ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee held in the Council Chamber, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 23 May 2018 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors A Forbes, X McDade (up to and including Art. 283) (substituting for Councillor M Barnacle), C Ahern (Substituting for Councillor R McCall), A Bailey, K Baird, S Donaldson, D Doogan, D Illingworth (Substituting for Councillor C Purves) A Jarvis, G Laing, A Parrott, W Robertson, C Reid, R Watters and M Williamson.

In Attendance: B Renton, Executive Director (Housing & Environment); B Cargill, A Clegg, S D'All, A Graham, D McKeown, S Perfett, B Reekie, and W Young (all Housing & Environment) C Flynn and K Molley (both Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors M Barnacle, R McCall and C Purves.

Councillor A Forbes, Convener, Presiding.

276. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies and substitutions were noted as above.

277. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

278. REQUEST FOR DEPUTATION

In terms of Standing Order 72, The Committee agreed that Neil Combe be allowed to address the Committee in relation to Art. 281.

279. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- (i) It had been agreed at the previous meeting (Art. 132 refers) that a report on the conditions of the Roads in Perth and Kinross be brought to this Committee. The Committee agreed to hear a presentation from S D'All, Housing and Environment on this subject. S D'All addressed the Committee and answered questions from members. It was agreed that all Councillors would get a copy of S D'All's presentation. The Convener thanked S D'All for his presentation.
- (ii) Perth Winter Festival (Art. 134 refers)

In response to a query from Councillor Laing, regarding the closure of public toilets throughout the winter period, B Renton confirmed that the Council have their own stock of portable toilets and a number of comfort schemes already

exist for specific events. B Renton confirmed that she would check the difference in cost between deploying portable toilets compared to keeping the toilets open throughout the winter period.

(iii) The minute of the meeting of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee of 21 March 2018 was submitted, approved and a correct record and authorised for signature.

280. BURIAL AND CREMATION FEES FOR CHILDREN

Resolved:

The Committee agreed to waive the fees for burials and cremations for children and young people under 18 years of age and to extend this to 21 years of age subject to the costs identified being within the delegated authority of the Executive Director (Housing & Environment).

281. RURAL EVENTS FUNDING AND RURAL EVENT APPLICATION – CRIEFF PROMENADE PERFORMANCE EVENT

Mr Combe addressed the Committee and answered questions from members before returning to the public gallery.

The Convener thanked Mr Combe for his attendance.

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (18/173) (1) proposing the approach to the criteria and approval process in respect of the 2018/19 non-recurring budget to support rural events; and (2) asking the Committee to consider a request for funding from Crieff Succeeds Ltd from this budget, for a new promenade performance event in Crieff.

Motion (Councillors A Forbes and C Ahern)

- (i) The proposed approach to the management and allocations from the budget for rural start up events, as detailed in Report 18/173, be approved.
- (ii) The outlined criteria and conditions of funding for this budget be approved, as detailed in Report 18/173, and subject to the following amendments:
 - Include Scone in the scheme and remove 'for example, gala day type events, bonfire nights etc' from the proposal to allow people who demonstrate the correct scale and that they will qualify for the scheme, no matter what the event may be (paragraph 1.4 of report 18/173 refers)
 - Change the criteria from 'An event is in its inaugural year and appears viable' to 'An event which is in its first or second year and presents a robust indication of ongoing viability' (paragraph 1.7 of report 18/173 refers)
 - Change the criteria 'There are other sources of funding projected' to 'There are other sources of income identified including ticket

sales, sponsorship and other grants' (paragraph 1.7 of report 18/173 refers)

- (iii) The background to the development of the "Horrible Histories" promenade performance event concept by the Crieff Succeeds Ltd Business Improvement District be noted.
- (iv) A grant of £30,000 be awarded from the 2018/19 revenue budget for rural start up events to Crieff Succeeds Ltd for the purposes of staging the event in its first year.

Amendment (Councillors D Doogan and G Laing)

In accordance with the Motion, with the grant awarded to Crieff Succeeds Ltd to be £15,000 in 2018/19 and £15,000 in 2019/20.

In terms of Standing Order 17 the Convener ruled that Councillor D Illingworth would not be permitted to vote as he was not present for the whole debate on the item.

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

7 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors C Ahern, K Baird, S Donaldson, A Forbes, A Jarvis, C Reid and W Robertson

7 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors A Bailey, D Doogan, G Laing, X McDade, A Parrott, R Watters and M Williamson.

In accordance with Standing Order 56, the Convener made a casting vote for **the Motion.**

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

282. VEHICLE-ACTIVATED SIGN (VAS) PROGRAMME

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing & Environment) (18/174) (1) detailing the development and implementation of the vehicle-activated sign (VAS) programme in 2017/18; and (2) seeking Committee approval for an expansion of the VAS programme through 2018/19 and 2019/20.

Resolved:

- (i) The list of new VAS installed in 2017/18, as detailed in Appendix 1 to report 18/174, be noted.
- (ii) The list of existing VAS replaced or upgrade in 2017/18, as detailed in Appendix 2 to report 18/174, be noted.
- (iii) The list of new VAS sites to be installed, starting in 2018/19 as detailed in Appendix 3 to report 18/174, be approved.
- (iv) The list of existing VAS to be replaced or upgraded, starting in 2018/19 as detailed in Appendix 4 to report 18/174, be approved.

(v) It be noted that the implementation of the VAS programme is scheduled over the next two financial years (2018/19 and 2019/20).

283. ACTIVE TRAVEL STRATEGY – NEW RURAL FOOTWAYS ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing & Environment) (18/177) detailing the assessment criteria for the list of requested rural footways and recommends the new footway schemes to be progressed in 2018/19.

