

# ANGUS COUNCIL

At a MEETING of the **ROADS COMMITTEE** held in The Town and County Hall, Forfar on Wednesday 28 February 1996 at 5.55 pm.

**Present:** Councillors GEORGE P ALLAN, RICHARD B SPEIRS, ALEXANDER W SHAND, BRIAN M C MILNE, JOHN GIBB, Mrs FRANCES E DUNCAN, WILLIAM MIDDLETON, WILLIAM G CROWE, IAN MACKINTOSH and ROB MURRAY.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors SANDY WEST, GEORGE A LAMONT and FRANK ELLIS.

Councillor ALLAN, Vice-Convener, in the Chair.

## 1. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 17 January 1996 was accepted as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

## 2. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS - ANGUS

There was submitted Report No AC97/96 by the Director of Roads outlining the procedures involved in making Traffic Regulation Orders and setting out the current situation with regard to all orders currently under consideration for the Angus area. It was noted that the time taken to make and implement an Order was entirely dependent upon the statutory procedures and any objections to the Order which might be lodged.

The Committee noted the contents of the Report.

## 3. INTERIM ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION POLICIES

There was submitted Report No AC98/96 by the Director of Roads suggesting that, whilst recognising that Angus Council would wish to develop and define its own policies over a period of time, as a temporary short-term measure the policies developed by Tayside Regional Council be adopted to allow consistency of approach in the delivery of services during this transition period and to ease the day to day administration of the Council's function with respect to roads, harbours, traffic and transportation.

The Committee approved the terms of the Report and agreed:-

- (i) that, for the time being, those Regional Council transportation policies relevant to roads and transportation issues, as summarised in Appendix A to the Report (but excluding planning, transport and economic development issues), which were applicable to Angus Council be adopted in a suitably modified form to allow the Director of Roads to carry out his duties and responsibilities within a stable policy framework; and
- (ii) that the Director of Roads be instructed to review each individual policy and to bring forward reports recommending the perpetuation, amendment, replacement or deletion of these policies.

## 4. FLOOD PREVENTION

There was submitted Report No AC90/96 by the Director of Roads indicating that, currently, Tayside Regional Council were the statutory authority in terms of the Flood Prevention (Scotland) Act 1961.

From 1 April 1996 Angus Council would assume these responsibilities and the implications thereof were set out in the Report together with the guidelines used by the Regional Council to assist in determining whether it should exercise its statutory powers. The report also indicated that a consultative document had recently been circulated by the Scottish Office seeking views on proposed alterations to the existing legislation dealing with flood prevention in Scotland.

The Committee approved the terms of the Report and:-

- (1) noted that, with effect from 1 April 1996, Angus Council would become the statutory authority responsible for the implementation of the Flood Prevention (Scotland) Act 1961 for water courses within its geographical area;
- (2) noted that statutory responsibilities which would be placed on the Council with regard to flood prevention works and the powers exercised by the Secretary of State where a council was deemed not to have taken sufficient measures for the prevention of flooding of any land within its area;
- (3) agreed to adopt the guidelines proposed to assist in determining whether the Council should exercise its statutory powers; and
- (4) approved the response to the Scottish Office Consultation Paper contained in the Appendix to the Report

## **5. ADMINISTRATION OF THE RESERVOIRS ACT 1975**

There was submitted Report No AC91/96 by the Director of Roads indicating that Tayside Regional Council currently administered the functions of the statutory authority required in terms of the Reservoirs Act 1975. From 1 April 1996 Angus Council would take over these responsibilities and the implications thereof were set out in the Report.

The Committee approved the terms of the Report and:-

- (1) noted that, with effect from 1 April 1996, Angus Council would become the enforcement authority for those reservoirs within its geographical area;
- (2) noted the statutory responsibilities which would be placed upon Angus Council with regard to the enforcement of the Reservoirs Act for those reservoirs within its geographical area; and
- (3) agreed that a sum of £2,000 be identified in the 1996/97 Revenue Budget for the enforcement of the Act with the Angus Council geographical area.

## **6. COAST PROTECTION**

There was submitted Report No AC92/96 by the Director of Roads indicating that, currently Tayside Regional Council and Angus District Council each had roles to fulfil with regard to issues of coast protection. With effect from 1 April 1996 however, Angus Council would take over the collective responsibilities and the Report detailed the implications of the Coast Protection Act 1949 for the Council.

The Committee approved the terms of the Report and:-

- (1) noted that, with effect from 1 April 1996 Angus Council would become the Protection Authority for the length of coastline within its geographical area;
- (2) noted the statutory responsibilities which would be placed upon the Council with regard to coast protection works and the powers exercisable by the Secretary of State where a Council was deemed not to have taken sufficient measures for the protection of any land within its area;
- (3) agreed to adopt the guidelines previously used by Tayside Regional Council to determine whether the Council should exercise its statutory powers in respect of the Coast Protection Act 1949;
- (4) instructed the Director of Roads, in consultation with other departments, to investigate the most appropriate method of meeting Angus Council's responsibilities with regard to the Act, including arrangements for commissioning and funding of new and maintenance works; and
- (5) instructed the Director of Roads to submit a Report on the current situation with regard to coastal erosion in the Angus area, in particular the situation in Monifieth.

## **7. A92 MONTROSE INNER RELIEF ROAD**

With reference to Article 2 of the minute of the Roads Committee of 6 December 1995, there was submitted Report No AC6/96 by the Director of Roads indicating that Scottish Enterprise Tayside had informally confirmed that it would provide funding for the environmental landscaping work on the Montrose Inner Relief Road to a value of not less than £650,000 and that Tayside Regional Council would be in a position to accept the lowest tender received from Balfour Beatty Construction (Scotland) Ltd as soon as formal confirmation had been received. It was anticipated that construction work would start in mid-February 1996.

The Committee noted the terms of the Report and agreed:-

- (i) to note that Scottish Enterprise Tayside had now intimated that funding was in place for the costs associated with the environmental landscaping works on the Montrose Inner Relief Road Project; and
- (ii) to note that Tayside Regional Council would shortly be in a position to accept the tender for the Montrose Inner Relief Road as submitted by Balfour Beatty Construction (Scotland) Ltd.

## **8. A92 - PROCUREMENT OPTIONS**

The Convener intimated that the Report on the procurement options for the A92 route had not yet been completed and would be submitted to the meeting of the Council to be held on 24 January.