549. WORKS TO PRIVATE/UNADOPTED ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Housing and Environment) (19/314) outlining a recommended list of roads to be considered for bringing to a standard where they can subsequently be adopted by Perth and Kinross Council, and for assisting residents in meeting the cost of this work.

Resolved:

- (i) The work undertaken to date, as set out in Report 19/314, be noted.
- (ii) The continuation of these works, subject to the frontage proprietor's written agreement to the sharing of costs and within the approved budget until the budget is exhausted, be approved.

550. ACTIVE TRAVEL STRATEGY – RE-DETERMINATION OF FRONT ROW, ABERARGIE – FOOTWAY FOR SHARED USE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Housing and Environment) (19/315) seeking approval to commence the legal process to propose to re-determine the footway at Front Row, Aberargie (Ward 9) to shared use for pedestrians and cyclists.

Resolved:

The legal process for the promotion of a Redetermination Order, to allow the footway at Front Row, Aberargie (Appendix 1 to Report 19/315) to be converted to shared use for pedestrians and cyclists, be approved.

551. ACTIVE TRAVEL STRATEGY – RE-DETERMINATION OF FRONT ROW, AUCHTERARDER – FOOTWAY FOR SHARED USE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Housing and Environment) (19/316) seeking approval to commence the legal process to re-determine the footway at Western Road, Auchterarder (Ward 7) to be shared use for pedestrians and cyclists.

Resolved:

The legal process for the promotion of a Redetermination Order, to allow the footway at Front Row, Auchterarder (Appendix 1 to Report 19/316) to be converted to shared use for pedestrians and cyclists, be approved.

552. PROPOSED 30MPH SPEED LIMIT AT DUCCESS STREET (U38), STANLEY

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Housing and Environment) (19/317) to introduce a 30mph speed limit at Duchess Street (U38)

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Stanley (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 introduction of a 30mph speed limit at Stanley, as described in Report 19/317, be approved.

553. PROPOSED 30MPH AND 40MPH SPEED LIMITS AT BUTTERSTONE (A923)

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Housing and Environment) (19/318) detailing a proposal to introduce 30mph and 40mph speed limits at Butterstone (A923) (Ward 5); and (2) recommending the start of varying the Traffic Regulation Order for 30mph and 40mph Speed Limits.

Resolved:

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to allow the start of the process towards the introduction of 30mph and 40mph speed limits at Butterstone, as described in Report 19/318, be approved.

554. PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT AT MEIGLE (A94, B954 & C22)

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Housing and Environment) (19/319) detailing a proposal to introduce a 40mph speed limit at Meigle (A94, B954 & C22), (Ward 2); 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 Meigle (A94, B954 and C22) as described in Report 19/319, be approved.

555. TRAVEL AMBASSADOR

The Committee thanked Councillor L Simpson for his contribution in his role as the Council's Travel Ambassador.

Resolved:

Councillor D Illingworth replace Councillor L Simpson as the Council's Travel Ambassador to promote sustainable travel across elected members and members of the community to support the Sustran project.

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