Resolved:

- (i) The revised assessment criteria for requests for rural footways be approved.
- (ii) The completed footway schemes, as detailed in Appendix 1 to report 18/177, be noted.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Environment) be instructed to bring back a further report in due course on the implementation of the assessment criteria.

284. ACTIVE TRAVEL STRATEGY - CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS (CWSS) PROJECTS 2018/19

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing & Environment) (18/175)(1) detailing the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) projects implemented in 2017/18); and (2) seeking approval for a list of Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets projects for 2018/19 and for potential schemes in 2019/20.

Resolved:

- (i) The schemes implemented from the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Grant Funding in 2017/18, as detailed in Appendix 1 to report 18/175, be noted.
- (ii) The list of works for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Projects for the financial year 2018/19, as detailed in Appendix 2 to report 18/175, be approved.
- (iii) The proposed subjects to be progressed in 2018/19 and carried out in 2019/20 be noted.

COUNCILLORS A BAILEY AND X MCDADE LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

285. COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT FUND CHALLENGE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing & Environment) (18/176) (1) providing an update on the award of Community Environment Challenge Funding to community groups between April 2017 and March 2018; (2) recommending that an allocation from the fund be available to assist community groups to leverage additional funding from the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund; and (3) recommending that the Fund is expanded to include applications in relation to the improvement of sports pitches and sports ground pavilions.

Resolved:

- (i) The Executive Director (Housing & Environment) be instructed to report the outcomes of the Community Environment Challenge Fund (CECF) for 2018/19 to the Committee in 12 months' time.
- (ii) The Council continue to act as a Contributing Third Party and that an allocation of £20,000 from the CECF is available as a contribution to assist community groups to leverage further funding from the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund.
- (iii) The expansion of the CECF to include applications in relation to the improvement of sports pitches and sports ground pavilions be approved.

286. ACTIVE TRAVEL STRATEGY - REDETERMINATION OF BUTE DRIVE, PERTH – FOOTWAYS FOR SHARED USE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing & Environment) (18/177) (1) proposing to re-determine the footpath at Bute Drive, Perth to shared use for pedestrians and cyclists; and (2) indicating where shared use is proposed and seeking approval to commence the legal process required to implement this.

Resolved:

The legal process for the promotion of a Redetermination Order Under Section 15(2) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 to allow the footways identified in Appendix 1 to report 18/177 to be converted to shared use for pedestrians and cyclists be approved.

287. ACTIVE TRAVEL STRATEGY - RE-DETERMINATION OF SHORE ROAD AND TAY STREET, PERTH – FOOTWAYS FOR SHARED USE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing & Environment) (18/179) proposing to re-determine the footway at Shore Road and Tay Street, Perth to shared use for pedestrians and cyclists.

Resolved:

The legal process for the promotion of a Redetermination Order Under Section 152(2) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 to allow the footways identified in Appendix 1 to report 18/179 to be converted to shared use for pedestrians and cyclists be approved.

288. PROPOSED VARIATION TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS BUTE DRIVE, PERTH (WARD 12)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing & Environment) (18/180) (1) outlining problems experienced by residents in Bute Drive, Perth due to indiscriminate parking; and (2) recommending a variation to the Perth City Management Order to vary the waiting restrictions on Bute Drive, Perth.

Resolved:

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to introduce No Waiting at Any Time waiting restrictions on Bute Drive, as described in Report 18/180, be approved.

289. PROPOSED ONE WAY ROAD AT MARKET SQUARE, ALYTH (WARD 2)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing & Environment) (18/181) (1) proposing to introduce a one way road restriction at Market Square, Alyth (Ward 2); and (2) recommending the start of varying the Traffic Regulation Order for the one way road restriction.

Resolved:

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to allow the start of the process towards the introduction of a one way road restriction in Market Square, Alyth, be agreed.

290. PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT AT STRATHTUMMEL(B8019) (WARD 4)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing & Environment) (18/182) proposing to introduce a 40mph Speed limit at Strathtummel (B8019). The report recommended 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, be agreed.

291. PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT AT NEWBURGH ROAD (A913), ABERNETHY (WARD 9)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing & Environment) (18/183) (1) proposing to introduce a 40mph Speed Limit at Newburgh Road, Abernethy; 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 be agreed.

292. PROPOSED 30MPH SPEED LIMIT AT MONEYDIE (C408) (WARD 5)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing & Environment) (18/184) (1) proposing to introduce a 30mph Speed Limit at Moneydie; and (2) recommending the start of varying the Traffic Regulation Order for 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 be agreed.

293. PROPSED 30MPH SPEED LIMIT AT CROFTINLOAN (U165), PITLOCHRY (WARD 4)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing & Environment) (18/185) (1) proposing to introduce a 30mph Speed Limit at Croftinloan, Pitlochry; and (2) recommending the start of varying the Traffic Regulation Order for 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 be agreed.

294. PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT AT PERTH ROAD (B934), DUNNING (WARD 7)

There was a report submitted by the Executive Director (Housing & Environment) (18/186) (1) proposing to introduce a 40mph Speed Limit at Perth Road, Dunning; and (2) recommending the start of varying the Traffic Regulation Order for 40mph Speed Limit at Perth Road, Dunning.

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 be agreed.

295. AMENDMENTS TO THE LIST OF PUBLIC ROADS

There was a report submitted by the Executive Director (Housing & Environment) (18/187) recommending that the List of Public Roads be updated to take account of the amendments detailed in the report.

Resolved:

The amendments to the list of public roads, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 18/187, be agreed.

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